

Eastertide

April 26, 2026, 9:30 AM

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Andante" by J.B de Boismortier

Welcome & Announcements

Kevin Gillan

Opening Hymn, #391 Before the Lord's eternal throne

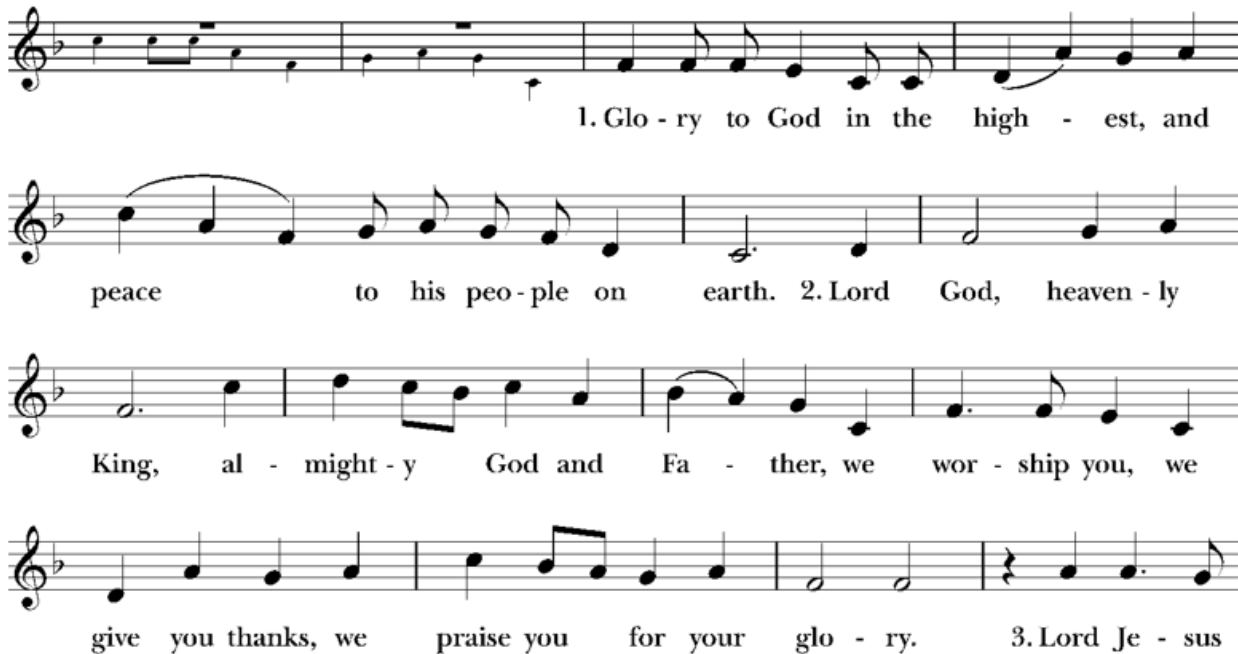
The Hymnal 1982

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 - mighty 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Susannah White

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

Nancy Gunzelmann

O God, you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.
You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways
for the sake of your Name.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Susannah White

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls

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

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Hymn, #478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

The Hymnal 1982

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

Nancy Gunzelmann

Leader We rejoice in the care and protection of our good and gracious Shepherd. Let us pray that God will guide us and keep us in the ways that lead to life, nourishment, and peace.

Silence for reflection.

People

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

We pray for the shepherds of your flock and for all who minister in your name, for lay and ordained leaders, especially our wardens, vestry, and clergy. In the Anglican Communion, we pray The Church of Nigeria. We pray for the ministries of this diocese, especially Thomas our Bishop, St. Giles in Jefferson, Trinity in Saco, and for Mainers who are food insecure.

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

We pray for the leaders of nations, corporations, and social institutions, that they may be guided by the image of the Good Shepherd and offer wise and selfless leadership for the good of all people. We pray for peace in places of strife especially Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan, and pray for those military and peacekeeping forces who seek to bring protection and safety for all in harm's way.

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

We give thanks for all who have guided us along right pathways, who have encouraged us and shared their lives with us, who have sought us out in times of trouble, and who have been a strength and help to us. May we become shepherds to those in need and be known less by our words and more by our actions.

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

Give us the grace and courage to become shepherds and guardians of the earth. May we not shrink from our responsibility to care for this planet, to share its abundance fairly, and to support those efforts aimed at restoring and maintaining abundant life for all creation.

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of 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.

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

We pray for all who have lost direction or who have lost faith in themselves, in the world, or in their God. Knowing that the Good Shepherd seeks us out and finds us, we pray for those with special needs and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially

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; Ed; 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*).

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

We rejoice that you lead us through the valley of the shadow of death and offer us life that is abundant here and beyond the grave. We remember those who grieve and those who have died, especially Tyler McNeil, the son of dear friends of Tom & 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*).

O Good Shepherd, hear us:
And lead us in paths of peace.

