

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

Prelude "Prelude on Nicoea" by Flor Peters

Welcome & Announcements

Joe Michaud

Opening Hymn, #362 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity,
People **neither blending their persons
nor dividing their essence.**

Celebrant For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

People **But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 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 of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson, Isaiah 6:1-8

Mike Perfetti

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

Psalm 29, sung

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1. Ascribe to the Lord, you ‘ gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and ‘ strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his ‘ name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of ‘ holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the God of glory ‘ thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty ‘ waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful ‘ voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of ‘ splendor.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the ‘ cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of ‘ Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a ‘ calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ‘ ox.
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire, the voice of the Lord shakes the ‘ wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of ‘ Kadesh.

8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees ' writhe *
and strips the forests ' bare.

9. And in the temple of the ' Lord *
all are crying, ' "Glory!"

10. The Lord sits enthroned above the ' flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever- ' more.

11. The Lord shall give strength to his ' people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of ' peace.

The Second Lesson, Romans 8:22-27

Mike Perfetti

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Gospel Hymn #745

God, beyond all human praises

Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. God, be - yond all hu - man prais - es, wings of cher - u -
2. God of har - mo - ny and beau - ty, God of floods by
3. God of his - tory's plan un - fold - ing, jus - tice as its
4. Hu - man sin your plan has twist - ed, hu - man wills de -



bim your throne, hid by light's en - gulf - ing splen - dor,
tem - pest blown, God of Na - ture's jea - lous or - der,
goal and crown; God of free - dom, God of mys - t'ry,
fy your own; all the world re - verts to cha - os.



rule in heav'n as God a-lone. You are the Ho - ly One.
rule on earth as God a-lone. You are the Ho - ly One.
rule through time as God a-lone. You are the Ho - ly One.
Rule and judge as God a-lone. You are the Ho - ly One.

5. You, by Jesus' Cross and Passion, made in hope creation one.
Now we live by your forgiveness.
Rule in love as Love alone.
You are the Holy One.
6. Keep us ever in your presence; in your Love our love has grown.
Wash us, feed us, turn us, heal us,
rule our hearts through Love alone.
You are the Holy One.
- *7. God of all our new beginnings, seal with grace what we have done.
Bless our Bishop, bless *her* people.
Rule your church through Love alone.
You are the Holy One.
8. Lead us onward to your kingdom on the way your Love makes known.
God, our joy, our peace, our glory,
Holy Love you rule alone.
You are the Holy One.

The Gospel, John 3:1-17

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

The Sermon

Mary Curlew, Pastoral Intern

Hymn, #368

Holy Father, great Creator

The Hymnal 1982

The Affirmation Of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
People As children of God, we affirm:
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and that,
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Anne Jacobs

Leader As we celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God, we reflect on the truth of God
as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We bring our prayers before God, and pray:
Holy, holy, holy God,
People **Who was and is and is to come.**

O God, out of love you created all that is. We thank you for the wonder, beauty,
and order of creation. Made in your image, we humbly join you in that creative
act. Assist us in our work of preserving the land, the waters, and the air that
generations yet to come may give thanks for your creative work.
Holy, holy, holy God,
Who was and is and is to come.

O Christ, our Redeemer, in love you came among us, giving birth to new hope and
new vision. May your church bear witness to that vision and embrace all
humanity in God's reign. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church of
the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St.
George, Sanford, and for all who have died in the service of their country.
Holy, holy, holy God,
Who was and is and is to come.

O Spirit of God, with love you renew the face of the earth and challenge us to be
truth-tellers and peacemakers. Breathe new life into us that we may create a

more just and peaceful world. Give us courage to hold our leaders accountable and inspire us to abolish war and begin to work for lasting and just solutions to the issues of poverty, disease, prejudice, and terrorism.

Holy, holy, holy God,

Who was and is and is to come.

