

# Season of Gratitude

October 13, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

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Prelude "Microcosmos" by B. Bartok

Welcome & Announcements *Pal Covie*

Opening Hymn, #488 Be thou my vision *The Hymnal 1982*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

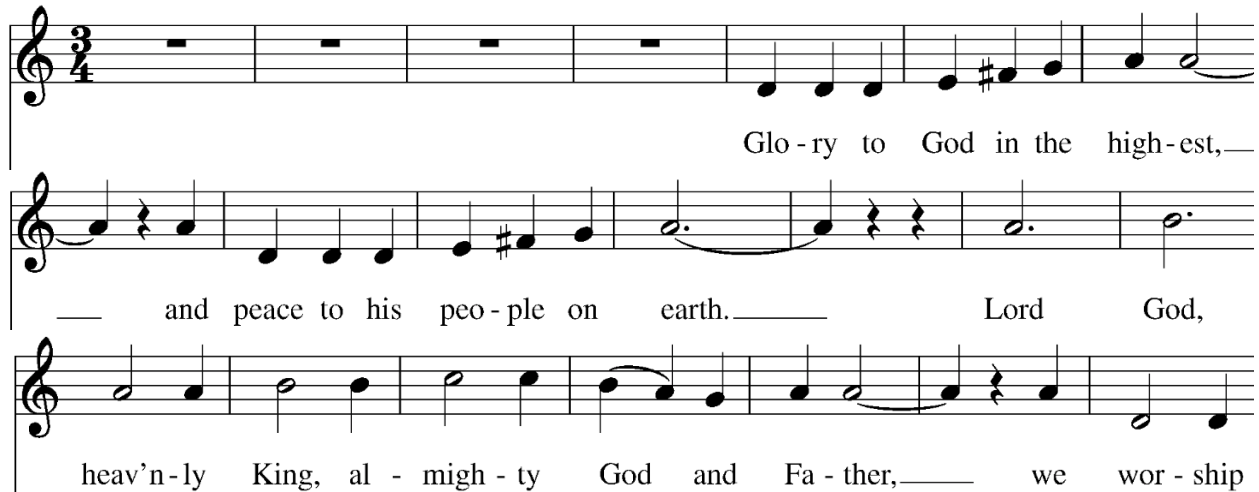
*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Intern* This is the day that our God has made;

*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gloria, #900 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,  
heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.——

Lord Je - sus Christ,—— on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world:—— have mer - cy on us;—— you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther:—— re - ceive our prayer.—— For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,—— you a - lone are the

Lord,—— 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.——

### The Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson, Amos 5:6-7,10-15

*Mike Perfetti*

Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 90:12-17

*John Perkins*

12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
 and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
 prosper the work of our hands;  
 prosper our handiwork.

**The Second Lesson, Hebrews 4:12-16**

*Mike Perfetti*

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #472**

Hope of the world

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel, Mark 10:17-31**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of

God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Anthem**

“Hence with Earthly Treasure” by J. Cruger

*Hence with earthly treasure: thou art all my pleasure, Jesus, my desire!  
Hence for pomps I care not, e’en as though they were not rank and fortune’s hire.  
Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb; nought that I may suffer ever shall from Jesus sever.*

*Flee, dark clouds that lower, for my joy bestower, Jesus, enters in!  
Joy from tribulation, hope from desolation, they who love God win.  
Be it blame or scorn or shame, thou art with me in earth’s sadness, Jesus, all my gladness.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Intern*          Let us affirm our faith as we say together:  
*People*          **We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,  
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,  
and who ate and laughed,  
wept and celebrated with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who rides on the gentle breeze,  
who strengthens our bonds, and  
who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,  
which stands open to all travelers,  
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

## The Prayers of the People

*John Perkins*

*Leader* Let us pray to the God who made us and sustains us, and sends us out to minister to others. Work in us, O God; That we may be a blessing to others.

