Season of Gratitude

October 25, 2026 | 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME

Prelude Adagio by William Goodwin

Welcome & Announcements *Jordan Henshaw*

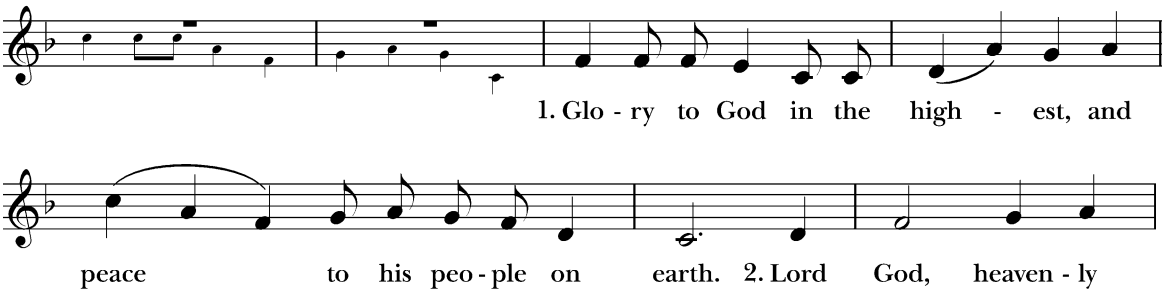
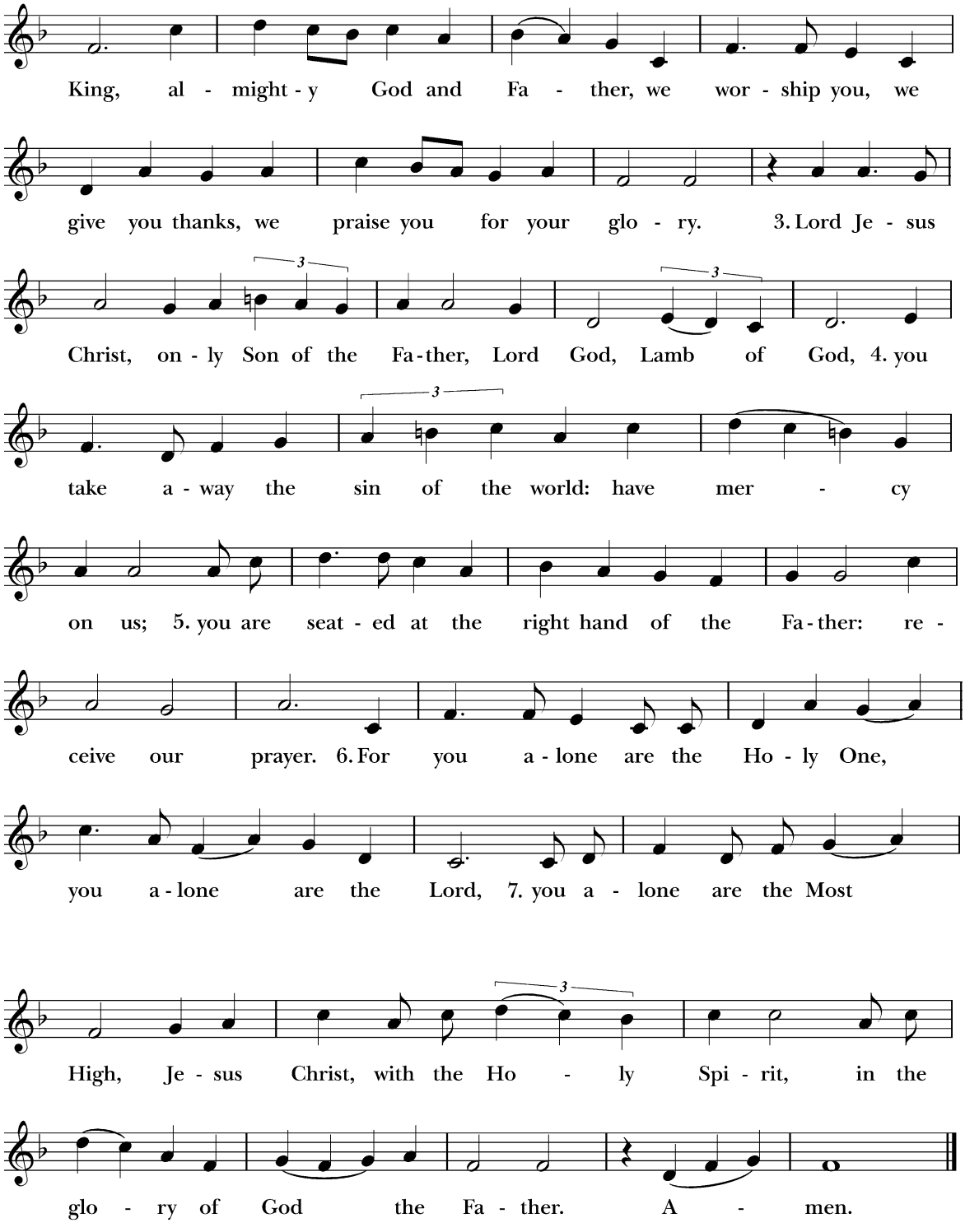
Moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Opening Hymn, #1 Father, we praise thee *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.**
Celebrant Lover of laughter and song,
People **we offer these to you.**
Celebrant Giver of our daily bread,
People **we thank you for all that nourishes us.**
Celebrant God, our constant Companion,
People **be present in all our sharing.**
Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People **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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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. Ben Cooke*

