

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Sinfonia #13 in A minor" by JS Bach

Welcome & Announcements *Susan Garrett*

Opening Hymn, #601 O day of God, draw nigh *The Hymnal 1982*

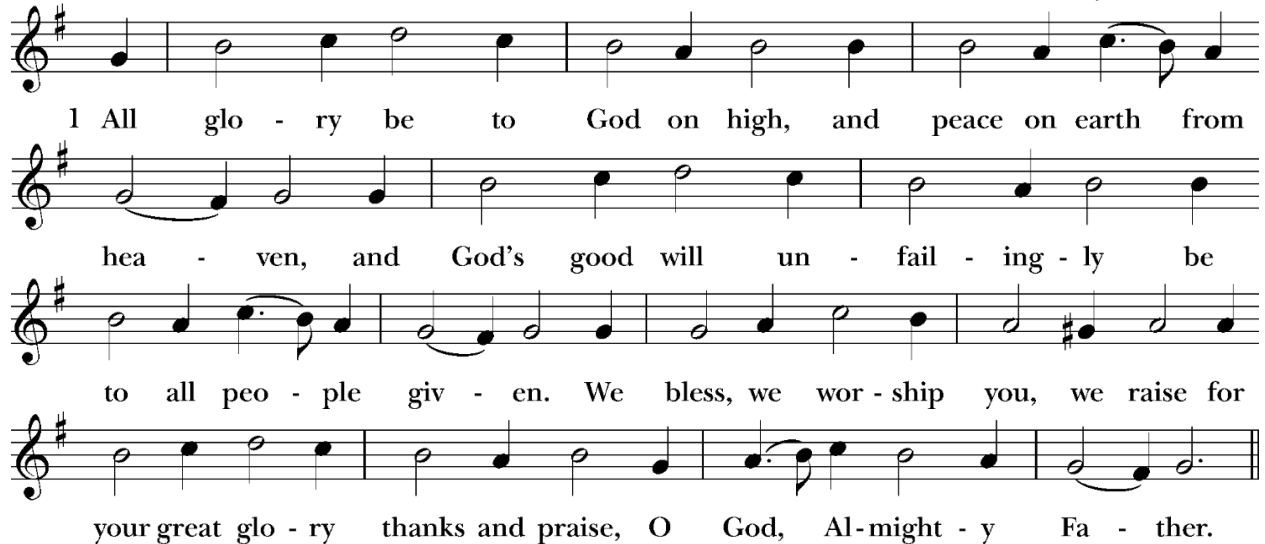
Opening Words

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, 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.**

Gloria, #421 *The Hymnal 1982*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen**

THE LESSONS

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Linda Perkins

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

Mary Curlew

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Gospel Hymn, #482

Lord of all hopefulness

The Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #478

Glory be to Jesus

The Hymnal 1982

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed
People **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Mary Curlew

Leader We rejoice in the protection and care of our good and gracious Shepherd. Let us pray that God will guide us and keep us in the ways that lead to life, nourishment, and peace.

People O Good Shepherd lead us:
In paths of justice and peace.

We pray for the shepherds of our flock and for all who minister in your name, especially Thomas, our bishop, and Amanda, our rector. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Ireland, and in our Diocese we pray for All Saints by the Sea, Southport, St. James Chapel, Prouts Neck, and for the mission and ministry of Camp Bishopswood.

O Good Shepherd lead us:
In paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all who hold the reins of power in government. May they be inspired to serve with integrity and justice and to follow the example of the good

shepherd and lead all people into a place of security and peace. We pray especially for the people of Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and especially civilians caught in war and sectarian strife.

O Good Shepherd lead us:

In paths of justice and peace.

We give thanks for all who have sought us out in times of trouble and who have been a strength and a joy to us. We pray that you will guide all who teach and influence others. Let us know your presence in our homes and with our loved ones and guide us in our choices and in our friendships.

O Good Shepherd lead us:

In paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all who have lost direction or who have lost faith in themselves, in the world, and in their God. Knowing that the Good Shepherd seeks us out and finds us, we pray for those with special needs and those who have commended themselves to our prayers. We pray for those 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; Patrick, Rebecca; Jessie; Nova; Nate; and Richard.

And, we pray for all those we name before you now either aloud or silently.

O Good Shepherd lead us:

In paths of justice and peace.

We rejoice that you lead us through the valley of the shadow of death and offer us life eternal. We remember those who grieve and those who have died and we remember those we name before you now either aloud or silently.

O Good Shepherd lead us:

In paths of justice and peace.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Safe in the love and protection of the Good Shepherd are your people, O God. Give us the courage and insight to become shepherds for those who have lost their way and to help lead the world into that place that more nearly reflects the will and love of God, through Jesus Christ we pray.

People

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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 your Son 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 our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are encouraged to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering

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

The bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers collect the offering.

Offertory Hymn, #686

Come thou fount

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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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, #858

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

People Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

People All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

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.

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 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.

Hymn at Communion, #335

I am the bread of life

The Hymnal 1982

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #704

O thou who camest

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Sinfonia #15 in B minor” by JS Bach

Worship Resource

This morning's Service comes from Rite II in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The Blessing is from *Enriching Our Worship*. The hymns come from hymnals which are listed in line with the hymn titles.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
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Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
Lector	Linda Perkins
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	John Perkins
Counters	Pal Covie, Pam Hobson
Lawn Care	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Susan Garrett
Coffee Hour	



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