

Eastertide

May 5, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Variations on Hyfrydol" by Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements *Peter Sillin*

Opening Hymn, #529 In Christ there is no east or west *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!**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

Maria Guarino, Bennett Zimmerman

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

Pal Covie

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Maria Guarino, Bennett Zimmerman

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

“A New Commandment”

Unknown, arr. Andrew Moore

A New Commandment



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing. (Repeat)

3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you. (Repeat)

4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal. (Repeat)

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

"Love Bade Me Welcome" by David Hurd, text by George Herbert

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.*

*"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"*

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."

So I did sit and eat.

Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant
People*

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Pal Covie

Leader

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." In the midst of this world's chaos, violence, fear and uncertainty, Christ continues to greet us today, speaking peace to us and to all.

As we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings today, may we pray with one heart and mind for God's peace.

Jesus, God with us, you met your disciples where they were, hidden in confusion and fear, and offered them your peace. As your disciples today, we are also in need of your peace, courage, and fortitude as we live out our faith in the world. We pray for the witness of your Church, that it can, by word and example, proclaim your message of life and love.

People:

In your Church, loving God:
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, the world was in turmoil and dangerous even to you when you walked the earth; yet you invite us to be the peacemakers. We pray for this world's leaders and those in positions of public trust in our country, that wisdom, justice and desire for peace may direct their decisions.

In your world, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you walked the hillsides, weathered storms, and fished in the sea; you love your creatures and your creation. We pray that we may mindfully care for this earth and its creatures, and always use its resources wisely and according to your purposes.

On this earth, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you loved the poor, healed the sick, wept at the grave of Lazarus; you know our broken human condition because you lived it and live it still today. We pray for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, that your loving presence may abide with them. We remember especially today those who have been entrusted to us in prayer on the St. Bart's prayer list:

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Curt; Bethany; Zach; Andy; Mark; Sally; Ruth; Sue & Dan; Molly; Wes; Alison; the family and friends of Mary Jane Griffith-Curry; Alice; and the family and friends of Jim Henry.

Are there others we wish to commend to Christ today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In our bodies, minds, and spirits, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you overcame death and the grave. Because you live, we live too. We pray for the dying, that they may rest secure in the hope of your abiding love and eternal life and for all who have died, Mary Jane Griffith-Curry, mother of Corey Walmer, and Jim Henry, that they will continue to grow in your love and service. Are there loved ones we wish to remember before the God and this congregation today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In death, as in life, loving God,
May your peace abide with us.

Jesus, God with us, you lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for your abiding presence and your peace, which only you can give. We thank you for the many ways you continue to make yourself known to us, even now, today, as we greet each other and share bread and wine around the table. May we go out of this place today and share what we have received.

In our world, loving God,
May we share your peace today.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

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 As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) 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, #455

O Love of God

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.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant 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 (see next page)



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
People*

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

**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 Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

“Hyfrydol” by R. Vaughan Williams

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded

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Prayers of the People: written by The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Carla Hunt
Lector	Maria Guarino, Bennett Zimmerman
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Imelda Schaefer
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	Chrystena Hahn
Counters	Pamela Trudo, Harriet Davis
Lawn Care	Kevin Gillan
VPOW	Peter Sillin
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