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

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 *John Perkins*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
"Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.
"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

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

Psalm 1 *Barbara Barhydt*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *John Perkins*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gospel Hymn, #605 What does the Lord require *The Hymnal 1982*

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46 *The Rev. Ben Cooke*

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon *The Rev. Ben Cooke*

Moment of silence for reflection

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 *Barbara Barhydt*

RESPONSE

Leader O God,

People hear us.

PRAYER LIST

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

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.

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 #517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

Ushers bring the offering plates forward during the hymn

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.

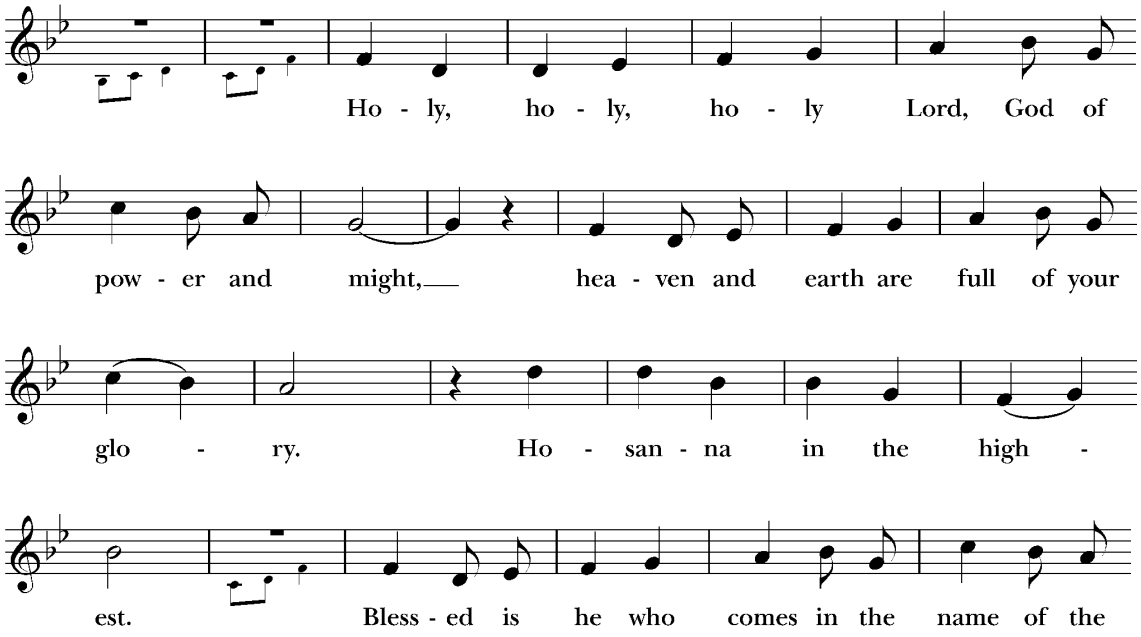
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

