



Choral Evensong

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

*Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. ~ Psalm 141:2*

Please silence all cell phones to enjoy the serenity of this evening's Evensong without distraction.

Prelude "Benedicam" by H. Scheidemann

Opening Hymn: #35 Christ, mighty savior *The Hymnal 1982*
v.3-High Voices, v.4-Low voices

Opening Sentence

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider Almighty and most merciful God,
People we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Preces, sung by the Presider and the Choir

traditional setting

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Presider Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Presider Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm, 90, 12-17 (all are encouraged to sing)

setting by Peter Hurford



12. So teach us to ' number our ' days *
that we may ap- ' ply 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 af- ' flicted us *
and the years in ' which we ' suffered ad- ' versity.

16. Show your ' servants your ' works *
and your ' splendor ' to their ' children.

17. May the graciousness of the Lord our ' God be up- ' on us; *
prosper the work of our hands; ' prosper our ' handi- ' work.

*Glory to the Father, and ' to the ' Son, *
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.*

*As it was in the be- ' ginning, is ' now, *
and ' will be for- ' ever. A- ' men.*

A Lesson – Isaiah 53:4-12

John Perkins

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Lector
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat, *sung by the Choir*

setting by Thomas Causton

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

A Lesson – Hebrews 5:1-10

John Perkins

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis, *sung by the Choir*

setting by Thomas Causton

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us pray together the words of the Apostle's Creed.
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers, *sung by the Presider and the Choir*

Presider The Lord be with you
Choir *and with Thy Spirit.*

Presider Let us pray.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Choir *Christ have mercy upon us.*
Lord have mercy upon us.

Together *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.
Amen.

Presider O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*

Presider O Lord, keep this nation under thy care.
Choir *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Presider Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful!*

Presider O Lord, save thy people.
Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*
Presider Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
Presider O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collects

Presider Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

Choir *Amen.*

Anthem: "If Ye Love Me" by Philip Wilby

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.
- John 14 vv.15-18*

The General Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,
People Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: #36 O Gladsome Light

The Hymnal 1982

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: #31 Most Holy God

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Christe qui Lux es et Dies” by S. Scheidt

SERVING AT EVENSONG

Presider	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Lector	John Perkins
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann & Ann Donaghy
A/V	Joe Michaud

ST BART'S VISION STATEMENT

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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