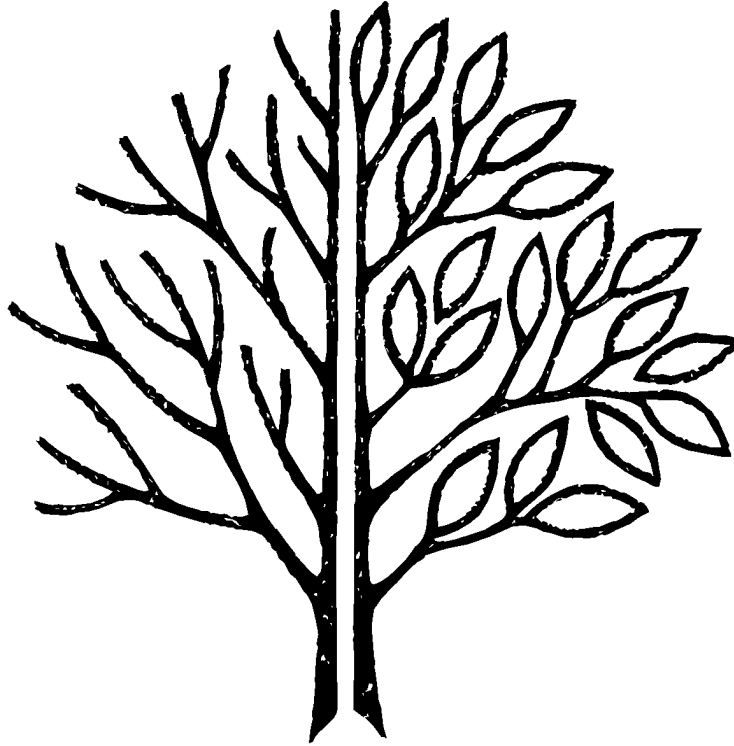


*Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer  
Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30 PM*



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church    Yarmouth, Maine**

GATHERING

*A chime indicates the start of worship.*

**Opening Responses**

*Leader*            Peace on each one who comes in need,  
*People*              **Peace on each one who comes in joy.**

Peace on each one who offers prayers,  
**Peace on each one who offers song.**

Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,  
**Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

Opening Song, #757

Will You Come and Follow Me

Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



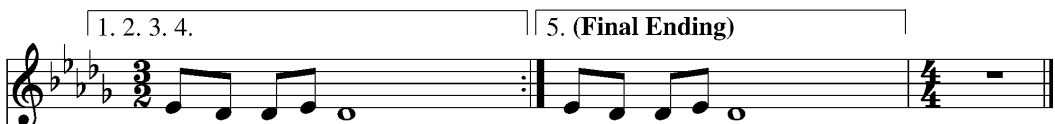
I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in



you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

Prayer

Leader

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

People

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

**We give you thanks.**

O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Lectio Divina**, see insert for reading

*Lectio Divina means "holy reading." The text will be read three times. After each reading, there will be time for silent reflection. The questions below are intended to help inspire your reflection, one question for after each reading of the text.*

1. *What one word or phrase sticks out to you?*
2. *What feelings does this reading provoke, and how does it relate to your life?*
3. *What is God calling you to do or how is God calling you to respond?*

### **The Prayers**

*Leader*

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

*Your intercessions may be offered aloud or silently.*

We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer.

*Your intercessions may be offered aloud or silently.*

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight.

*Your intercessions may be offered aloud or silently.*

We bring to God silently, someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

*Your intercessions may be offered silently.*

We bring ourselves to God, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

*A moment of silence as we each recognize the presence of God around us.*

O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbor, to our foes, to our friends, to our kindred all.

*People*

**Kindle in our hearts within a flame of love.**

*Here there is an extended time of reflection during which all are invited to light a candle as an extension of your prayer. You may offer a specific intention or concern, knowing that the light of Christ is present in this moment. You also could simply stay in your seat in quiet reflection. In this time of reflection, we sing:*

#146

God to Enfold You

*My Heart Sings Out*

God to en - fold you, Christ to up - hold you,  
Spi - rit to keep you in hea - ven's sight;  
so may God grace you, heal and em - brace you,  
lead you through dark - ness in - to the light.

The musical score for "God to Enfold You" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God to en - fold you, Christ to up - hold you, Spi - rit to keep you in hea - ven's sight; so may God grace you, heal and em - brace you, lead you through dark - ness in - to the light." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

#20

Kindle a Flame

*Singing Our Prayer*

Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and  
take all fear a - way.

The musical score for "Kindle a Flame" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and take all fear a - way." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The second system includes a fermata over the final chord.

## Closing Responses

*Leader*

O Trinity of Love, you have been with us at the world's beginning,  
**be with us till the world's end.**

*People*

You have been with us at our life's shaping,  
**be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising,  
**be with us till the day's end.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Confession & Concern

*Leader*

O God,

*People*

**gladly we live and move and have our being in you.**  
Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,  
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:  
around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter;  
beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,  
the betrayal of one another;  
And often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.  
O Trinity of love,  
Forgive us that we may forgive one another,  
heal us that we may be people of healing,  
and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.

*Leader*

O God of all creation  
who has come to us in Jesus,  
lead us in your way of love  
and fill us with your Spirit.  
Choose us  
to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
to bring sight to the blind  
and set free the oppressed.  
So shall your new creation come  
and your will be done.

*People*

**Amen.**

**Response, #10**

Flower of Compassion

*Singing Our Prayer*

(see next page)



Song, #801

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Wonder, Love, and Praise

*Unison* *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:  
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The Peace

*Leader*

The Peace of Christ is always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Let us go from here sharing Christ's peace with one another.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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