

# Season of Gratitude

November 10, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

---

Prelude "Three Part Invention" by Randall Thompson

Welcome & Announcements *Harriet Davis*

Opening Hymn, #593 Lord make us servants of your peace *The Hymnal 1982*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Intern* This is the day that our God has made;

*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gloria, #900 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—  
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.—

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right  
 hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the  
 Lord, — 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. —

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson, 1 Kings 17:8-16

*Elizabeth Ring*

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah..

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

### Psalm 146

*Nancy Gunzelmann*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson, Hebrews 9:24-28**

*Elizabeth Ring*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #575**

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel, Mark 12:38-44**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Hymn, #656**

Blest are the pure in heart

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Intern*

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

*Nancy Gunzelmann*

*Leader*

Let us pray to the God who made us and sustains us, and sends us out to minister to others. Work in us, O God; That we may be a blessing to others.

O God, inspire the church, with all its faults and failings, missed opportunities and misunderstandings, that we may learn to be your body on earth that reflects your compassion and love. Work in us, O God;

*People*

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We pray for Christians through the world and especially for our siblings in the Anglican Communion, The Church of South India (United). We offer thanksgiving for the ministry among us of our bishops, our lay and clergy leaders, our diocese, and today we remember St. John Baptist, Thomaston, and for all who serve and have served in the armed forces of our country. May we, in all our vocations and ministries, bear witness to the grace and reconciling love of God. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We lay before you the political issues and the moral dilemmas that trouble our world. Where we can see no clear way forward, give us vision and enable us to be good stewards of all you provide. We pray today for victims of war, prejudice, and ethnic and religious intolerance. We also pray for the leaders of nations and of industry, that justice and fairness will lead and direct their efforts. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We ask you to take all our relationships and drench them in your transforming love, so that we value one another and appreciate what each has to offer. Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

Surround with comfort and reassurance those who feel spiritually dried-up or emotionally drained. Heal broken bodies, mend broken hearts, and provide refreshment and strength for those who are walking the valley of shadow and depression. We pray for those entrusted to us on our parish prayer list  
**Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Andy; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Isaac; Bill; Dave & Judy; Steven; Nina; Jen; Heather; Vance; Cheryl; the family and friends of Sally Ryan Tomlinson; and the family and friends of Debby Maneckji.**

And we remember those we name before you now, both aloud and silently...Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

Gather into your kingdom those who have run the race and fought the good fight, have mercy on all who are at the point of death. We remember those who have died, especially Sally Ryan Tomlinson, mother of Betsy Tomlinson, and Debby Maneckji, cousin of Arthur Woolverton, and we remember those we name before you now, aloud and silently...Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We give you thanks and praise for the wideness of your mercy, and for the personal attention of your provision each day of our lives. We offer our thanksgiving for all God's blessings, especially for our loved ones and for those who have taught us by word and example the love of God and the joy of faith. Here we offer our thanksgivings... Work in us, O God;

**That we may be a blessing to others.**

### **Concluding Collect**

*Celebrant*

Pour out your Spirit, O God, over all the world and inspire every heart with a knowledge and love of you. Grant that we who confess Jesus as Lord may give witness to your love every day of our lives. Through Jesus, our Lord and our Brother.

*People*

**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your  
sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*People* **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

“Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” by Richard Farrant

*Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,  
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart. Amen.*

*Ushers bring the offering plates forward as the congregation 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* **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

