

*Season of Advent, Second Sunday
December 4, 2022, 9 am*



Waiting for the Revealing by Jan Richardson

“I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.” – Isaiah 43:19

St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" by Paul Manz

Welcome & Announcements Anne Berg

Opening Hymn, #57 Lo! He comes with clouds descending The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant In this Advent of anticipation
draw us together in unity,
People **that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.**

Celebrant In this Advent of anticipation
draw us together in mission,
People **that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.**

Celebrant In this Advent of anticipation
draw us together in service,
People **that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.**

Lighting the Advent Candles

Celebrant People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning your brokenness into wholeness.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.
People **O Great Mystery, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever.
Amen.**

The Advent Candles are lit as the congregation sings.

Candle-lighting Song "Like a Candle Flame" by G. Kendrick (last two pages of the bulletin)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Elizabeth Ring

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

1 Give the King your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Elizabeth Ring

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn, #59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Deacon
People*

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Estey

Anthem

"Remember, O Thou Man" by Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember O thou man
thy time is spent:
how thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can,
therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall
o thou man
From heav'n to hell!
How we were condemned all
In hell perpetual,
There for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness,
o thou man,
And promise made!
How he sent his son, doubtless
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid!

The angels all did sing,
o thou man,
On heav'n's high hill;
Praise to our heav'nly King,
And peace to man living,
With a good will.

In Bethlem He was born,
o thou man,
For mankind's sake;
For us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn,
Our flesh to take.

Give thanks to God always,
o thou man,
with heart most joylly,
For this is our happy day,
let all men sing and say:
"Holy, Holy!"

Affirmation of Faith

*Celebrant
People*

Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
**We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ
- God coming to us
in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn -
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death,
he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth**

as the body of Christ,
and empowers us
to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God.
Announced by the Baptist,
it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through
the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters,
robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfilment
of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day,
we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Prayers of the People

Leader Siblings in Christ, during this Advent season, we are invited to pay attention, to watch and to prepare for the coming of Christ in our lives and in this world. As we make our prayers, let us join with all in heaven and on earth as we pray: *Come Lord Jesus.*

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the church throughout the world, remembering especially our Palestinian siblings, and all who work to build up the body of Christ. We pray for your St. Bart's family gathered here today, that we may live into your mission for us at this time. Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, remembering especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office, remembering particularly Joe, our President, Janet, our Governor, and for political leaders everywhere, that they may administer the tasks of government with courage and equity. Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer**

Leader We light our orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence. May this candle, and all the lives it represents, burn brighter than our nation's idolatry of guns and inspire us to pursue meaningful change in our gun laws. Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, or struggle with addiction. We pray for the sick, the elderly and for those who find this time of year painful, remembering, at this time, those on our St. Bart's prayer list:

Bobby, Charles, Kellan, Pat, Marcella, Tim, Sam, Matthew, Antonia, Al, Alex, Virginia & Jamil, Ed, Hannah, Mike, David, Sarah, Erin, Jenny & Matt, Adam, Rich, Nancy & Jonathan, Joan L and Elizabeth, Perry, Jim, Matt & Shannon, Evan and family, Elaine, Peter, Jan, Sasha, Katie, Paige, Dale, Dave K and family, Bob, and Anne, Richard and family, Courtney, Dianne, and the Fitzgibbons family.

People Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud. Come Lord Jesus:
Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for this fragile earth. May we be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creation. Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for those who have died and those who mourn, that they may grow in their knowledge and love of you. We remember especially Jan Wentling, and Jane Olson, mother of Lisa Fitzgibbons. Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud: Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We thank you for all that makes our hearts glad this day: Please add your own thanks, either silently or aloud: Come Lord Jesus:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Celebrant We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming and help us to see your abiding presence already in our midst. Come Lord Jesus:

People **Even so, Lord, quickly come. Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People **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.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant "O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:11)

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

At this time, the bread and wine are brought forward. The ushers will collect the offerings of our community gathered.

Offertory Hymn, #67 Comfort, Comfort ye my people

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer

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 Christ our Sovereign.

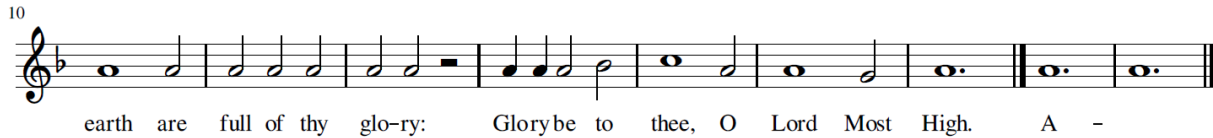
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is our joy to bless you, Creator of all, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Peter Christian Lutkin

*Celebrant*

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you;
 all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.
 And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our sight,
 we especially praise you, whom eternity cannot contain,
 for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.
 For his life which informs our living,
 for his compassion which changes our hearts,
 for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities,
 for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying,
 his rising to life breathing forgiveness,
 we praise you and bless you.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, which is
 given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the
 forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
 we fall silent ...

and remember him who came because words weren't enough.
 Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside,
 emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands,
 we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting,
 the forgiving that Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit
 to settle on this bread and wine,
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus
 that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ

and his Blood of the new Covenant.
 And then let that same Spirit rest on us,
 converting us from the patterns of this passing world,
 until we conform to the shape of the one whose food we now share.
 Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
 People*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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
 People*

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

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

Agnus Dei: S163

The Hymnal 1982

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

*Celebrant
 People*

Come! For all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Holy 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 — with some space between families — to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. At this time, 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 and abstain from sipping. 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.

During Communion, those who would like to are invited to go to the chapel for individual prayer and anointing.

Music at Communion, #272 The great forerunner of the morn

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray together,
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,
as we anticipate his coming in love,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Comfort Ye my People" by J. Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Estey
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Chalice Bearer: Mary Curlew
Lector: Elizabeth Ring
Prayers in the Chapel: John Perkins (member of the Pastoral Care team)
Ushers: Tom Hyndman, Nick Desiderio
Altar Guild: Beth LaSalle, Mary Ann Hodsdon
Flower Arranger: Mary Ann Hodsdon
A/V: Pal Covie
Bread Baker: Susannah White
Counters: Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Snow Removal:
VPOW: Anne Berg
Coffee Hour: Sarah Covie, Nancy Gunzelmann

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Cover Image: *Waiting for the Revealing* by Jan Richardson
Baptismal liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer.
Opening Acclamation is Copyright © John Birch, 2022.
Lighting of the Advent Candles is adapted from The Church of England: Worship & Text Resources.
Old Testament, New Testament and Gospels readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright ©1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.
Affirmation of Faith is Copyright ©2001 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net.
Prayers of the People from The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Eucharistic Prayer: *Setting Four* from Sundays and Seasons.com. © 2015 Augsburg Fortress.
Fraction, Post Communion Prayer, and Blessing are from Enriching Our Worship.



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

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Priest-in-Charge Email:	amanda@stbartsyarmouth.org
Music Director:	Christina Edelen
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Intern:	Mary Curlew
Sr. Warden:	Michele Johns
Jr. Warden:	Laurie Hyndman
Pastoral Care:	Imelda Schaefer, Barbara Barhydt
Pastoral Care Email:	pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org
Parish Administrator:	Teri Coviello
Office Email:	admin@stbartsyarmouth.org
Office Hours:	Tue-Thur, 9-3
Telephone:	207.846.9244
Website:	www.stbartsyarmouth.org

Like a candle flame

Words and music: Graham Kendrick
 Music arranged Christopher Norton

Gently

Am Em Am Em F G C

C Em7 F G C Am Dm G E7 F G

Like a can - dle flame, flick-'ring small in our dark-ness.

C Em7 F G C Am Dm G C

Un - cre - a - ted light shines through in - fant eyes.

Am Em F Am Em F

WOMEN God is with us, al - le -

MEN God is with us, al - le - lu - ia,

Am Em F Am Em F G

- lu - ia, come to save us, al - le - lu -

come to save us, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

1.2. C Dm7 G 3. C D. 4. C

- ia! - ia! - ia!

- 1 Like a candle flame,
flick'ring small in our darkness.
Uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.
MEN *God is with us, alleluia,*
WOMEN *God is with us, alleluia,*
MEN *come to save us, alleluia,*
WOMEN *come to save us,*
ALL *alleluia!*
- 2 Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in the shadows;
can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?
God is with us . . .
- 3 Yet His light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of His holy fire.
God is with us . . .