

The 13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2023, 9:30 am



Pietro Perugino

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

"Sonata No 23 in F Major, movement II, Adagio" by Joseph Haydn

Welcome & Announcements

Mike Perfetti

Opening Hymn, #427

When morning gilds the skies

The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant This is your day,
People and we shall praise you!
Celebrant This is your day,
People and we shall declare your name!
Celebrant This is your day,
People and we shall worship a risen Savior!

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson, Isaiah 51:1-6

Pal Covie

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
 you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
 but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
 he will comfort all her waste places,
 and will make her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

Barbara Barhydt

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson, Romans 12:1-8

Pal Covie

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #254

You are the Christ, O Lord

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20

The Rev. David Bruce

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. David Bruce

Prayers of the People

Barbara Barhydt

Leader In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; Amanda, our Priest; and,
Corey, our Deacon;
For all who serve God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those on our St.
Bart's prayer list:
**Charles; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed;
Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim;
Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Anne & Richard; Courtney; Diane; Karl;
Sudon, Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Terry; Will; Tom & Laurel; Caia; Nancy A.;**
Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Marshall; Samantha; John; Jeremy; and Dianne.

And, for those we name before you now either silently or aloud.

Silence is kept as individuals share their petitions.

Hear us, O God;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, especially Sister Susan John (Susan W. Mangam),
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept as individuals share their petitions.

God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is kept as individuals share their petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your
mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you
are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The scriptures say: "O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:11)

In gratitude for all that God has provided, let us now, out of the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator, offer our gifts to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chorholds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Ushers bring the offering plates forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.

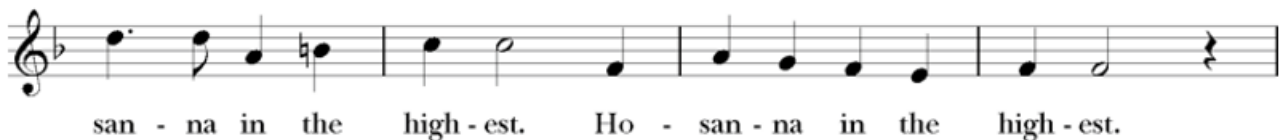
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to our God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that the shadows of the world should give way to your own brilliance.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, #S125



Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy, mighty, and merciful God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us,

People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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, 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 Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. 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.

Music at Communion

Piano Selections

Sarah Covie

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May God, bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #523

Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace. Share the good news.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Sonata No 23 in F Major, movement III, Finale" by Joseph Haydn

Resources

Rite II, *Book of Common Prayer* except as noted below.

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Orange Candle for Gun Violence Victims

The Worship & Music Committee decided at their spring retreat to light the orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence each week as a prayerful vigil rather than lighting the candle only at the 5th Sunday Healing Services. The Worship & Music Committee hopes that by lighting this candle each week, our community will not allow itself to forget about the severity of this issue and of our need as a community to remember and to engage in meaningful change. For more information about the Orange Candle and the "Wear Orange" movement, visit <https://wearorange.org/>

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. David Bruce
Music	Sarah Covie
Chalice Bearer	Barbara Barhydt
Lector	Pal Covie
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins
Flower Arranger	Carla Hunt
A/V	Pal Covie
Counters	Tom Hyndman, Pam Hobson
Lawn Care	John Duncan
VPOW	Mike Perfetti
Coffee Hour	Michele Johns