

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, May 24, 2020

*Welcome to our worship this Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter Season,
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 Rev. Nina Pooley

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**

Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!**

Hymn of Praise #711, *The Hymnal 1982*

St. Bart's Choir

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!

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The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: God be with you.
Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: The Acts of the Apostles 1:6-14

Barbara Barhydt

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36

Barbara Barhydt

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Presider: Here ends the reading.

Homily/Reflection

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Response

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Our homework this week:

Make a sign Celebrating Pentecost. This can be as simple as YAY!!! on red paper. Or Come Holy Spirit! with a dove, or flames. Or whatever you want to say to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday.

On the 'B' side, write St. Bart's, Yarmouth.

Now, you're ready to take your Pentecost video postcard: Wearing red, take a short video cheering for Pentecost. Show both sides of your sign so people will know which parish you're from. And share the video with Katie Clark, our diocesan communicator. (Katie Clark, kclark@episcopalmaine.org) Or you can just send them to Ken, as he and I are putting together the Diocesan Pentecost worship service for May 31. (Pooley@wickednifty.com)

To prepare for Today's response:

You will need your sign making materials and your phone to take a photo. We will be making a second sign, this one in response to the texts.

The Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Nina Pooley

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

John Duncan

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world,
and destined us in love to be your own:
help us to pray for all your children.

*Intercession Form 2,
The Scottish Episcopal Church, adapted*

For the Church which is Christ's body; that it may live for the praise of your glory.
For our Bishops Michael and Thomas, Nina our Rector, and for all who bear Christ's name;
that our lives may proclaim your glory.

In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for the congregations of St. Margaret's in Belfast and St. Andrew's in Newcastle; and
for Memorial Day as we remember all who have died in the service of their country.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the life and health of the world;
that your peace may be known and may prevail.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who exercise rule and authority;
that integrity may mark all their dealings,
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who suffer injury, sickness and loss;
that they may know the hope to which you call us.

We pray for: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Janice; Scott; Katie; Nick; Marcella;
Libby; Mike; David; Kerry; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Eric; Sue; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Alan; Brittany; and Arthur.

(Please add your own intercessions.)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are anxious, lonely, or bereaved;
that consolation and peace may be theirs,
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are separated from us by death;
that theirs may be the kingdom which is unshakeable.
We pray for those in our hearts:

Mary Bird
The Rev. Dick Rasner
(Please add your own intercessions.)
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Concluding Collect

Gloucester Cathedral

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:

*Anglican Church of Canada,
Book of Alternative Services 1985*

#S150, *The Hymnal 1982*

St. Bart's Choir

The Lord's Prayer, Contemporary



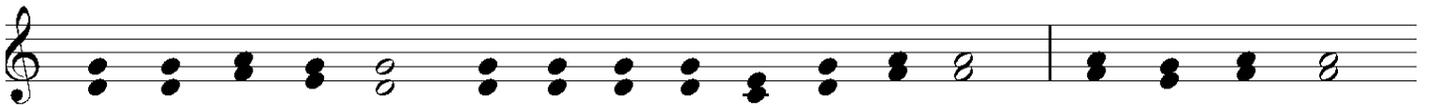
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,



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.



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.

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The Peace

The Rev. Nina Pooley

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*

Presider: The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **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!*

Useful Resources & Announcements (printed at the end)

CONCLUSION

Concluding Prayer

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: Let us pray:

All: **God of new and abundant life,
In all we do,
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, Hymn #400, The Hymnal 1982

St. Bart's Choir

All creatures of our God and King, verses 1,4,7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

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The Blessing

The Rev. Nina Pooley

The Blessing of St. Clare of Assisi

adapted, with Trinitarian Blessing

Be of good courage. Never be afraid.
For God who created you is always with you,
and loves you fiercely. (*"like a mother" in St. Clare's version*)
Go in peace to follow the good road
and may and the grace of our 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

Presider: Let us rejoice in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Worship Service Resources:

The Affirmation of Faith: *The Renewal of Baptismal Vows 1988, The Church of Ireland, adapted.*

The Prayers of the People: *Intercession Form 2, The Scottish Episcopal Church, adapted*

Prayers of the People Concluding Collect: *Gloucester Cathedral*

Preface to The Lord's Prayer: *Anglican Church of Canada, Book of Alternative Services 1985*

The Blessing: *adapted, with Trinitarian blessing*

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Useful Resources During this Pandemic:

Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation; a resource of Forward Movement. Click [Daily Prayer](#)

From Leigh Kirchner, Yarmouth Aging in Place

I sincerely hope you are all well during this incredibly challenging time. If you need assistance with such things as grocery shopping (if you aren't comfortable going out) or other needs (including emotional first aid, because goodness knows we all need that right now), you can call the **Yarmouth Help Line Mon-Sat from 10am-2pm at 846-4763.**

And if you have specific **questions that our senior Resource Specialist Michele Grivois can answer please call her at 835-9866.** She is most available on Tues and Thursdays but will return you call if you leave a message.

Ask an Epidemiologist...

Yarmouth residents Sharon McDonnell, MD, MPH and Gib Parrish, MD will have a weekly zoom session on Thursdays, to talk about the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. These sessions may have some brief presentations but they hope to leave most of the time for questions and discussion. **Thursdays 4pm to 5:30 pm.**

Click the Link: <https://zoom.us/j/207536632> Meeting ID: 207 536 632

The new statewide **Maine Front Line Warm Line** is a free, confidential warm line for Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders who are feeling the emotional effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

A team of Maine licensed mental health volunteers is ready **to support Front Line callers** facing stressors due to COVID-19. Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders can call (866) 367-4440 toll free, or (207) 221-8196, seven days a week to speak with one of these trained volunteers.

The Maine Front Line Warm Line is a collaborative effort of the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, Maine DHHS, The Opportunity Alliance, Maine Department of Public Safety including EMS and Law Enforcement, the Maine Psychological Association and the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

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.

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+

Your Vestry has been meeting more frequently since March, with the overarching task of gathering and distilling information from the Diocese, health officials, and our Governor to determine how and when our building may be safely re-opened, and the best way to continue our worship together during this time of uncertainty.

This [linked document](#) was approved as an initial approach. **Please note that this is a fluid situation, with changes and adjustments anticipated as further guidance and information unfolds.**

We are introducing the first in a series of Zoom forums today to provide all of us the opportunity to discuss this position paper, as well as other topics of interest and concern. **To sign up for a forum on 5/26 at either 10am or 5pm to discuss the reopening position paper, please email Anne Berg at bergav73@gmail.com or 829-5073, indicating which time you prefer. A confirmation e-mail with the Zoom link will be sent to you.**

On behalf of the Vestry, we pray that you and those you love are staying well. We look forward to opportunities to be together, whether online or from six feet! Dennis & Michele

CLYNK Bags are 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.

Mask sewing continues! A great group of people are sewing masks. **We are looking for more people to help us out.** We have very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. 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.) Drop masks in the box on the front porch. **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.

Zoom Knitting gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts really - we hope you will join us for our Monday handicrafts gathering on zoom. We had so much fun seeing each other, talking about our knitting, or other projects, and sharing recipes - really, you don't want to miss out! Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

Yarmouth Food Pantry - is in need of the following items: **Updated 5/21/20**
Pasta sauce, Baked beans (NO vegetarian, please), Jelly, Cereal, Canned Vegetables & Fruit, Rice, Canned beans, Tuna, Laundry detergent, Shampoo, Dish soap (20oz), Ground Coffee (large cans that will be bagged up into smaller portions). Please place donations at the rear of the First Parish Church in the basket by the Food Pantry door. Thank You!

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.