

Season of Gratitude

October 22, 2023



Autumn Woods, Frederic Edwin Church

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Ruhig bewegt" by P. Hindemith

Welcome & Announcements *Kathy Abernathy*

Opening Hymn, #544 Jesus shall reign *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant This is the day that our God has made;
People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

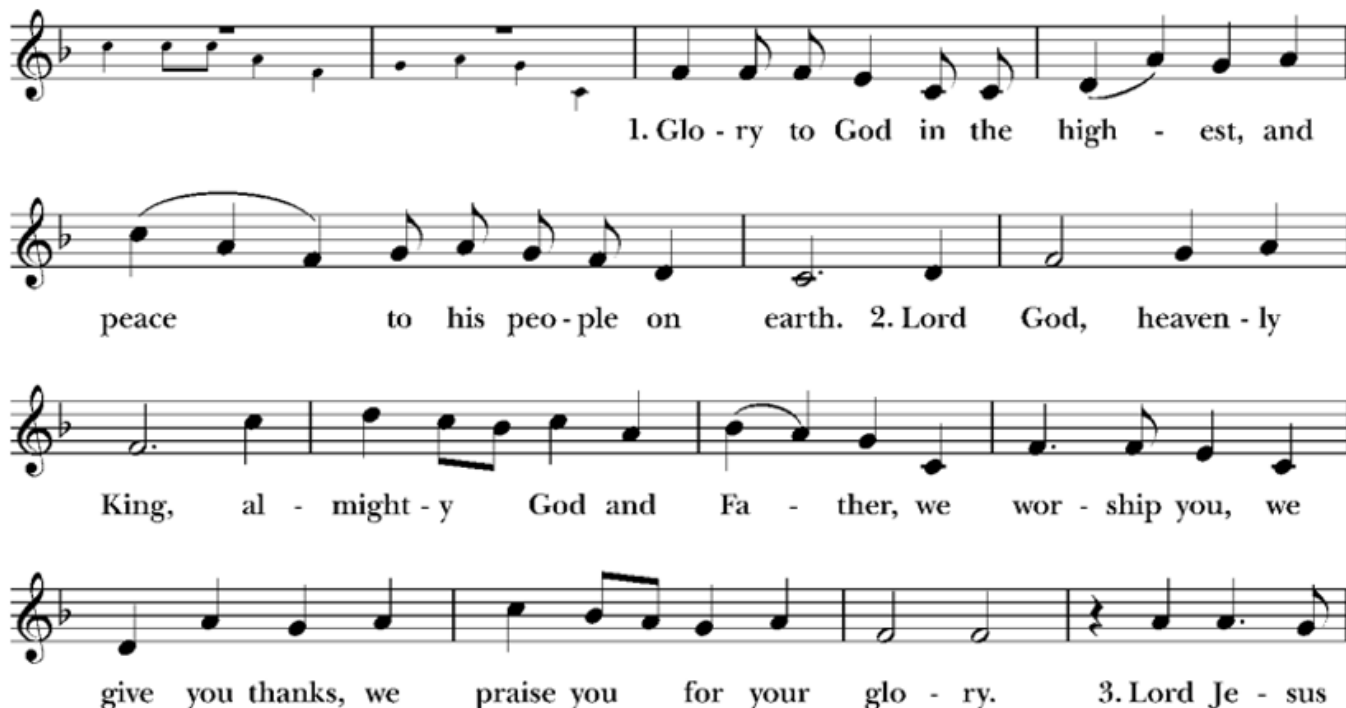
Celebrant Rejoice, people of God!
Celebrate the life within you,
and Christ's presence in your midst!
People **Our eyes shall be opened!**
The presence will have new meaning,
and the future will be bright with hope.

Deacon Rejoice, people of God!
Bow your heads before the One
who is our wisdom and our strength.

People **We place ourselves before our God,**
that we may be touched and cleansed
by the power of God's Spirit.

Celebrant This is the day that our God has made;
People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gloria, S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

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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. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson, Exodus 33:12-23

Harriet Davis

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

Michele Johns

The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Harriet Davis

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

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 inspired by 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 the people of those regions 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 wrath that is coming.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel, Matthew 22:15-22

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus 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 the emperor, 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, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Estey

Instrumental Anthem

"Song of Appalachia" by Marc O'Connor

Christina & Fred Edelen

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant 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

Michele Johns

Leader As we celebrate this season of gratitude, we are reminded that we have been called into relationship with God and are God's beloved children. With grateful hearts, we offer our prayers for the world, our loved ones, and ourselves. All that we have is yours, O God, give us also grateful hearts.

God in our midst, you love us and call us your children: We thank you for the gift of this gathered community of faithful disciples at St Bart's. Bless us as we live out your call to love one another as you have loved us. All that we have is yours, O God,

People

Give us also grateful hearts.

God of all people, you love us and call us your children: In a world of violence, political upheaval, and war, you bless the peacemakers and walk alongside those who are victims of destruction. We remember before you all in positions of public trust. May they, and we, too, be instruments of your healing and peace. All that we have is yours, O God,

Give us also grateful hearts.

God of the poor, the homeless, the immigrant and the addict, you love us and call us your children: Help us to remember that in serving the least of these, we are serving you. May we follow your example and love as you love. All that we have is yours, O God,

Give us also grateful hearts.

God of creation, you love us and call us your children; you have given this earth into our care. May our steps be gentle and leave a small footprint on our earth. As it has been handed on to us, may we carefully preserve this creation for future generations. All that we have is yours, O God,

Give us also grateful hearts.

God of the mournful and suffering, you love us and call us your children: comfort and heal those in need. Hear them in their affliction and send them the comfort of your Holy Spirit. We pray for those on the St. Bart's prayer list...