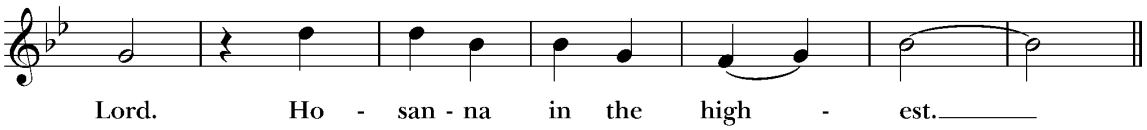
All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures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

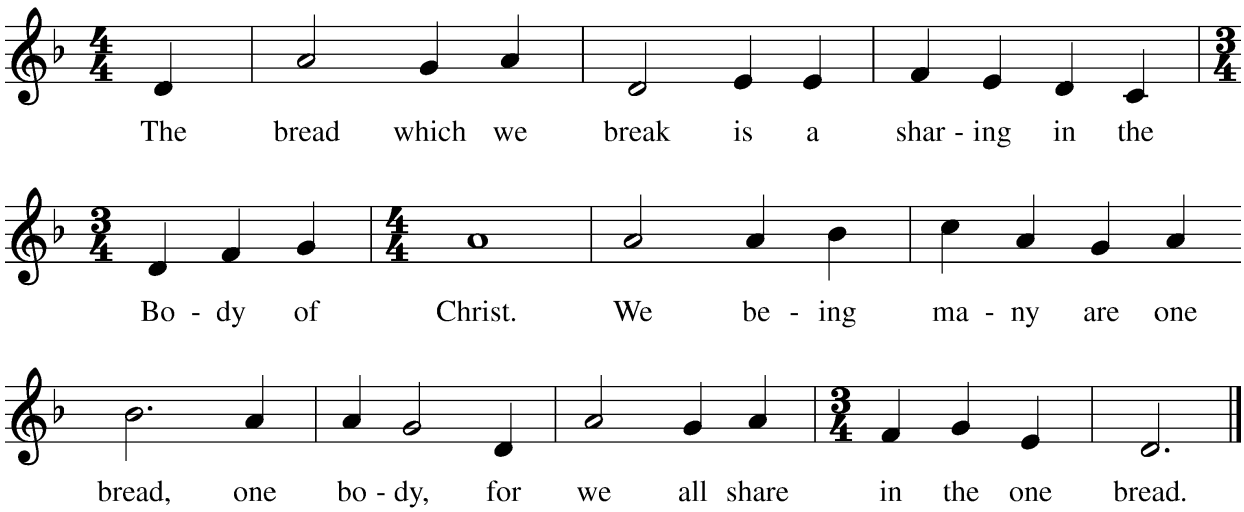
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

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. Gluten-free bread is available. Please extend your hands palms down to indicate your need for gluten-free bread. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms at your chest. You may use the side aisles to return to your seat.

Music at Communion #304 I come with joy *The Hymnal 1982*
#337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love *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.**

Stewardship Testimonial *Grayson Sylvester*

Closing Hymn, #657 Love divine, all loves excelling *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, let your light shine!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Voluntary by Jonathan Battishill

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Eucharistic Minister	Barbara Barhydt
Lector	John Perkins
Chalice Bearer	Michele Johns
Ushers	Mary Strnad, Margaret Kimball
Music	Dr. Christina Edelen
Altar Guild	John and Linda Perkins
Flower Arranger	Carol Hayes
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	John Perkins
Counters	Marcia Sharp, Susie Soule
Lawn Care	Peter Sillin
VPOW	Jordan Henshaw
Coffee Hour	Pam Waite & Kathleen Damon

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