

Eastertide

April 19, 2026, 9:30 AM

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude Christ lag in Todesbanden, by J. Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements *Susan Garrett*

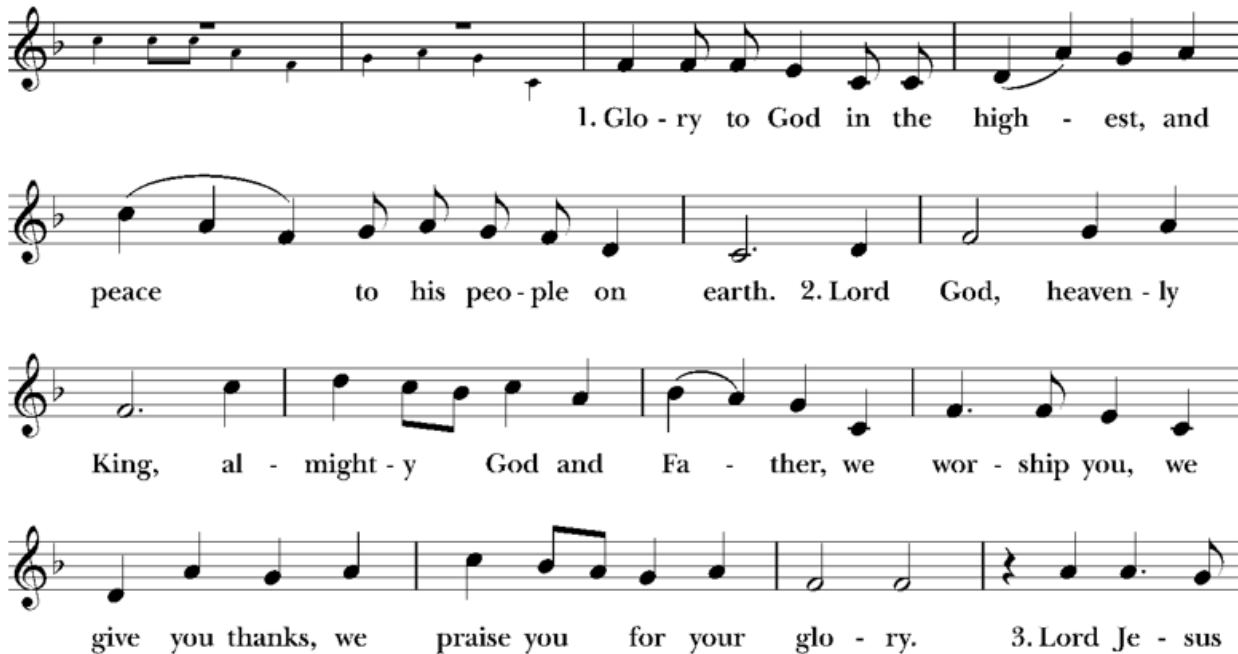
Opening Hymn, #174 At the Lamb's high feast *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Rejoice beloveds of God!
Scripture has been fulfilled,
the sting of death is gone,
the victory has been won,
behold the risen Christ!
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gloria, S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

Children's Message

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Elizabeth Ring

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Michele Johns

- 1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon your holy Name: *
"O God, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.
- 13 Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.
- 14 O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,
- 17 In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Elizabeth Ring

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #649

O Jesus, joy

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O God.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their

companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, by Martin Luther/J.S. Bach

*Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand He stands
and brings us light from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of hallelujah.
Hallelujah!*

*It was a strange and dreadful strife
when life and death contended;
the victory remained with life,
the reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
that death is swallowed up by death;
his sting is lost forever.
Hallelujah!*

*Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree-
so strong His love to save us.
See His blood upon our door;
faith points to it, death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us.
Hallelujah*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
People **We believe in God
who has created and is creating:
who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new.**

**We trust God
who calls us to be the church;**

to love and serve others;
to seek justice and resist evil;
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Michele Johns

Leader Gathered as believers, with the living Christ among us, let us offer our prayers for the life of the world.

Moment of silence for reflection.

People May the risen Christ
Grant us peace.

O gracious and living God, moving among us in the midst of our ordinary days, we receive hints of your presence and power in the people we meet and the events of our lives. Help us to be aware of those traces of the divine among us. Knowing you give us all that we need to act in the power of your Spirit, we therefore are bold to bring you our prayers.

May the risen Christ
Grant us peace.

We pray for the church and for us to be daily witnesses to the resurrection. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Thomas our bishop, and Amanda our rector. In the Anglican Communion we pray today for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), and in our Diocese we pray for St. Andrew's in Millinocket and for our Creation Care Team and parish Earth Keepers. Increase our faith that we may offer the world the reconciling love of God.

May the risen Christ
Grant us peace.

We pray for all who seek to relieve hunger and suffering, and for those who help others rise out of their troubles and discover new paths to wholeness. We pray especially for all engaged in peace-making and peace-keeping, and for all who work for the well-being of others.

May the risen Christ
Grant us peace.

We give thanks for those who have shared their food and their faith with us, for all who have sustained our bodies, minds, and spirits and for those who care for the needs of others. We pray for our own ministries of caring, that we might help to build communities of love and service.

May the risen Christ

Grant us peace.

Gracious God, your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, welcomed children, blessed them, and taught us that in caring for the least among us, we serve Christ Himself. With the whole Diocese of Maine, we pray for all those engaged in the foster care system: the children who receive care, the foster parents who provide care often at personal sacrifice, social workers and counsellors, and finally we pray for those who relinquish their children to the foster system in hopes that they may find the love and support the child might otherwise not receive. Inspire us by your Spirit to come near to these children and families in prayer and in support.

