

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Toccatà" by J.P. Sweelinck


Opening Hymn, #48 O day of radiant gladness *The Hymnal 1982*

Welcome & Announcements *Joe Michaud*

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 4:25-5:2

John Perkins

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Psalm, 34:1-8

Barbara Barhydt

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
 let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!

Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

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

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

I am the bread of life

Wonder, Love, & Praise

*I am the bread of life
I am the bread of life, I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me shall never hunger,
whoever trusts in me shall never thirst:*

*This is the living Bread which comes from heaven,
the bread which all may eat and never die:
None come to me unless the Father draw them,
and I will raise them up at the last day:*

*All they who eat my flesh and drink my blood
abide in me and I abide in them:*

Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946), based on John 6

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

Barbara Barhydt

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 Korea. We pray also for the body of Christ gathered in the Diocese of Maine, especially St. Ann, Kennebunkport, and for the spouses, companions, and families of clergy in the diocese. 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; Steven; Jennifer; Jason; and the family of Joan Tilney, including her children Bernie, Lin, Bob, and Tina.

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, especially Joan Peyton Tilney...
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, #341

For the bread

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
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

People Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
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.
Amen.

People

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

People

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

People

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

Invitation

Celebrant

People

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

Communion Hymn, #581

When charity and love prevail

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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, #617

Eternal ruler

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Psalm 116 "I love the Lord" by J.P. Sweelinck

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.

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