# *The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Aug 16, 2026 9:30 AM*

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

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements — *Gary Sylvester*

*Moment of silence for reflection.*

Opening Hymn, #8 Morning has broken — *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Words — *BCP pg. 355*

Gloria, all verses — *Take Up the Song*

Collect of the Day

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.

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Isaiah 56: 1,6-8 *John Perkins*

Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 67 *Peter Sillin*

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may God, our own God, give us your blessing.

May God give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

**Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** *John Perkins*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn, #470** There's a wideness *The Hymnal 1982*

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28** *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**Sermon** *The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Moment of silence for reflection.*

**Hymn, #538** God of mercy *The Hymnal 1982*

**The Nicene Creed** *BCP pg. 358*

**The Prayers of the People** *Peter Sillin*

RESPONSE
*Leader* Merciful God,
*People* **receive our prayer**

PRAYER LIST
**Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hana; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; Lin; Caroline; Ed; Greg; Tom; Diane; Kurt; Joe; Kathy; Laura; Brookie; Judy; Celeste; Jackie, Matt, Phil, Lisa S; the family of Jennifer Willard, and the family of Lisa Nardozzi.**

**Confession of Sin** *BCP pg. 360*

**The Peace** *BCP pg. 360*

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Sentence** *BCP pg. 376*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. (Revelation 4:11)

**Offertory, #312** Strengthen for service *The Hymnal 1982*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray,

All things come from you, O God. And from your wondrous bounty, we offer these gifts. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving *BCP pg.367*

Sanctus*, #*858 *(sung)* *Wonder, Love, & Praise*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer *BCP pg. 364*

Holy Communion

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you forward to stand around the chancel to receive the bread and the wine. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms at your chest. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat.*

Piano Music at Communion

Postcommunion Prayer *BCP pg. 365*

Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
Amen.

Closing Hymn, #371 Thou whose almighty word *The Hymnal 1982*

**The Dismissal** *BCP Pg. 366*

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

**Postlude**

## Worship Resource

Psalm: The St. Helena Breviary
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## Serving in Worship Today

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| **Celebrant** | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson |
| **Chalice Bearer** | Peter Sillin |
| **Nonvested Chalice Bearer** | John Duncan |
| **Lector** | John Perkins |
| **Ushers** | Tom Hyndman, Nancy Gunzelmann |
| **Altar Guild** | Linda and John Perkins |
| **Flower Arranger** | Jay Souder |
| **Music** | Sarah Covie |
| **A/V** | Laurie Hyndman |
| **Bread Baker** | Peter Sillin |
| **Counters** | Tom Hyndman, Ann Donaghy |
| **Lawn Care** | John Duncan |
| **VPOW** | Gary Sylvester |
| **Coffee Hour** | Jamie Michaud & Susan Garrett |

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