O God, inspire the church, with all its faults and failings, missed opportunities and misunderstandings, that we may learn to be your body on earth that reflects your compassion and love. Work in us, O God;

*People* **That we may be a blessing to others.**

We pray for Christians through the world and especially for our siblings in the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. We offer thanksgiving for the ministry among us of our bishops, our lay and clergy leaders, our diocese, and today we remember St. Paul, Brunswick, for those serving in lay liturgical ministries, and for Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford. May we, in all our vocations and ministries, bear witness to the grace and reconciling love of God. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We lay before you the political issues and the moral dilemmas that trouble our world. Where we can see no clear way forward, give us vision and enable us to be good stewards of all you provide. We pray today for victims of war, prejudice, and ethnic and religious intolerance. We also pray for the leaders of nations and of industry, that justice and fairness will lead and direct their efforts. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We ask you to take all our relationships and drench them in your transforming love, so that we value one another and appreciate what each has to offer. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

Surround with comfort and reassurance those who feel spiritually dried-up or emotionally drained. Heal broken bodies, mend broken hearts, and provide refreshment and strength for those who are walking the valley of shadow and depression. We pray for those entrusted to us on our parish 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; Nina; and Jen.**

And we remember those we name before you now, both aloud and silently...Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

Gather into your kingdom those who have run the race and fought the good fight, have mercy on all who are at the point of death. We remember those who have

died and we remember those we name before you now, aloud and silently...Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We give you thanks and praise for the wideness of your mercy, and for the personal attention of your provision each day of our lives. We offer our thanksgiving for all God's blessings, especially for our loved ones and for those who have taught us by word and example the love of God and the joy of faith. Here we offer our thanksgivings... Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

### Concluding Collect

*Celebrant*

Pour out your Spirit, O God, over all the world and inspire every heart with a knowledge and love of you. Grant that we who confess Jesus as Lord may give witness to your love every day of our lives. Through Jesus, our Lord and our Brother.

*People*

**Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People*

**Most merciful God,  
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 our Savior 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.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People*

**Amen.**

### The Peace

*Celebrant*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another sharing God's peace!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* In gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us, let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

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

### Offertory Hymn, #683

O for a closer walk

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Ushers bring the offering plates forward as the congregation sings*

### The Doxology, sung

*tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Sing praise all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray,  
*People* **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, 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.**

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, #851

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
"Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

*People* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children,  
that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
 for ever and ever.  
 Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant  
 People*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**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  
 People*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
 We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

**Fraction Anthem, #S169**

My flesh is food indeed

*The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*

*Cantor or Choir*  
 My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
 deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my  
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My  
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

## The Invitation

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## 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, #763 As we gather at your table

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Intern*

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*

The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity.

*People*

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, #781

Now let us rise and hymn the grace  
(*see next page*)

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

1. Now let us rise and hymn the grace that brings us  
 2. That we may o - pen love's em - brace to wel - come  
 3. Re - joic - ing let us take this "Peace!" In - to the

to this time and place. Full ded - i - ca - tion  
 all the hu - man race, here let no walls of  
 world that we in - crease Christ's reign of jus - tice,

here is owed the rich - es that our past be - stowed: God, in this  
 hate di - vide, but let Christ's "Peace!" a - lone a - bide. God, help us  
 truth, and love that heav - en come on earth, and of this bless - ing

time your church re - new; en - a - ble us your will to do.  
 all this dream ful - fill; en - a - ble us to do your will.  
 we, with grace a - new, still seek God's will to know and do.

## The Dismissal

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

## Postlude

“Microcosmos” by B. Bartok

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## 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.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

**Music** Christina Edelen

**Pastoral Intern** Mary Curlew

**Musicians** The St. Bart’s Choir

**Chalice Bearer** John Perkins

**Lector** Mike Perfetti

**Ushers** Jay & Basil Souder

**Altar Guild** Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard

**Flower Arranger** Jay Souder

**A/V** Peter Sillin

**Bread Baker** Peter Sillin

**Counters** Dennis Fitzgibbons, Ann Donaghy

**Lawn Care** Peter Sillin

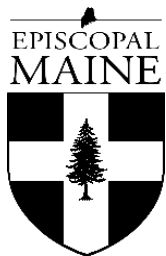
**VPOW** Pal Covie

**Coffee Hour** Sarah Covie + Nancy Gunzelmann

## ST BART'S VISION STATEMENT

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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth, Maine is a place to explore and deepen one's faith through worship, music, education, and open dialogue to help each of us and our community faithfully navigate today's ever-changing world. We are an open, inclusive, creative, and welcoming community. Building on the vision of those who established St. Bart's 50 years ago, we continue to strengthen and grow our community by grounding our ministries in the love of Jesus Christ, telling our story joyfully, and caring for the needs of our congregation and the greater Yarmouth and surrounding communities. St. Bart's is a great landing place for those seeking a welcoming and inclusive faith experience.



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