

# 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.

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## Worship Bulletin for Sunday, May 3, 2020

*Welcome to our worship this Sunday, the fourth 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!!**

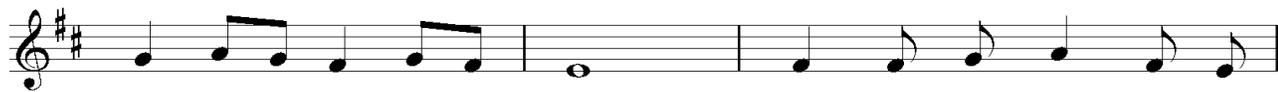
**Hymn of Praise #711, *The Hymnal 1982***

*St. Bart's Choir*

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God***



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

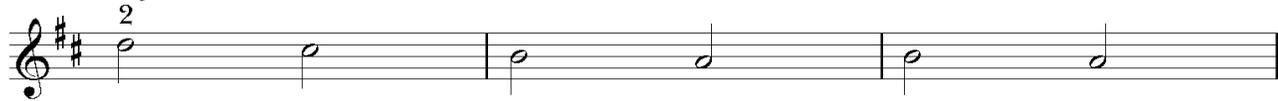


and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



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*



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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### *The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

Mike Perfetti

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader:* Here ends the reading.

### *Psalm 23, spoken*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



*The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.*

### *The Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10*

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Presider:* Here ends the reading.

### *Homily/Reflection*

The Rev. Nina Pooley

**Response**

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Our homework this week was to live into more life-giving responses than our list of fears/heartaches.

To prepare of today's response - we need: a pot, some dirt, and something to plant:  
a plant or a bulb or seeds.



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

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.

Harriet Davis

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 Christ Church, in Norway; and Trinity (Lutheran), in  
South Paris; and for those incarcerated, those who love them and those who minister to them.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for The Anglian Communion in Japan.

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; Mary; Eleanor and Beau;  
Chisato and Cocoro; Alan; and Janice and James. *(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:*

Terri Sisson  
Avadna Coghill, *Sarah MacGillivray's mother*

Larry Hegarty  
*(Please add your own intercessions.)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Concluding Collect**

*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 #S150, The Hymnal 1982*

*St. Bart's Choir*





### 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!*

*Announcements (printed at the end)*

### CONCLUSION

#### Concluding prayer

The Rev. Nina Pooley

*Presider:* Let us pray:

*All:* **Gracious God, you sent your Son into the world that we might have abundant life through him. May we abide in his risen life, loving one another as he first loved us, and know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

*Singing Our Praise, Hymn #657, The Hymnal 1982*  
*Love divine, all loves excelling*

St. Bart's Choir

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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### ***The Blessing***

The God of peace,  
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
 that great shepherd of the sheep,  
 through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
 working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight:  
 and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ***The Dismissal***

*Presider:* Let us rejoice in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People:* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**



### **Resources:**

The Affirmation of Faith: *The Church of Ireland, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, 1988, adapted.*  
 The Prayers of the People: *Intercession Form 2, The Scottish Episcopal Church, adapted*  
 Prayers of the People Concluding Collect: *Gloucester Cathedral*  
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## 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](http://www.stbartsyarmouth.org) for prayers, information, resources and links. And check your email for News and Notes from Nina+

**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](mailto: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](mailto:harriet.davis@gmail.com)). Also, we need License Plates! If you have any, please save them for Joe Michaud. Many thanks.

### **BOOK NOTES: While you're sheltering in place....**

These days when we're all home surrounded by all of our stuff, what better time to take a good look at your book shelves and realizing how many books you have that you're not going to read again? Why not make a collection to donate to St. Bart's book sale? Set your surplus books aside and plan to bring them to St. Bart's when the building is open again. Current policy states that only one person should be in the building at any one time, but if you have a chance to be that one person and you happen to have your books in the car, know that we're happy to have donations left at any time.

We're eager to get the book room back in business as soon as possible, and we want books!

For further information, contact Margaret Betts ([mmbetts@roadrunner.com](mailto:mmbetts@roadrunner.com)), Linda Draper ([ldraper347@gmail.com](mailto:ldraper347@gmail.com)), Jan Burson ([janzimsu64@gmail.com](mailto:janzimsu64@gmail.com)), or Linda Perkins ([lindaperkins77@gmail.com](mailto:lindaperkins77@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto:leighmk2050@gmail.com).

FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or [maryecalvin@gmail.com](mailto:maryecalvin@gmail.com).

### **Resources:**

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, 7 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.

## Resources, continued:

### *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 aide, because goodness knows we all need that right now), you can call the **Yarmouth Help Line M- Sat from 10-2 at 846-4763**.

Attached is a picture of some of the cards I received in the first batch from people around town who heard we were asking for cards/letters/pictures for people in our assisted living/nursing homes. We had enough for all residents at our three facilities and now I am collecting another batch.



If you'd like to help just write a simple card or note (or get the children you know to draw a picture) and drop them at my house (newspaper slot) or mail to 78 Tenney St, Yarmouth, ME 04096. Please do not seal. I will deliver them and they will definitely brighten someone's day. Or if you have a friend at home that would enjoy receiving one of these let me know and I'll make that happen. We've already received great feedback about our efforts.

*Be well my friends, Leigh Kirchner*

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.