

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sep 1, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Sonata in C" by Willem DeFesch


Welcome & Announcements Gary Sylvester

Opening Hymn, #557 Rejoice ye pure in heart! *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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSONS

Epistle: James 1:17-27

Elizabeth Ring

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Lisa Fitzgibbons

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Gospel Hymn, #656

Blest are the pure in heart

The Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

The Rev. Steve White

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Sermon

Mary Curlew

Hymn, #798

Lord Jesus, think on me
(see next page)

Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin; from
 2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed; let
 3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray; through
 4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I

earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav' - nly way.
 may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

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

Lisa Fitzgibbons

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 Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. We pray also for the body of Christ gathered in the Diocese of Maine, especially Grace Church, Bath, for all who labor and work, and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment. 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; and Pamela.

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 Anthem "Teach me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

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.**

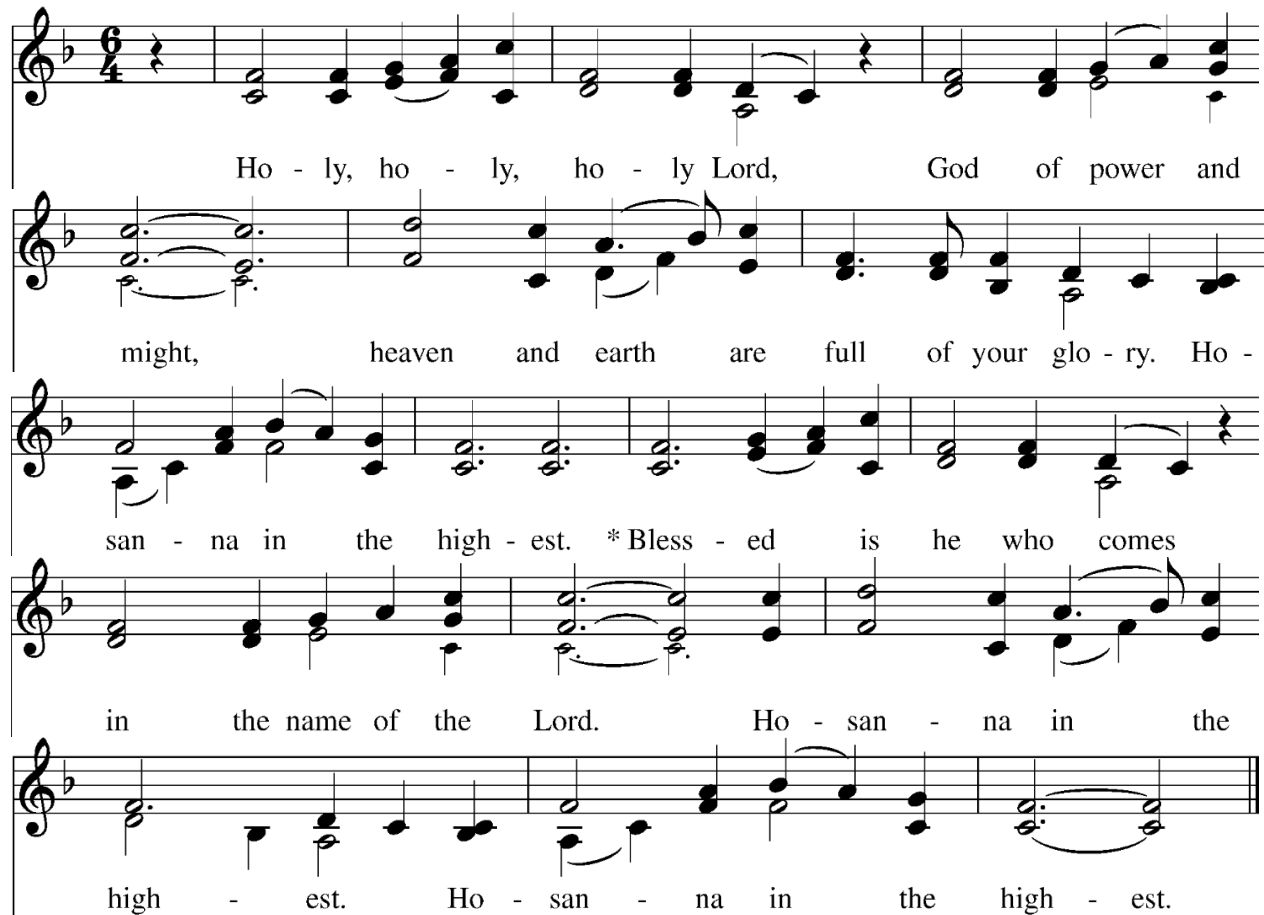
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

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.

During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Music at Communion "Cello Sonata in Bb" by Vivaldi

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, #372 Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

Postlude "Largo" from Sonata in G, by J.B. de Boismortier

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.

The Offering Prayer is from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship © 2006*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Steve White
Preaching	Mary Curlew
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Chalice Bearer	Lisa Fitzgibbons
Lector	Elizabeth Ring
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann, Pal Covie
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Mary Calvin
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	Chrystena Hahn
Counters	Susie Soule, Pamela Trudo
Lawn Care	Peter Sillin
VPOW	Gary Sylvester
Prayers in the Chapel	Susannah White