

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

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Prelude "My God Accept my Heart This Day" by Flor Peeters

Welcome & Announcements *Susan Garrett*

Opening Hymn, #697 My God Accept my Heart this Day *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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## The First Lesson, Genesis 3:8-15

Michele Johns

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

Jan Burson

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
    LORD, hear my voice; \*  
    let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
    O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
    therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
    in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
    more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
    more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
    for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
    and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Michele Johns

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn, #654

Day by Day

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Gospel, Mark 3:20-35

*The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## The Affirmation Of Faith

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

**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

*Jan Burson*

Leader

Let us gather our hearts and minds in prayer to the One who knows us, loves us,  
and invites us to grow. Open our hearts, O God;

People

**And encourage us to grow.**

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, inspire both our  
prayers and our actions that we may continue to proclaim Christ's Good News in  
what we say and do. Open our hearts, O God;

**And encourage us to grow.**

We give thanks that as with the mustard seed, God can inspire our faith and help  
our witness to grow strong and true. We pray for opportunities that we might  
share the love of God in our homes, our communities, and our work places. Open  
our hearts, O God;

**And encourage us to grow.**

We pray for the church, that it may grow in holiness, in service, and in numbers.  
In the Anglican Communion we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo  
and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for students who are graduating, and  
for our LGBTQ members and neighbors struggling for acceptance in their families  
and workplaces. Open our hearts, O God;

**And encourage us to grow.**

We remember with gratitude our teachers, mentors, and all who have helped us  
grow and mature. Help us to take seriously our ministry of guiding the young and  
supporting the vulnerable. Open our hearts, O God;

**And encourage us to grow.**

We pray for our country's leaders and for the member nations of the United Nations. May we grow up as a family of nations and work for the day when war will no longer be seen as a solution to our conflicts. Open our hearts, O God;  
**And encourage us to grow.**

We pray for all whose lives have been stunted by poverty, abuse, prejudice, addiction, or economic privation. Help us to work for a world in which there are new opportunities open to all, regardless of wealth or station in life. Open our hearts, O God;  
**And encourage us to grow.**

We also remember those who suffer sickness, disabilities, or special needs, especially those whose names 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; Rebecca; and Ed.**

And we pray for all those we name before you now either aloud or silently...  
Open our hearts, O God;  
**And encourage us to grow.**

Blessed are you, our God, for you give us the final victory. We give thanks for all who have been delivered from pain and death and who now go from strength to strength in your heavenly kingdom. We remember today those who have died and those we name before you now either aloud or silently...  
Open our hearts, O God;  
**And encourage us to grow.**

### Concluding Collect

*Celebrant* Gracious God, in you there is always a new creation. May we live in you as you live in us, that our faith become strong, our witness grow, and that in all things we proclaim the abundant life you promise. 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.*

### Offertory Hymn: #620

Jerusalem, my happy home

*The Hymnal 1982*

*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* This is the feast of liberation in our God.  
*People* **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.*

### Communion Music

"Elegie" by Flor Peeters

## 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, #445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

*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.

## Postlude

"Postludium" by Flor Peeters

## 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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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Carol Hayes
<b>A/V</b>	Joe Michaud
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Counters</b>	Susie Soule, Pam Hobson
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>VPOW</b>	Susan Garrett
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	



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