

*A Celebration of the Life of*  
*Nancy Allyn*

Dec 6, 1928 - Jan 23, 2025



Saturday, March 1, 2025 2:00 PM

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

## GATHERING

Organ Prelude

Welcome

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

Opening Words

*Presider*

We have come together  
to remember before God the life of Nancy,  
to commend her to God's keeping,  
to commit her body to the earth,  
and to comfort those who mourn  
with our sympathy and with our love;  
in the hope we share  
through the death and resurrection  
of Jesus Christ.

*People*

The Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

Gathering Hymn

This is my Father's world

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

## Opening Anthem

*Presider*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though they die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed themselves to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awakening, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in themselves,  
and none becomes their own master when they die.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

## The Collect

*Presider*

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister, Nancy. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

## THE READINGS

**A Reading:** "On the Death of the Beloved" by John O'Donohue

*Read by Hillary Pidden*

Though we need to weep your loss,  
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts  
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn  
Brightening over our lives,  
Awakening beneath the dark  
A further adventure of color.

The sound of your voice  
Found for us  
A new music  
That brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze  
Quickened in the joy of its being;  
You placed smiles like flowers  
On the alter of the heart.  
Your mind always sparkled  
With wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,  
Your spirit was alive, awake, complete.

We look toward each other no longer  
From the old distance of our names;  
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,  
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,  
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,  
Smiling back at us from within everything  
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,  
Where we would grow lonely without you.  
You would want us to find you in presence,  
Beside us when beauty brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,  
Darkest winter has turned to spring;  
May this dark grief flower with hope  
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:  
to enter each day with a generous heart.  
To serve the call of courage and love  
Until we see your beautiful face again  
In that land where there is no more separation,  
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,  
And where we will never lose you again.

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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*Presider* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, O God.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

## Reflections

*John "Jordy" Allyn, son  
Dorothy "Dee" Allyn Packer, daughter  
Robert "Tad" Allyn, son  
Emily Packer, granddaughter  
Brian Allyn, grandson*

## Homily

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Hymn, #662

Abide with me

*The Hymnal 1982*

1 A - bid with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid:  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me.  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Leader*

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

*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.**

*Leader*

God our Creator,  
we pray for the family and friends of Nancy,  
that they may know the comfort of your love.

*People*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will use us  
as bearers of your love,  
to support them in their grief.  
We also remember before you  
all who mourn and all who suffer.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us patience and faith  
in this time of our loss,  
so that we may come to understand  
the wonder of your mercy,  
and the mystery of your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Increase our faith and trust  
in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
that we may live victoriously.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us such a vision of your purpose,  
and such an assurance of your love and power,  
that we may ever hold fast the hope  
which is in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Concluding Collects

*Leader* God of grace, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, who by his death has destroyed the power of death, and by his glorious resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us to know that because Christ lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from your love.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Creator of all, we pray to you for Nancy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE COMMENDATION

*Presider* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing,  
but life everlasting.**

*Presider* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Presider* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing,  
but life everlasting.**

*The Presider, with hand on the ashes, says...*

*Presider* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Nancy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*People* **Amen.**



## THE SENDING

### Closing Words

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

### St. Bart's Blessing

*Presider*

My Friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, and make haste to be kind, and rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. The Blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

*People*

**Amen.**

### Closing Hymn, 42

Now the day is over

*The Hymnal 1982*

1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,  
2 Je - sus, give the wear - y calm and sweet re - pose;  
3 Grant to lit - tle child - ren vis - ions bright of thee;  
4 Com - fort ev - ery suf - ferer watch - ing late in pain;  
5 Through the long night watch - es may thine an - gels spread

1 sha - dows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.  
2 with thy tend - erest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.  
3 guard the sail - ors toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.  
4 those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.  
5 their white wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

1 eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.  
2 bless - ing may our eye - lids close.  
3 toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.  
4 e - vil from their sin re - strain.  
5 bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

6 When the morning wakens,  
then may I arise  
Pure, and fresh, and sinless  
in thy holy eyes.

### Dismissal

*Leader*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past” by Healy Willan



*At the conclusion of the service, guests are invited to join the family for a light reception at the Dockside Grill (215 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME 04105)*

### Worship Leaders

Presider	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson, Rector
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Worship Leader	Mary Curlew, Pastoral Intern
Reader	Hillary Pidden
Reflections	John Allyn, Dorothy Allyn Packer, Robert Allyn Emily Packer, Brian Allyn
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