

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Drei Intermezzi Op. 117 No 1" by Johannes Brahms


Opening Hymn, #8 Morning has broken *The Hymnal 1982*

Welcome & Announcements *Kathy Abernathy*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSONS

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

Mike Perfetti

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

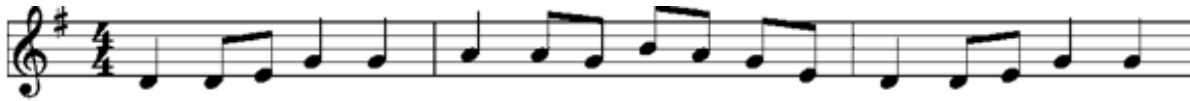
(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm, 78:23-29

Pal Covie

So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.
He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.
So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.
He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.
He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.
So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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Holy Gospel: John 6:24-35

The Rev. Portia Hirschman

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O God.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Portia Hirschman

Hymn, #302

Father, we thank thee

The Hymnal 1982

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,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

Pal Covie

Leader Our God knows us and loves us beyond all that we can grasp or understand. Let us offer to God the prayers and intercessions of our hearts, knowing that God is doing better things than we can ask or imagine.

People Wise and gracious God;
Fill us with your Spirit.

Wise and gracious God, we give thanks for all that you have done for us, for the life and the love you bestow upon us. Make us mindful of your gifts and ready to offer all that we have to further your purposes in the world.

Wise and gracious God;
Fill us with your Spirit.

Guide the work of the Church to reflect more perfectly your will. We pray for the Anglican Communion and The Anglican Church of Kenya. We pray also for the body of Christ gathered in the Diocese of Maine, especially St. Christopher by the Sea, Winter Harbor and St. George's Chapel, Tenants Harbor, and for those incarcerated, those who love them and those who minister to them. We are particularly mindful of leaders, lay and ordained, but also of all those among us who feel alienation and discrimination. May we discover anew how to be the Church for all God's people.

Wise and gracious God;
Fill us with your Spirit.

We pray for a renewed commitment to peace and justice, and pray especially for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all who are victims of war, civil strife, and sectarian violence. We pray for the time when the human family will say, "Enough of war and hatred and greed!"

Wise and gracious God;

Fill us with your Spirit.

We pray for our communities and for all efforts to improve the lives of those who are marginalized by poverty or discrimination. Help us to remember that we are all brothers and sisters of one another in Christ.

Wise and gracious God;

Fill us with your Spirit.

Give us the wisdom, O God, to make every effort to save this planet from our misuse of it. We pray for those who work to preserve the air, the land, and the waters. May we appreciate both your gift of the creation and our responsibility to be good and wise stewards of that gift.

Wise and gracious God;

Fill us with your Spirit.

We are mindful of those who have special needs, those who live in their own particular darkness or despair. Make us sensitive to their needs and give us the courage and insight to be better ministers to them. We pray for those who have entrusted their names to 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; Richard; Isaac; Bill; Dave & Judy; and Joan.

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

Wise and gracious God;

Fill us with your Spirit.

We rejoice with all who now praise you in the glory of your eternity, who sing your praises with all the company of heaven. We pray for loved ones departed...

Wise and gracious God;

Fill us with your Spirit.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant: Gracious God, who invites us to the heavenly banquet and feeds us with the bread of life, nourish us with your Spirit that we may go forth and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. We pray in Christ's name.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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 enslaves 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.**

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

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, #307

Lord enthroned *verses 1,4,5*

The Hymnal 1982

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 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

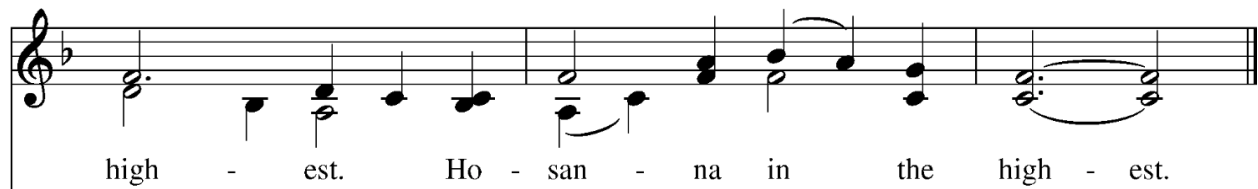
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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



Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,

that with all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant

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

People

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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation

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

Music During Communion "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #709

O God of Bethel

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

"Solfeggietto" by CPE Bach

Worship Resources

This morning's Liturgy is from *Enriching Our Worship* ©1998

The Nicene Creed omits the Flioque ("who proceeds from the Father, **and the son**") in accordance with Church Canons and in solidarity with The Eastern Orthodox expressions of the Christian Church.

The Prayers of the People were written by The Rev. Stephen White.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Portia Hirschman
Musician	Sarah Covie
Chalice Bearer	Pal Covie
Lector	Mike Perfetti
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann & Ann Donaghy
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Carol Hayes
A/V	Arthur Woolverton
Bread Baker	Nancy Gunzelmann
Counters	Susie Soule, Tom Hyndman
Lawn Care	John Duncan
VPOW	Kathy Abernathy
Coffee Hour	Nancy Gunzelmann
Prayers in the Chapel	Imelda Schaefer