

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Andante" by William Selby

Welcome & Announcements *Mike Perfetti*

Opening Hymn, #7 Christ whose glory fills the skies *The Hymnal 1982*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,

People **we give you thanks.**

Right Side For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,

People **we give you thanks.**

Left Side For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith

People **we give you thanks.**

Celebrant For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,

People **we give you thanks.**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y 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 O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 First Lesson, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Nina Scribner

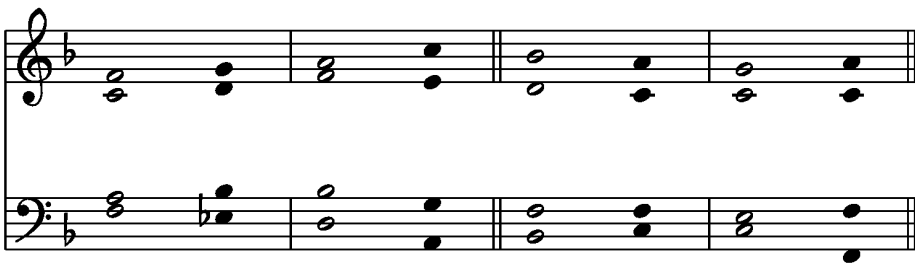
Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81, sung

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 Sing with joy to God our ' strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of ' Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the ' timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the ' lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new ' moon, *
and at the full moon, the day of our ' feast.

4 For this is a statute for ' Israel, *
a law of the God of ' Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon ' Joseph, *
when he came out of the land of ' Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice ' saying, *
" I eased his shoulder from the burden, his hands were free from bearing the ' load.

7 You called on me in trouble, and I ' saved you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder, and tested you at the waters of ' Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will ad- ' monish you: *
O Israel, if you would but ' listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god a- ' mong you; *
you shall not worship a foreign ' god.

10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and ' said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will ' fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my ' voice, *
and Israel would not o- ' bey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their ' hearts, *
to follow their own de- ' vices.

13 Oh, that my people would ' listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ' ways.

14 I should soon subdue their ' enemies *
and turn my hand against their ' foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe be- ' fore him, *
and their punishment would last for- ' ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest ' wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the ' rock.

The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Nina Scribner

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #776

No saints on earth

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Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
 2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
 that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
 Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
 and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

The Gospel, Mark 2:23-3:6

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

"Thou art my Life" by John Dowland

*Thou art my life; if Thou but turn away,
My life's a thousand deaths: Thou art my way;
Without Thee, Lord, I travel not, but stray.*

*My light Thou art; without Thy glorious sight
My eyes are darkened with perpetual night:
My God, Thou art my way, my life, my light.*

*Thou art my way; I wander, if Thou fly:
Thou art my light: if hid how blind am I!
Thou art my life: if Thou withdraw, I die.*

*Disclose Thy sunbeams; close Thy wings and stay;
See, see how I am blind, and dead, and stray,
O Thou that art my light, my life, my way!*

The Affirmation Of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
People **As children of God, we affirm:**

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and that,
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Barbara Barhydt

Leader The Holy Spirit aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. Spirit of the living God:

People **Fall afresh on us.**

O God, the Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, come into our lives to refresh and inspire us. Come as light and joy to enable and encourage us in all that we do. Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God, the Holy Spirit, come and revive your church, beginning here and now, that we may use your gifts and extend your love to others. In the Anglican Communion we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Aidan, Machias, St. Thomas, Camden, and for all those suffering ill health in body or in mind. We pray, also, for each of us in our own vocations and ministries. Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, guide and inspire our leaders with wisdom and discernment. Awaken in all of us the desire to work for the blessed gifts of peace, unity, and reconciliation. Work in us to renew and reshape the face of the earth according to your loving purposes. Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, fill our homes and our lives with the warmth of your love; stir our minds and inspire us to do new and creative things. Guide us in our relationships and draw us together in your fellowship of love and joy. Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, we bring before you all who hunger and thirst for new life, all who are weary or dis-spirited. Be with those who are ill or with special needs, and anoint them with the grace and balm of your love. We pray especially for those who have been entrusted to us on our parish prayer list:

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Michael Curry; Andy; Sally; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Liv; Patrick, Doris; and Rebecca.

And all those we name before you now either aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*). Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, your breath enlivens the dry bones of our lives and gives us hope even when life ends. We pray for those who have died and for all who grieve. We remember those we name before you now aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*). Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant God our creator, earth has many languages, but the gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through Jesus Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant God of all mercy,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

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.**

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.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The scriptures say: "See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God; for indeed so we are. Alleluia." (1 John 3:1)

As children of God, let us then, out of the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator, offer our gifts to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.

Ushers bring the offering plates forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you pour your Spirit upon us, arousing us with visions and dreams and intoxicating us with an uncontainable fervor to proclaim your truth in the language of praise.

You sent forth your Spirit to create the universe and fill it with your wonders. You breathed into us, and we rose from the dust, the face of the earth came alive. In these last days your child, Jesus Christ, came speaking your words and doing your works; revealing the truth of who you are. He was crucified, but you raised him to glory by your life-giving power. Having enveloped us in your love, and commissioned us to continue his works, he poured out your Holy Spirit on us, setting our hearts ablaze with a passion for peace, and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy.

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, S123

The Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna 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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:

(Congregation chants on a monotone G throughout)

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Fraction

Celebrant
People

This is the feast of liberation in our God.

Alleluia!

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God!**

The 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.

During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Communion Hymns #465 Eternal light / #327 Draw nigh and take *The Hymnal 1982*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May God, the great Hope of the World and Breath of Life,
breathe on you once again,
awaken your conscience to God's tender inspiration,
and increase your hunger for the life-changing power that the Holy Spirit brings.

May your lives exemplify the fruits of the Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and restraint.

May you use the gifts of the Spirit that God has given you to bless the church
and build God's Kin-dom on earth.

And may Almighty God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
bless you now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #381 Thy strong word *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

RESOURCES

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The Fraction: "This is the Feast" by John W. Arthur

The Blessing: adapted from a commonly used prayer called "Prayer for Life-Changing Power"

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Music	Christina Edelen
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Chalice Bearer	Barbara Barhydt
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Lector	Nina Scribner
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
A/V	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker	Nancy Gunzelmann
Counters	Harriet Davis, Pal Covie
Lawn Care	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Mike Perfetti
Coffee Hour	Jamie & Joe Michaud + Imelda Schaefer
Prayers in the Chapel	John Perkins
Sunday School Teacher	Pal Covie
Sunday School Assistant	Sandra Rush
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman



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