Season of Gratitude

October 18, 2026 | 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Prelude" by Henry Purcell

Welcome & Announcements *Basil Souder*

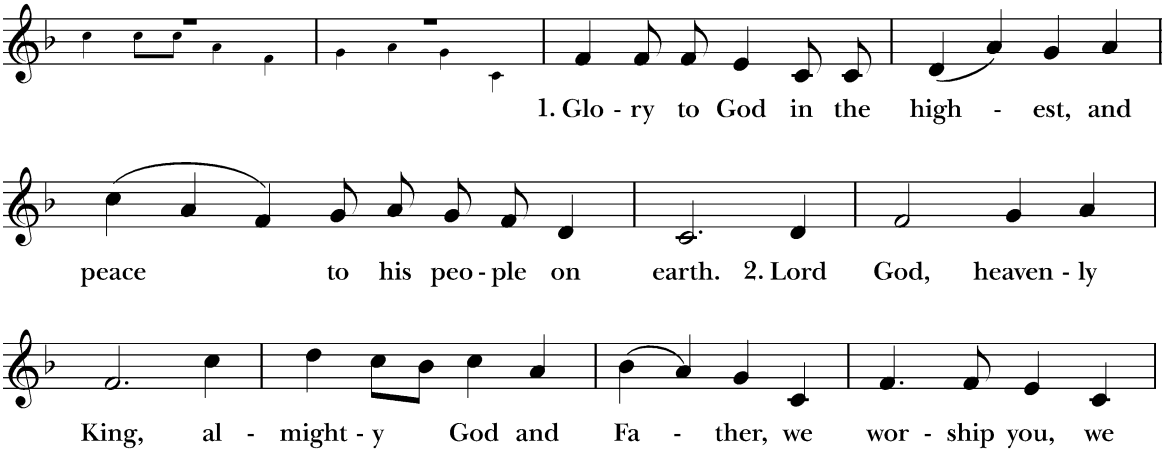
Moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Opening Hymn, #544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Words

Celebrant Creator of community,
People **we gather in your name.**
Celebrant Generous and inclusive Friend,
People **we rejoice in our friendship here.**
Lover of laughter and song,
we offer these to you.
Giver of our daily bread,
we thank you for all that nourishes us.
God, our constant Companion,
be present in all our sharing.
Blessed be our God.
For ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria #S280 *The Hymnal 1982*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Children's Greeting *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Following the greeting, children are invited to Storyweaving in the education wing.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7 *Susannah White*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9 *Anne Jacobs*

Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God all the whole earth.
Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, *
God's wonders among all peoples.
For God is great and greatly to be praised, *
more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, *
but it is God who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, *
ascribe to God honor and power.
Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Susannah White*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Gospel Hymn, #591 O God of earth and altar *The Hymnal 1982*

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Moment of silence for reflection

Hymn, #706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me *The Hymnal 1982*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith:
People **We believe in God,**
who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ
who became human,
who healed the sick,
who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
siblings and friends,
a light for our world.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Anne Jacobs*

RESPONSE

Leader Be gracious to us, O God.
People Show us your mercy.

PRAYER LIST

Sasha, Paige, Nathaniel, Haskell, Gregory, Andy, Molly, Nova, Matt and Shannon, Lem, Hana, Melanie, Sue, Brooke, Elizabeth, Danny, Lin, Caroline, Ed, Greg, Tom, Diane, Laura, Judy, Celeste, Lisa, Jackie, Dan'l, Mike, Sarah and Stefan, Margot, Hannah, Richard, Peggy, Bruce, Branden, and Jerry and Maureen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Celebrant Word of God,
People we confess that we need your wholeness.
We have often looked to outward gifts and measures
when what we need is your love in our hearts.
We have often aimed toward what we can achieve
or where we stand in relation to others,
when what we desire is the integrity your love bestows.
We confess our need for your illumination.
Be our light, O Christ.

Celebrant God forgives all our sins
and heals all our infirmities.
God lifts us from the low places
and sets mercy and love upon us.
God fills us with goodness
and renews our lives.
People Thanks be to God.

Welcoming New Members

Celebrant Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Bart's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love our God with heart and soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus.

Leader I present Jay and Patti Beagle; Frances and Michael Robinson; Ben Yardley; Nancy Wanderer and Susan Sanders; Paul Mueller and Jamee Ard, as new members of St. Bart's.

Celebrant Friends, do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Bart's? If so, say "I do."

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life? If so, say "I will, with God's help."

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Please pray for our new members,

People Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new siblings in Christ to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. 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 Anthem "Exsultate Justi" by Ludovico Viadana

Exsultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara. In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum: bene psallite ei in vociferacione.

Let the just rejoice in the Lord: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Sing to him to the psaltery and the ten-stringed lute.
Make him a new song: sing to him well with strong voice.