Charles; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Anne & Richard; Courtney; Diane; Karl; Sudon; Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Terry; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Marshall; Samantha; Dianne; Meghan; Tommie; Hutch; Pat, and Debra.

Are there others we wish to name now, either silently or aloud? (pause for additional intercessions) All that we have is yours, O God,

Give us also grateful hearts.

God of the Church at rest, you love us and call us your children: we praise you for the faith and witness of all who have gone before.

Are there others we wish to name now, either silently or aloud?

Pause for additional intercessions

Bless all those who rest from their labors as they continue to grow into fullness of life in you. All that we have is yours, O God,

Give us also grateful hearts.

God, the giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks and praise for another day of life, the chance to breathe, sing, love, and help. Empower us to use this gift of life in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

All that we have is yours, O God, Give us also grateful hearts.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People Most loving God,
we confess that we have not loved
in thought, word, or deed.
We have not loved you
or our neighbors
or ourselves.
We are sorry.
Remind us that you love us unconditionally
and help us to rest in your love.

Celebrant Loving God, have mercy on us, forgive us for forgetting to love, and renew our ability to give and receive love in all that we do.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of God 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 of the blessings God has bestowed upon us, let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to our God.

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

Offertory Hymn, #377

All people that on earth do dwell

The Hymnal 1982

Ushers bring the offering plates forward as the congregation sings

The Doxology, sung

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Sing praise all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Savior, 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.

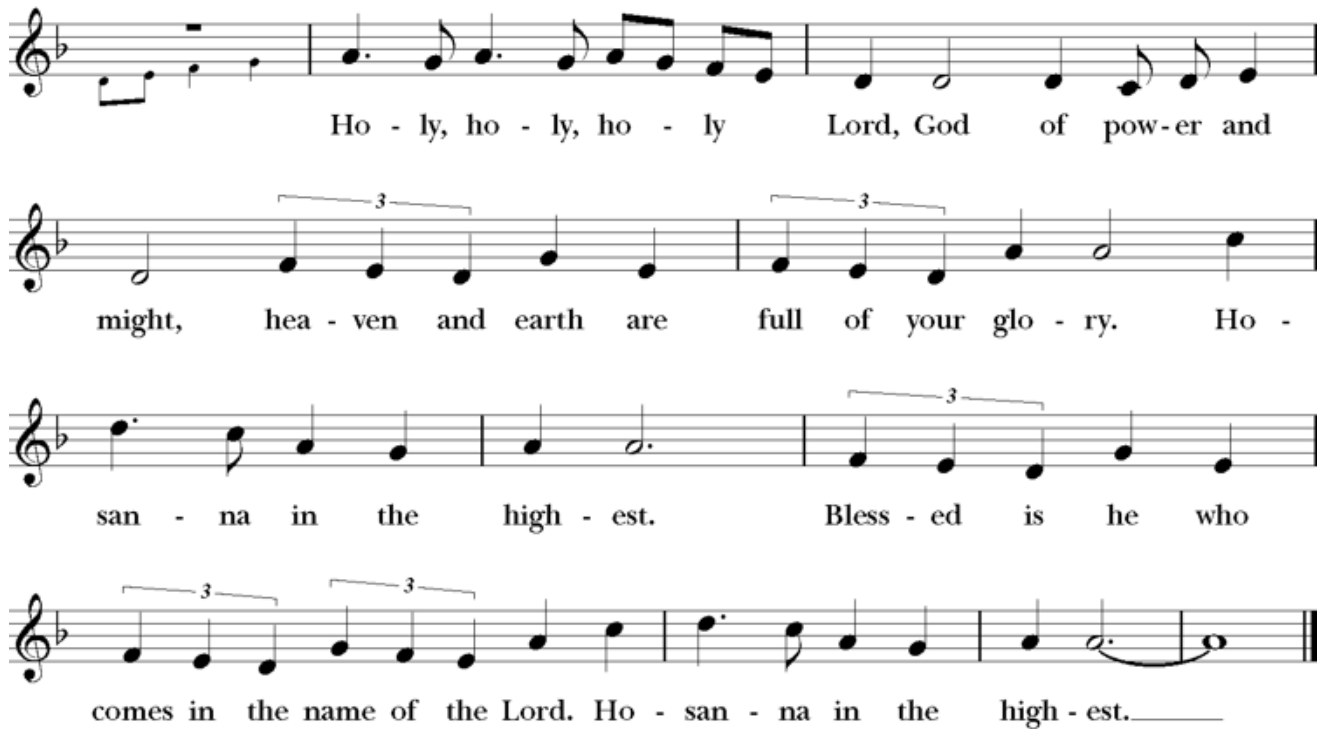
The Great Thanksgiving

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, 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 -
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 And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

The Fraction

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

Gratitude Chain

After receiving communion, you are invited to create a link in our gratitude chain by writing on a slip of paper the things for which you are grateful at the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

Testimony of Gratitude

Howsie Stewart

Closing Hymn, #594

God of grace, and God of glory

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

The Deacon will dismiss us, to which the congregation replies:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Rhosymedre" by R. Vaughan Williams

Need Hearing Assistance?

We have earpieces that receive audio from the sound system. You can find them in charging stations in the entryway. Simply slip the earpiece over your ear, turn it on with the volume switch, and adjust volume. Please return to the charging stations when you are done.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Lector	Harriet Davis
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Corey Walmer
A/V	Pal Covie
Counters	Harriet Davis, Pam Hobson
Lawn Care	Ben Redfield
VPOW	Kathy Abernathy
Coffee Hour	Susie Soule + Kathy Abernathy

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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