

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

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Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" from *Cantata 209*, by J.S. Bach

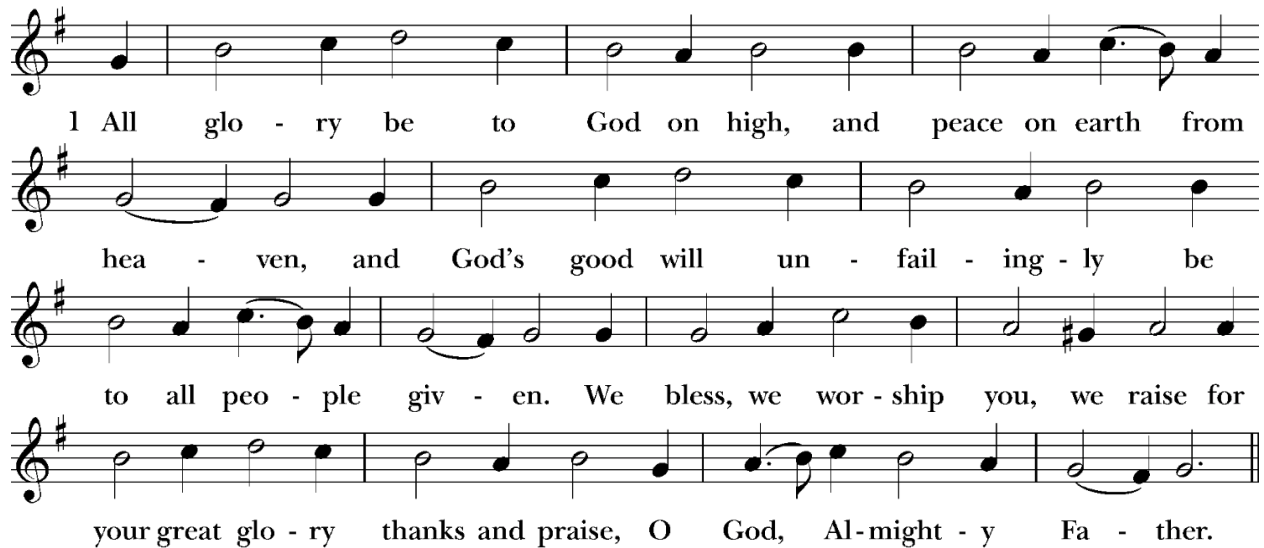
Welcome & Announcements *Susan Garrett*

Opening Hymn, #488 Be Thou my vision *The Hymnal 1982*

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LESSONS

### Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20

*Michele Johns*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### Psalm, 34:9-14

*Carla Hunt*

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.  
Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

### Gospel Hymn, #330

Therefore we before him bending

*The Hymnal 1982*

### Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58

*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 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."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

### Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

### Hymn, #322

When Jesus died to save us

*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

*Carla Hunt*

*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.

Wise and gracious God;

*People* **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 Melanesia. We pray also for the body of Christ gathered in the Diocese of Maine, especially Christ Church Dark Harbor, Isleboro, and for the victims of human trafficking and those working to combat it. 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 siblings 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; Pamela; 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 Paton 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 Music

"Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen (arr. Agioritis)

### 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.  
*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.*

## Communion Hymn, #327

Draw nigh and take

*The Hymnal 1982*

## 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, #665

All my hope on God is founded

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

"Badinage" *from Orchestral Suite II*, by J.S. 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

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Special Musicians</b>	Eileen Bonine, Carolyn Lanigan, Carol McMullen, Nan White
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Carla Hunt
<b>Lector</b>	Michele Johns
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Carla Hunt
<b>A/V</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Susannah White
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Harriet Davis
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Tom Hyndman
<b>VPOW</b>	Susan Garrett
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Imelda Schaefer



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