

Season of Creation

To Hope and Act with Creation

Sep 22, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Offertoire" by F. Couperin

Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Hyndman

Opening Hymn, #7 Christ whose glory fills the skies

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation & Litany

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Intern Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

People **you are present among us.**

Celebrant O hidden mystery,
sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls,
in all we touch, in all we meet,

People **you are present among us.**

Intern As bearers of your image,
we come to be reshaped;

People **dependent on your mercy,
we ask to be made new.**

Gloria, #S280 (see next page)



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.

Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Intern Mary Curlew

THE LESSONS

First Lesson, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mary Curlew

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Psalm 54

Michele Johns

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Poem "Pied Beauty" by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Mary Curlew

Glory be to God for dappled things—
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Gospel Hymn, #412

Earth and all stars

The Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel, Mark 9:30-37

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Affirmation of Faith

Intern Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

People We have faith
in one God,
one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth,
who created all things good.

And we have faith
in Christ,
in whom we have been shown
the special role of humanity
to bear God's likeness
in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,
in working with these powers
for the wellbeing of life on Earth.

And we have faith
in God's Spirit
who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle.
So that the Earth is inherited in peace,
her life is transformed for all creatures
and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Michele Johns

Leader Eternal God:
We thank you for the beauty of the World:
for the teeming life of the seas,
the flight of birds,
and the diversity of animal life.
Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

People God of life:
hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth
of blessings from land and sea;
for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun.
We pray for the nations of the earth,

give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.
God of justice:
hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church,
called to reconcile and heal:
For this parish, our Rector, Amanda, and our Bishop, Thomas.
For our siblings in the Anglican Communion, especially The Church of North India
(United).
And, for our siblings in the Diocese of Maine, especially Christ Church, Norway
and for immigrants and refugees and the ministries that serve them.
God of grace:
hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family.
We exult in our diversity and giftedness,
we repent of our sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.
As every human being is known and loved by you,
may we care for one another with love and respect.
We pray for those you have commended to our care and who are listed on our St.
Bart's prayer list:
**Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry;
Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary;
Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Andy; Sally; Ruth; Molly;
Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick; Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Isaac; Bill; Dave & Judy;
Steven; Pamela; Nina; Jen and Wendy.**
And, we pray for those we name before you now, aloud or silently..
God of compassion:
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died
whom we entrust to your eternal love;
may we support and comfort those who mourn.
And, we remember those we name before you now, aloud or silently..

God of peace:
hear our prayer.

Celebrant O merciful Creator,
your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature.
Gracious God,
the air sings with songs of glory,
water flashes silver with creation,
and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations.
May your love fill our hearts and souls and minds,

that we may share your abundant grace with the world.
People **Amen**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

A brief moment of silence for reflection

Celebrant Holy and merciful God,
People **we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant "Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O God, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all."
(1 Chronicles 29:11)

At this time we will collect our offering and share our "Awe-fferings" to the glory of God!

The bread and wine are brought forward at this time. The ushers then collect the offering and "Awe-fferings" are brought to the "Awe-ffering" Altar at the front of the church.

The ushers bring forward the offering.

Offertory Prayer

Intern Let us pray.
People Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Creator be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Creator.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Royal River meets Casco Bay, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, right whales and puffins, maple trees and lupine, eagles and oysters, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me."

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me."

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar, which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us, using the translation from our Season of Creation resources:

People

**Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the healing of Creation.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy 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 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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Intern Let us pray.
People **Holy One,
you feed us with bread from heaven
and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace
and you call us to friendship with one another.
You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you,
offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.
And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen**

Blessing

Intern Let us join with the Earth and each other—to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to protect the animals, to treasure the trees, to gaze at the stars, to cherish the human community, to heal the Earth, to remember the children. Let us go forth to put our words into action.

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

Closing Hymn, #424

For the fruit of all creation

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Intern Let us go forth into all Creation,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Gloria" by F. Couperin

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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The values that guide our Worship & Music Committee's process for creating our liturgies are inclusive, grounded, challenging, and creative. At St. Bart's, we strive to use language and imagery that is both inclusive and expansive for God and humanity.

*The flowers on the altar this morning were given
in memory of Joan Tilney by her family.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Lector & Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
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Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
A/V	Arthur Woolverton
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