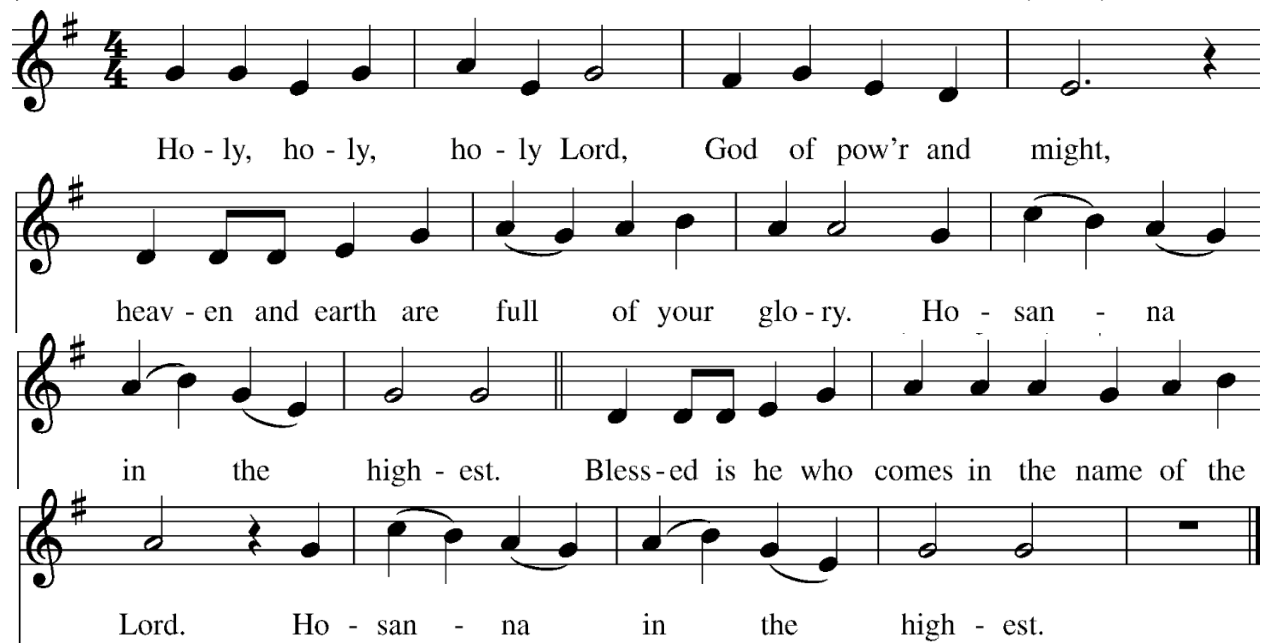
*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to our God.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Holy One.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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, #851

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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* 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.**

Fraction Anthem, #S169

My flesh is food indeed

The Hymnal 1982 Service Music

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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.*

Music at Communion, #749

The tree of life  
(see next page)

Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and  
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but  
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly  
 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and  
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with  
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus  
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in  
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus  
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Intern*

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.**

## Closing Hymn, #594

God of grace and God of glory

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

## The Dismissal

*Intern*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

"Sortie" by Theodore Dubois

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

---

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

Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings: New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ

in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Prayers of the People: written by The Rev. Stephen White

Offertory Prayer: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer, Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship* © 1998

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

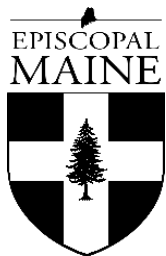
---

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Pastoral Intern</b>	Mary Curlew
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Lector</b>	Elizabeth Ring
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Susannah White
<b>A/V</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Bread Baker</b>	John Perkins
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Ann Donaghy
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Tom Hyndman
<b>VPOW</b>	Harriet Davis
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pam Waite + Kathleen Damon

## 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.



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME**  
*A Congregation of The Episcopal Diocese of Maine*

<b>Rector:</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Rector Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:amanda@stbartsyarmouth.org">amanda@stbartsyarmouth.org</a>
<b>Music Director:</b>	Dr. Christina Edelen
<b>Pastoral Intern:</b>	Mary Curlew
<b>Sr. Warden:</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Jr. Warden:</b>	Joe Michaud
<b>Pastoral Care:</b>	Imelda Schaefer, Barbara Barhydt
<b>Pastoral Care Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org">pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org</a>
<b>Parish Administrator:</b>	Teri Coviello
<b>Office Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:admin@stbartsyarmouth.org">admin@stbartsyarmouth.org</a>
<b>Office Hours:</b>	Tue-Thur, 9-3
<b>Telephone:</b>	207.846.9244
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stbartsyarmouth.org">www.stbartsyarmouth.org</a>