

Season of Gratitude

Prayer Service & Committee Fair

October 20, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude

"Canzon" by M. Weckmann

Welcome & Announcements

Kathy Abernathy

Opening Hymn, #778

We all are one in mission

Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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. **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Ephesians 4:7,11-16

Mike Perfetti

Lector A reading from Ephesians

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Officiant A reading from Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are

able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant 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

Laurie Hyndman

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Let us pray.

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.

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Brief moment of silence for reflection.

O God, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to collaborate with your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Officiant Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Concluding Collect

Officiant Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and
strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service
to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Testimony of Gratitude Mike Perfetti

The Blessing

Officiant 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, #779

The church of Christ in every age
(see next page)

Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Affirmation of Faith: Daily Prayers for all Seasons. © 2014

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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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Officiant The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Music Christina Edelen

Worship Leader Laurie Hynman

Lector Mike Perfetti

Ushers Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman

Altar Guild Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard

Flower Arranger Anne Jacobs

A/V Joe Michaud

Bread Baker Susannah White

Counters Pamela Trudo, Harriet Davis

Lawn Care Kevin Gillan

VPOW Kathy Abernathy

Coffee Hour Joanne & Jim Berg

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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