Celebrant We give thanks, O God our good Shepherd, that in your great love for the world you know us each by name. Empower us to be your shepherds and guides, caring for the needs of this world and leading those who are lost to a place of refreshment and joy. Grant this in the name of the shepherd and guardian of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.
People **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 Anthem

"The Lord is my Shepherd" by Thomas Matthews

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leadeth me beside still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
 no evil:
 Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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.

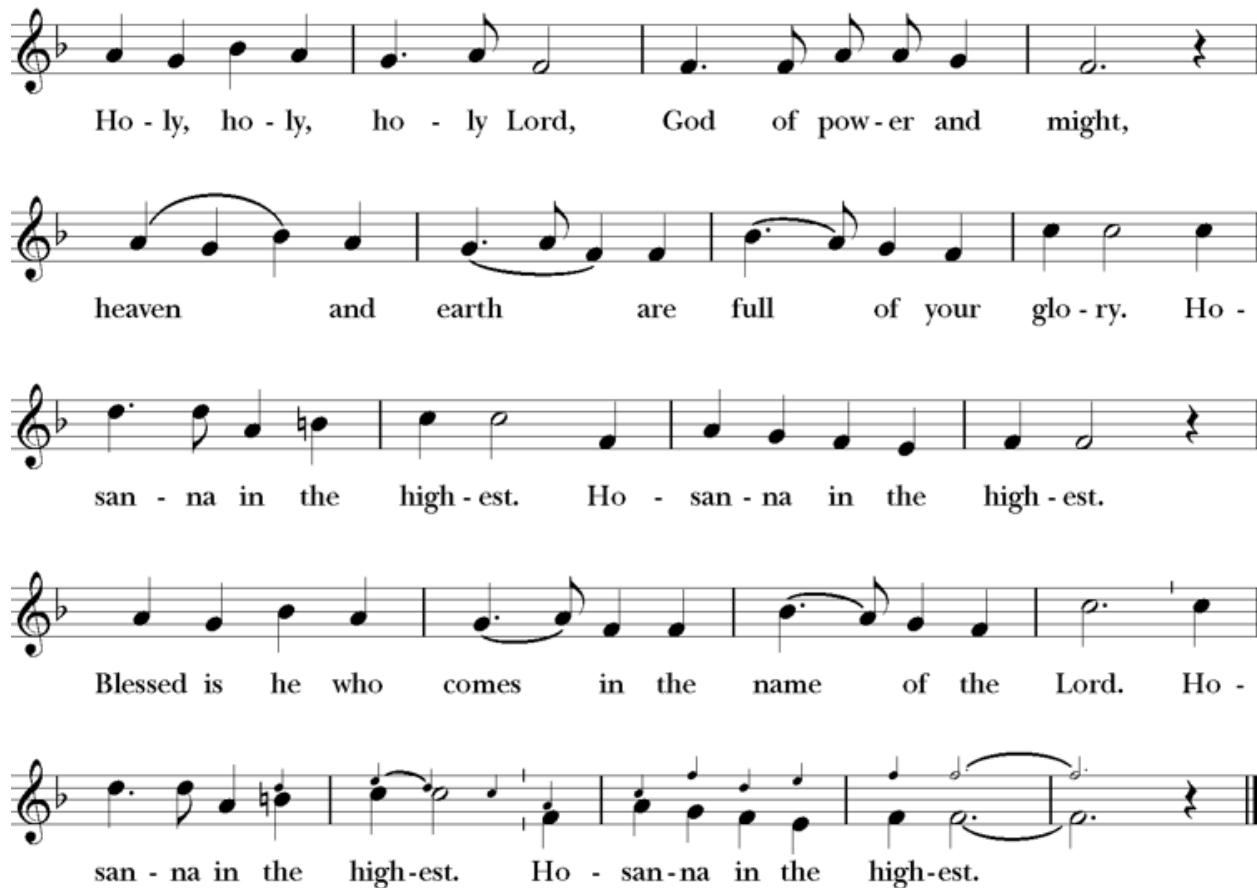
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 Music

"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep" by Ludwig Lenel (soloists only)

- 1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep,
Nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thine hand.*
- 2. Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.*
- 3. Where Thou leadest, I would go, walking in Thy steps below
Till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.*

#343, Shepherd of souls (all sing)

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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, #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

*Celebrant
People*

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

Postlude

“Postlude in D” by Armstrong Gibbs

Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Lauren Kay
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart’s Choir, Fred Edelen (cello), Alex and Barry Barr (soloists)
Chalice Bearer	Nancy Gunzelmann
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Lector	Susannah White
Ushers	Kathleen Damon, Jennifer Willard
Altar Guild	Jan Burson and Pamela Higgins
Flower Arranger	Carol Hayes
A/V	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker	Sukie Curtis
Counters	Susie Soule
Lawn Care	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Kevin Gillan
Coffee Hour	Pam Hobson & Susan Garrett

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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