May the risen Christ

Grant us peace.

We pray for all who hunger for love and acceptance, for the many who feel rejected or lonely. We pray for those who are ill, especially those who have no one to care for them, and for all who find it hard to cope on their own. May we become friends and helpers to those who are ill or with special needs. We remember especially those whose names have been entrusted to our Parish: **Virginia & Jamil; Jenny & Matt; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Steven; Jenn; Vance; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Carol; Beverly; Morgan; Hana; Celeste; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; Peter; Nate; Lin; Caroline; Hadley; the McNeil family; Mo and Emma; and the Boswell family.**

And we pray for those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

May the risen Christ

Grant us peace.

We long for the day when all will know themselves to be children of God. We pray that we may triumph over darkness and death and share with the faithful in the light of God's kingdom. We remember those who have died: Tyler McNeil, son of dear friends of Tom and Laurie Hyndman; Shawn, a friend and colleague of Amanda Gerken-Nelson; and Pam Boswell, good friend of Deb Wathen-Finn. And we remember those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

May the risen Christ

Grant us peace.

Celebrant

God of the prophets, you fulfilled your promises of old that your Christ would suffer and then rise to glory, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen Christ, that we may be witnesses of the resurrection wherever we are; in Christ's name we pray.

People

Amen.

Peace

Celebrant
People

The peace of Christ is always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with the sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*).

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #306

Come, risen Lord and deign to be our guest

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People All that we have is yours, O God, give us also grateful hearts. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

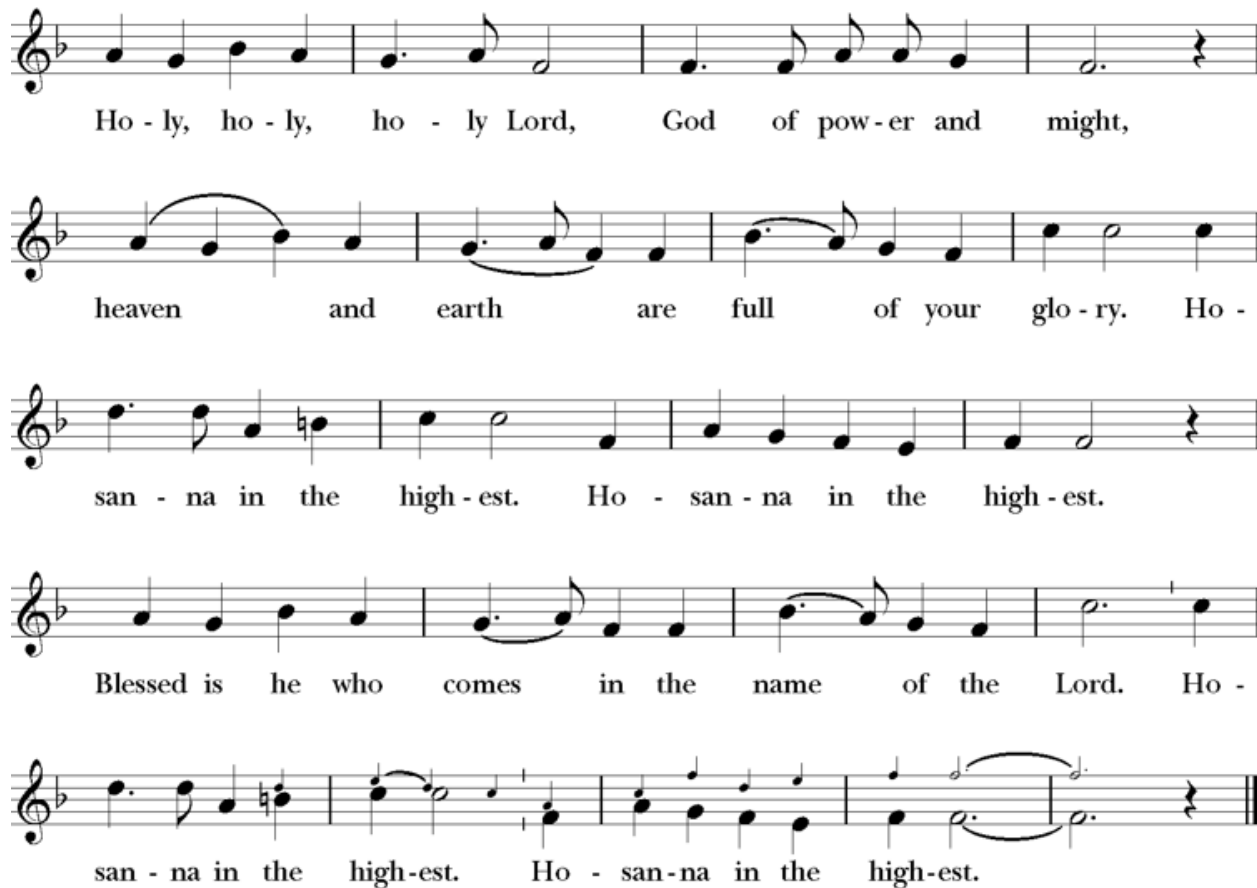
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus, S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.
On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Communion Hymns

309 O food to pilgrims

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #180

He is risen!

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, by J.S. Bach

Serving in Worship Today

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Flower Arranger	Michele Johns
A/V	Matt Kennedy
Bread Baker	Susannah White
Counters	Ann Donaghy, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Lawn Care	David Heald
VPOW	Susan Garrett
Coffee Hour	Margaret Kimball & Alexandra Barr & Matt Kennedy

Resources

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Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.



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