O God, you are acknowledged in many ways and called by many names, give us wisdom and humility that we may acknowledge the truth that others possess and be open to God's continuing revelation.

Holy, holy, holy God,

Who was and is and is to come.

O God, from whom we learn compassion and who is the source of all healing and wholeness, we pray for those with special needs: the sick, the grieving, all refugees, and those who suffer abuse, addiction, or poverty. We pray for those whose names have been entrusted to us on 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; Liv; Patrick, Doris; and Rebecca.

And we pray for all those we name before you now either aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Holy, holy, holy God,

Who was and is and is to come.

We give thanks today for the mystery and ministry of the Trinity among us. We are particularly mindful of those who have been gathered together with the saints in light, remembering those who have died, and all those we name before you now either aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Holy, holy, holy God,

Who was and is and is to come.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

O holy and gracious God, though our best efforts pale in the face of your wonder and mystery, perfect our prayers and complete our works done in your name. May we as individuals and as a church come to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day. We pray this in Christ's name.

People

Amen.

The Confession

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 ensnares 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.

The 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.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The scriptures say: "See what love has been given to us, that we should be called
children of God; for indeed so we are. Alleluia." (1 John 3:1)

As children of God, let us then, out of the abundance of blessings bestowed upon
us by our Creator, offer our gifts to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.

Offertory Anthem

"Hymn to the Trinity" by P.I. Tchaikovsky

*Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying,
ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Saints and martyrs praise thy name,
Trinity life-giving,
earthborn sorrow leaving before thy throne.
Ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Father omnipotent,
mighty in glory,
Christ thy son our saviour,
who died that we might live,
Holy Spirit, mystic dove dwelling with us evermore;*

*we praise thee, blessed Trinity.
With the angels' sacred hymn all thy might proclaiming,
with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join.
Holy, holy, holy,
join we all in songs of praise for ever:
Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.*

Ushers bring the offering plates forward.

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 God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
You reveal your glory
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, S123

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna 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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

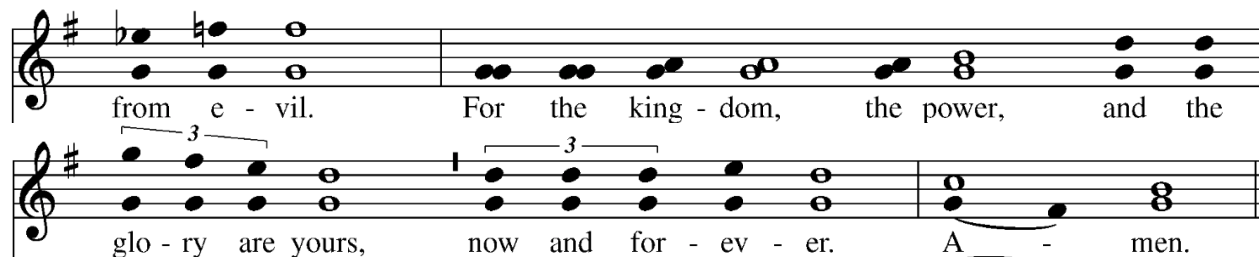
The Lord's Prayer, #864

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Celebrant

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:

Our Fa - ther in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us



The Fraction

Celebrant This is the feast of liberation in our God.
People **Alleluia!**

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, 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 Bearers 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.

Communion Hymn, #364 O God, we praise Thee

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #370 I bind unto myself this day

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” by Flor Peters

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: from the Athanasian Creed.

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Prayers of the People: written by the Rev. Stephen White.

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The Fraction: “This is the Feast” by John W. Arthur

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Sukie Curtis
Preacher	Mary Curlew
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart’s Choir
Chalice Bearer	Anne Jacobs
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Lector	Mike Perfetti
Ushers	Jay & Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Jay Souder
A/V	Pal Covie
Counters	Pam Hobson, Ann Donaghy
Lawn Care	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Joe Michaud
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy + Susie Soule
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman