

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude

"Voluntary" by Edward Elgar

Welcome & Announcements

Harriet Davis

Opening Hymn

"The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy" (to the tune Hanover)

1. The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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.**

Gloria, #896

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 - 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 Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Lesson, Ezekiel 17:22-24

Laurie Hyndman

Thus says the Lord God:

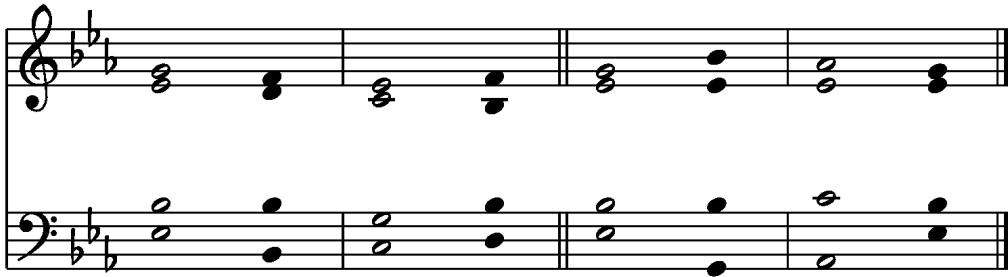
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92; 1-4, 11-14, sung

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1. It is a good thing to give thanks to the ' Lord, *
and to sing praises to your name, O Most ' High;
2. To tell of your loving-kindness early in the ' morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night ' season;
3. On the psaltery, and on the ' lyre, *
and to the melody of the ' harp.
4. For you have made me glad by your acts, O ' Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your ' hands.
11. The righteous shall flourish like a ' palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of ' Lebanon.
12. Those who are planted in the house of the ' Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our ' God;
13. They shall still bear fruit in old ' age; *
they shall be green and ' succulent;
14. That they may show how upright the ' Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no ' fault.

The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

Laurie Hyndman

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if

we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #588

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel, Mark 4:26-34

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #303

Father, we thank thee

The Hymnal 1982

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

Pal Covie

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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and in our
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints by the Sea, Bailey Island, Trinity
Chapel, York Harbor, and for the deacons of the Diocese of Maine. 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 Anthem

"I Will Worship the Lord" by John Rutter

*I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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 Hymn, #314

Humbly I adore thee

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, #347

Go forth for God

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

"The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy" by Gordon Young

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

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Pal Covie
Lector	Laurie Hyndman
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Susannah White
A/V	Laurie Hyndman
Bread Baker	Susannah White
Counters	Harriet Davis, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Lawn Care	Kevin Gillan
VPOW	Harriet Davis
Coffee Hour	Nancy Gunzelmann + Teri Coviello



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