

Celebrating The Great 50 Days of Easter

With St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

"Neither death . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God." -Romans 8:38-39



Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share in his risen life;
now and for ever. Amen, Alleluia.

Worship Bulletin for Sunday, April 19, 2020

*Welcome to our Service of the Word this Sunday, as we worship together even while we are apart from one another, as we strive to keep our community safe during this time of pandemic.
We are delighted to have you with us!*

PREPARATION

Welcome and Greeting:

The Lord of Love be with you all.

And also with you.

Invitation to worship:

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind:

(Silence may be kept.)

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **Come, let us worship.**

Acclamation:

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, our God and Father,
for you have created us and you sustain us.

Through your only Son Jesus Christ
you have revealed your love and your care for all your people;
you are ready to forgive and to save in time of need;
so we proclaim your glory, saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Introduction to Confession:

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:
to our God, who will richly pardon.

A time of silence is kept

The Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution:

May God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise:

Blessed is the Lord:

Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:

And in our song will we praise our God.

Song of Praise

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew, 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

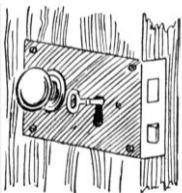
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 22-32



Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my

heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: Here ends the reading.

Psalm 16, spoken

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider: Here ends the reading.

Response:

We were to imagine our fears and heartaches and write them down. Cut the paper so each piece holds a fear or heartache, and fold them / crumple them, and put them in a container (maybe even a locked box!)

Today - as we respond to the Scripture:

We will open the box, and take them out - and consider a better response than cowering in a locked room with these fears. Take a moment to write a list of what we might do in response.

This coming week, let's try to work from this list, rather than our fears.

(For now- put the fears/heartaches back in the box and live into our list of hopeful responses this week.)

The Affirmation of Faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
creator of heaven and earth?

I believe and trust in God Almighty.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?

I believe and trust in Christ our Savior.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER

The Prayers of the People:

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you, offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world, saying:

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas our Bishop, Nina our rector; for our fellow members in the diocese of Maine; our ecumenical partners in mission; and all who minister to the world in your name.

In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for the congregations of St. John's, in Brownville Junction; and St. Augustine's, in Dover-Foxcroft; and for the reverent care of all creation as we approach Earth Day.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for The Church of Ireland.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For all affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion for the wellbeing of all people.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Heal those who suffer from this virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For healthcare workers, and all with hearts of service who stand on the front lines of providing care and much needed services. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of others before their own.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For the safety and well-being of all who must travel, and those who remain sheltering in place, and those who are quarantined.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love. Strengthen our hope, that we may be hope for others, as we pray for those you have entrusted to our care: *Please add your prayers to those of our parish:* Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Janice; Scott; Katie; Nick; Marcella; Libby; Mike; David; Kerry; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Eric; Sue; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Mary; and Eleanor and Beau.

(Please add your own intercessions.)

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love.

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

We especially pray for those in our hearts:

Avadna Coghill, *Sarah MacGillivray's mother*

Larry Hegarty

(Please add your own intercessions.)

Jesus, Lord of life,

hear our prayer.

Presider:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one, we pray as our Savior Christ has taught us, singing:

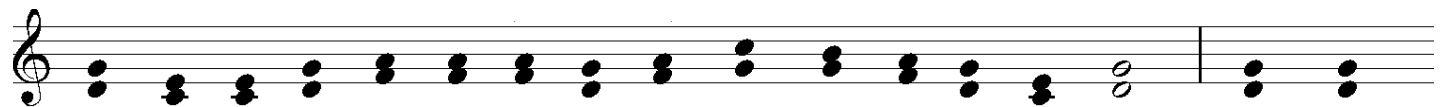
The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,



your will be done, on earth as in heaven. 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 from e - vil. For the king - dom,



the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: From *Intercession Mass*; David Hurd (b. 1950)



The Peace

Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' *John 14:27*

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace by texting a few of our friends, people we sit near when in church, family and friends far and wide!

Announcements (printed at the end)

CONCLUSION

Concluding prayer:

Let us pray:

God of new and abundant life, fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Singing Our Praise:
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Blessing:

May God give to you and to all those you love
God's comfort and peace,
God's light and joy,
in this world and the next;
and the grace of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always. Amen.

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, Amen. Alleluia!!
Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Resources:

Acclamation: *Church of Ireland, Book of Alternative Occasional Services, 1992*
The Confession: *Church of Ireland, Alternative Prayer Book 1984*
Absolution: *Scottish Episcopal Church*
The Affirmation of Faith: *The Church of Ireland, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, 1988, adapted.*
The Prayers of the People: The National Cathedral, March 2020, *adapted for our use*
Prayers of the People, Concluding Collect: *Gloucester Cathedral*
Preface to The Lord's Prayer: *Anglican Church of Canada, Book of Alternative Services 1985*
Music: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God, The Hymnal 1982, #711*
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, The Hymnal 1982, #482
The Lord's Prayer, The Hymnal 1982, #S150

Announcements

Recognizing that we are under a stay at home directive for the well-being of all, please practice an abundance of caution as we strive to meet the needs of the community.

A huge thank you to our Music Director and our choir for all their hard work as we strive to find a way to create music for our online worship. A work in progress, with many more people participating than we hear in this week's final versions.

Communication and Connection:

Please continue to check our St. Bart's website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org for prayers, information, resources and links. And check your email for News and Notes from Nina+

Give thanks to God who is good; God's mercy endures for ever. Psalm 118:29 (Order of St. Helena)

A Reminder:

The wardens, treasurers and members of our vestry remind us all of how vitally important it is we maintain our financial support of St. Bart's at this time. Even though the building is closed, the bills still need to be paid (and staff are still working). Pledges can be sent through the mail to St. Bart's (396 Gilman Road, Yarmouth 04096). Mail is being collected and funds are being deposited weekly. Our treasurers are working to put an online giving option into place soon.

Generous God, accept the offering of your people for the work of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLYNK Bags available: We all still need to be recycling our bottle deposits correctly. CLYNK bags are available to help support St Bart's. We have placed a clear plastic container with CLYNK bags under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of St Bart's. Thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Fair - Jewelry, Scarves, Handbags

As we are hunkered down, you may find time to go through your jewelry and accessories for items you no longer wear. Please consider setting these aside to donate to the Christmas Fair! When the Church reopens, these can be dropped off in the Office. Our elves appreciate early donations and the extra time to sort, repair, research, and price items throughout the year. Questions? Please contact Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com.

Christmas Fair - Crafts

Need something to do? Why not start work on your craft for the Christmas Fair while your sewing machine, knitting needles, woodworking tools are out. You can make 6 of an item, or more if you think appropriate. Table decor/linens, scarves, pot holders, mittens, hats, face masks, coasters, soaps, candles, homemade sanitizers, or whatever you would like to contribute. If you need suggestions or have questions, please contact Harriet Davis (harriet.davis@gmail.com). Also, we need License Plates! If you have any, please save them for Joe Michaud. Many thanks.

Spring Cleanup - Friday April 24 & Saturday April 25, 9am-12noon

Please bring your tools of choice and any available family members to help tidy up the St. Bart's grounds for the warmer months. We will work and catch up at a safe Physical Distance. Join us for any amount of time you have available on either or both days. If you'd prefer to work on your own schedule, please feel free to come anytime before April 27, taking care to maintain distancing if others are there at the same time. We will create a list of cleanup chores that you can use to plan your time, and include it in next week's e-bulletin. Or do whatever inspires you! This is a great opportunity for families with kids to get outside for some exercise and fresh air. The grounds are large enough that distancing isn't difficult. The town of Yarmouth will begin their curbside brush pick up on Monday the 27th in the Gilman Rd area of town. The most urgent need is to bring the winter blow downs to the curb before that date.

Hospice of Southern Maine is in need of locally made face masks. A great group of people have already started sewing masks. **We are looking for more people to help us out.** We have very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. If you can sew a straight seam and have a machine you can do this. We'll even deliver and pick up the finished masks or you can drop off at 171 Wharf Road, on Cousins Island, (Mary Calvin's home.) There is a collection box on the front porch facing Harmony Hill/Chebeague Ferry Dock. (Go past the red Fiat and turn right. American flag outside.) Drop masks in the box. Deliveries will be made on a regular basis. **If you don't want to go out, Leigh Kirchner, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pick them up from your home and take them over.** leighmk2050@gmail.com. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or maryecalvin@gmail.com.