Ushers bring the offering plates forward as the choir 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 All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

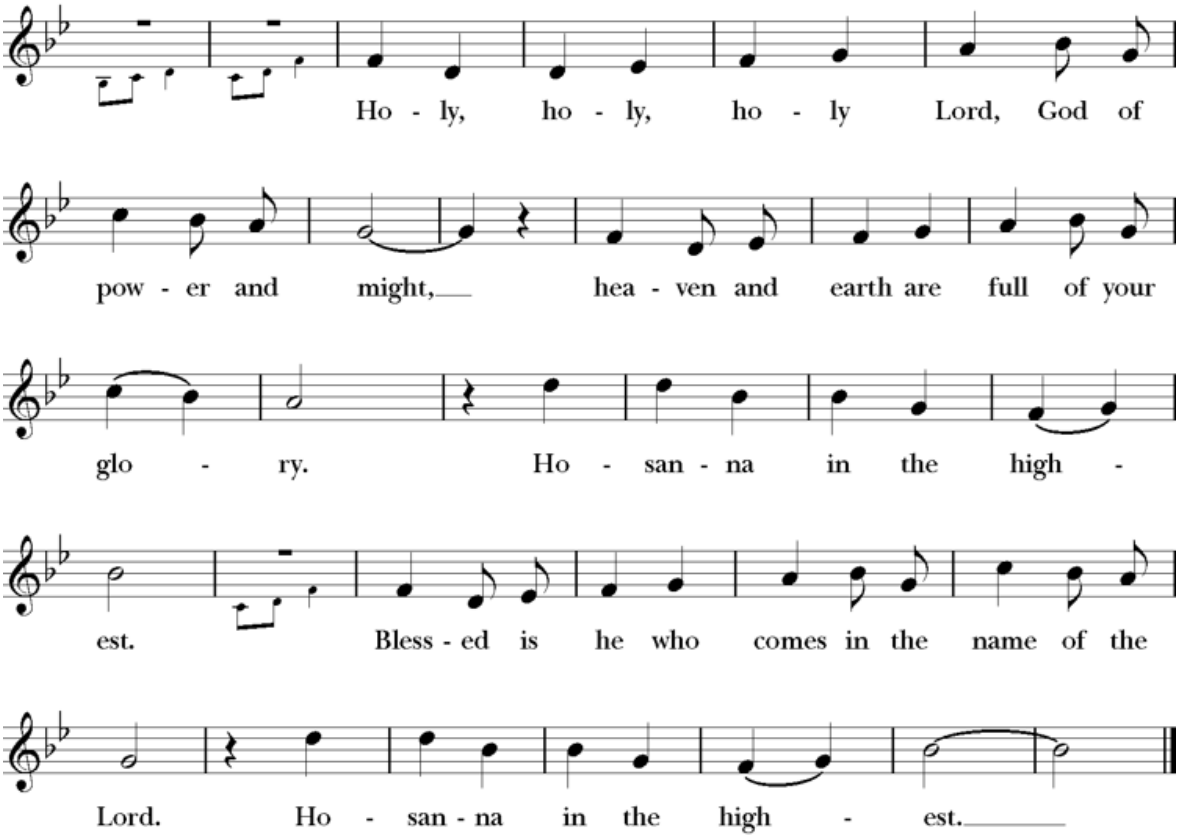
The Great Thanksgiving

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.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus #S127 *The Hymnal 1982*



Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

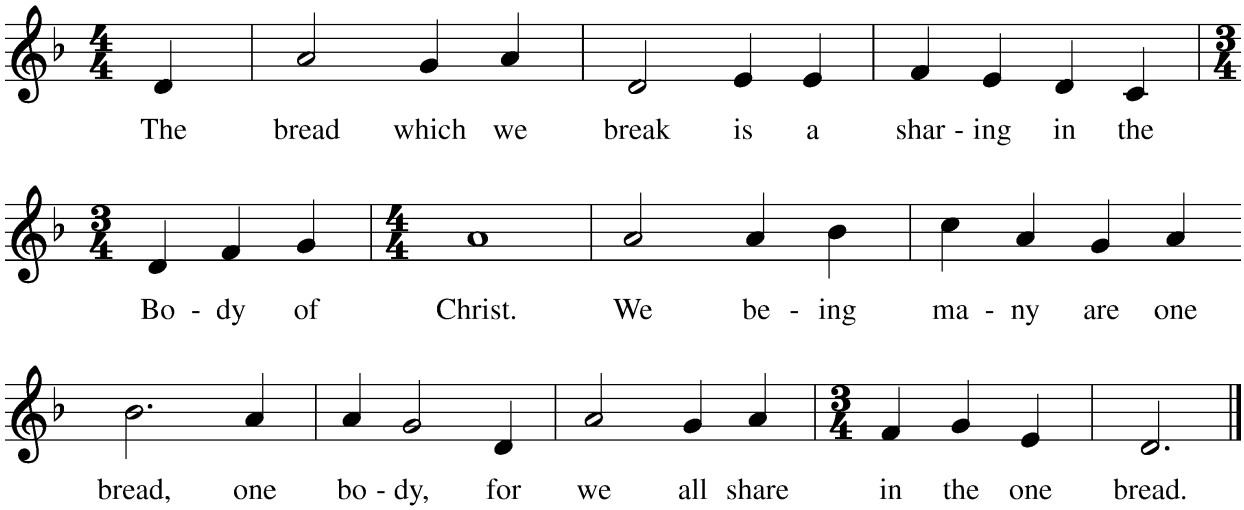
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Fraction Anthem #867 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you forward to stand around the chancel to receive the bread and the wine. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms at your chest. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat.

Music at Communion #683 O for a closer walk *The Hymnal 1982*
#336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus *The Hymnal 1982*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:
People Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The light of God
to lead us.
The power of God
to hold us.
The joy of God
to heal us.
The grace of God
to caress us.
The love of God
to bless us.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #665 All my hope on God is founded *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, let your light shine!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Voluntary" by Henry Purcell

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Storyweaving Leader	Leanne Greisen
Altar Guild	John and Linda Perkins
Flower Arranger	Marilyn Heinrich
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	Sukie Curtis
Counters	Pam Hobson, Dennis Fitzgibbons
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