

# Eastertide

May 10, 2026, 9:30 AM

## St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude

Preludium, by J. Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements

*Jim Berg*

Opening Hymn, #392

Come we that love the Lord

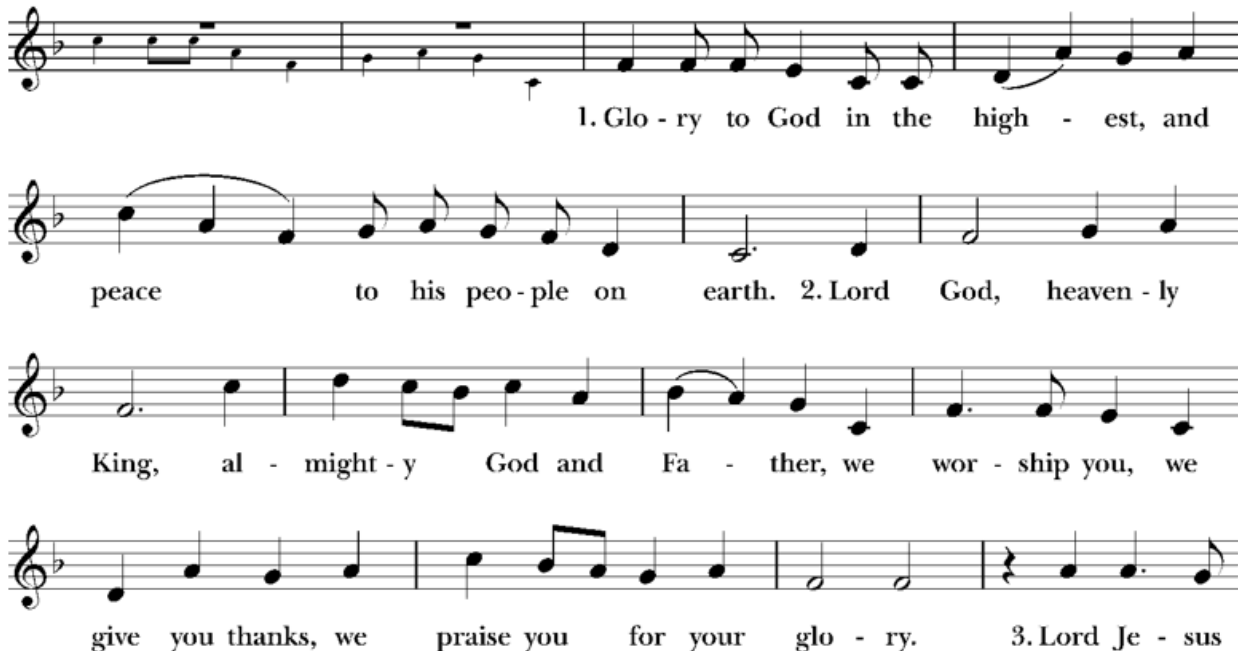
*The Hymnal 1982*

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Children's Greeting

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

*Jennifer Willard*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

### Psalm 66:7-18

*Anne Jacobs*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise be heard;
- 8 God holds our souls in life \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare \*  
    and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- 15 I called out to God with my mouth, \*  
and high praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
God would not have heard me,
- 17 But in truth God has heard me \*  
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld steadfast love from me.

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*Jennifer Willard*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #749**

The tree of life

*Wonder, Love, & Praise*



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|--|---------------------------|
| 1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,     | La - den with fruit, and  |
| 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: | By faith I know, but      |
| 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, | And pleas - ure dear - ly |
| 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil,    | Here I will sit and       |
| 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, | It keeps my dy - ing      |

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with  
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus  
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in  
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus  
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

**The Gospel: John 14: 15-21** *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

**Sermon** *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Anthem** If Ye Love Me, by Thomas Tallis  
*If ye love me keep my commandments,  
 and I will pray the Father,  
 and he shall give you another comforter,  
 that he may 'bide with you for ever;  
 even the spirit of truth.*

**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

Anne Jacobs

*Leader* Gracious God, as you have promised to be attentive to what we ask, hear now our prayers for the world, for the church, and for ourselves.

*Moment of silence for reflection.*

*People* God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

Blessed Lord, your Spirit has been given to the church to bring to perfection your life and your love in the world. Strengthen us with the power to witness in your name, especially among those who have not heard of the life-changing love of Christ. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United). In our diocese we pray for St. John's in Brownville Junction and for members of the Commission on Ministry.  
God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

We pray for all who are befuddled by the competing values of the world, those who are bewildered by the many claims of right and wrong, of loyalty and kinship, of prejudice and division. We pray for all who seek to bring healing and peace to this world, and for those who live in places of strife and conflict, especially Sudan, Ukraine, Palestine, Iran, and Lebanon.  
God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

We pray for our leaders and those who have responsibility for the common good. Inspire us to serve the human family with dignity, caring, and justice for all people.  
God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

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.

God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

We pray for all who suffer in their present circumstances and for those who are weary of life. Bring them renewal, refreshment, and restoration. In particular we pray for those on our parish prayer list:

**Virginia & Jamil; Jenny & Matt; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Steven; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Beverly; Hana; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; Nate; Lin; Caroline; Hadley; Ed; Greg; Cathy; the Bonneau and Duncan families; and the Murray family.**

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

God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

Loving God, we give thanks for all who have lived in you, have borne much fruit, and who now are in your greater presence. We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Peter Bonneau, brother of John Duncan, and Francis W. Murray III, "Mike", beloved brother of Cynn timeriques. And we remember those we name before you now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

God of love, as you abide in us,  
**May we abide in you.**

*Celebrant* O God, you graft us onto Christ, the true vine, and, with tireless care, you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence. Tend the vineyard of your church, that in Christ each of us may bring forth to the glory of your name abundant fruits of faith, hope, and love. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. **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.*

*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

(see next page)

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

706 In your mercy / 700 O love that casts out fear

*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, #455

O love of God

*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

Toccatà, by J. Pachelbel

## Serving in Worship Today

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Anne Jacobs
<b>Nonvested Chalice Bearer</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Willard
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson and Paule French
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Anne Jacobs
<b>A/V</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Barbara Barhydt
<b>Counters</b>	Harriet Davis, Dennis Fitzgibbons
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>VPOW</b>	Jim Berg
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann & Anne Berg

## 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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