

Eastertide

April 21, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Psalm 23" by Gilbert Martin

Welcome & Announcements *Pal Covie*

Opening Hymn, #478 Jesus, our mighty Lord *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Deacon Let every creature and creation rejoice!
People **All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"**

Celebrant Let us share every story of coming alive again.
People **And testify to all that brings peace and justice.**

Deacon No spirit of destruction can silence us.
People **Let everything that has breath praise God!**

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Gloria, S278 *(see next page)*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

John Perkins

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Mary Curlew

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

John Perkins

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Hymn, #646

The king of love my shepherd is

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to John
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Choir Anthem

Psalm 23 by Bobby McFerrin

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

- Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Parents & Sponsors* We present Noah Paul Wise to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that Noah is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
- Parents & Sponsors* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help Noah to grow into the full stature of Christ?
- Parents & Sponsors* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Parents & Sponsors* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Parents & Sponsors* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Parents & Sponsors* I renounce them.
- Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Parents & Sponsors* I do.
- Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in God's grace and love?
- Parents & Sponsors* I do.
- Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey Jesus Christ as your Lord?
- Parents & Sponsors* I do.
- Celebrant* People of God, will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- People* **We will.**
- Celebrant* Let us join, now, with Noah's parents and sponsor who are committing themselves to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Noah who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O God, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant Noah Paul, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O God, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

The candidate is then anointed with Chrism

Celebrant Noah Paul, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The family is presented with a Baptismal Candle

Leader Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with the sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #399

To God, with Gladness sing

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 May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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Celebrant
People
Celebrant

We lift them to our God.
Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
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, S128

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.

Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The 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 cup 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 Hymns

343 Shepherd of Souls

The Hymnal 1982

664 My shepherd will supply my need

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The 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, #708

Savior like a shepherd lead us

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude

"Fantasia" by J. Pachelbel

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded

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Baptismal Liturgy: *The Book of Common Prayer*

Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Jan Burson
Lector	John Perkins
Ushers	Jay & Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
Flower Arranger	Susannah White
A/V	Pal Covie
Bread Baker	Susannah White
Counters	Pal Covie, Pam Hobson
Lawn Care	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Pal Covie
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy + Grayson & Gary Sylvester
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman