

**A Service of the Word
With Prayers for Healing**

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, June 21, 2020**



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Members of St. Bart's Pastoral Care Committee

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John Perkins
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We are grateful to Sally Edwards and her family for permission to film on the property of their family's summer cottage, "Underoaks."

Prelude

Est-ce Mars
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Mr. John Corrie

Welcome

The Rev. Nina Pooley

GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider continues:

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
- *Matthew 11:28-30*

Collect of the Day

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The First Lesson: The Book of Ezekiel 36: 22a, 26-28

Barbara Barhydt



Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God:
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances.
Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 126

John Perkins

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 10:24-39

Heather Sylvester

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Homily

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Musical Response
Lift Every Voice and Sing

The Zion Harmonizers from New Orleans

Accompanying Photographs

*Gordon Parks,
Library of Congress'
Farm Security Administration Program Collection*

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

A Litany of Healing:

Susannah White and Pam Hobson

Let us pray for the World and the Church, particularly for God's healing grace.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: 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; Arthur; Matthew; Jean; Lee; Craig; and Pamela.
Lord, grant your healing grace to all in need of healing,
that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance,
and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent,
a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress
to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death.
We pray for: Pamela S. E. Higgins
Uphold those who are bereaved with the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Concluding Collect

The Rev. Nina Pooley

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Imelda Schaefer

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty God our heavenly Father,
you have blessed us with the gift of life
and placed us in a world of beauty and wonder.
Your perfect will for us is wholeness in body, mind and spirit.
We bow in awe and wonder at your feet
and freely acknowledge our dependence upon you for all that is good.**

Silence

**In your presence we remember our sin and failure,
all that damages our lives, the lives of others
and the world which you have created.**

Silence

**in penitence we ask You to forgive us,
in the name of our Lord Jesus
who loves us and gave Himself for us.**

The Absolution

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: 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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Heather Sylvester

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

LAYING ON HANDS AND ANNOINTING

The Rev. Nina Pooley



The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. As we pray together for the healing of all, we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself to God, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come seeking your healing grace for themselves or others. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

**Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions
and keep us steadfast in your love;
bind up our wounds,
raise us from death,
and lead us to fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Common Worship,
The Church of England*

May you and those for whom you pray find healing and peace in the name of God, the holy and undivided Trinity. May Christ be present with you to comfort you, to guard and protect you, and to keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

Announcements *(printed at the end)*

John Colianni

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

St. Bart's Prayer Shawl Knitters

May God's grace be upon this shawl...
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.
May this mantle be a safe haven...
a sacred place of security and well-being...
sustaining and embracing
in good times as well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl
be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace,
and wrapped in love. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PORTION: PRAYER, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

The Rev. Nina Pooley

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home,
that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed by your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. Amen.

The Blessing

The Rev. Nina Pooley

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn #751

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

St. Bart's Choir

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the **Fine**
spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.
unison
1. Up on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the
(?)
mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this
D.C.
fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

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The Dismissal

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Allegro
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. John Corrie

Resources:

Liturgy

Enriching Our Worship 2 and *The BCP 1979*, unless otherwise noted.

Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick or Dying Burial of a Child, Supplemental Liturgical Materials prepared by The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2000 Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God: crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

The Prayer for Healing: *Common Worship: Daily Prayer; Church of England, Canterbury Press, Aug 4, 2014.*

Music

Musical Response, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, by Zion Harmonizers was used with permission. The Elder Statesmen of New Orleans Gospel, they are rooted, for more than 40 years, in the quartet singing tradition and a *capella* harmonies from the turn of the last century. For more fabulous music by the Zion Harmonizers visit their website: <https://zionharmonizers.com/>. To read about the band visit: <https://musicinsideout.wvno.org/zion-harmonizers/>. Their music is available on Amazon: *Best of New Orleans Gospel, Vol. 2* has *Lift Every Voice and Sing; Bringing in the Sheaves* is the most recent CD. You can listen to samples of their songs here: <https://www.amazon.com/Best-New-Orleans-Gospel-Various/dp/B000005XE7>.

Photographs

To view more photographs by Gordon Parks through the Library of Congress' Farm Security Administration Collection: <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/fsa/docchap7.html>.

Videography and Editing

Thanks to Ken Pooley for his expertise and efforts putting together our services each week.

Resources Available During this Pandemic:

Healing Prayers

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please contact Barbara Barhydt (jbml@gwi.net) or Pam Hobson (pamhobson@maine.rr.com), and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.

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 (207) 221-8196, seven days a week** to speak with one of these trained volunteers. **To be connected via text to a Warm Line volunteer: Text "Frontline" to 898-211.**

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

Forward Day By Day - The May, June & July edition now available. This is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. We have left copies on the porch at St. Bart's. Stop by anytime and pick up a copy. Pocket size and large print versions are available.

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 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.

Announcements

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+

Gardening/Weeding at St. Bart's - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Memorial Garden in May and June. We will take the summer off and resume in the fall.

The Front Garden, however, is in need of attention throughout the summer. Weeding assistance at any time is greatly appreciated. There is a garden cart in the large shed for transporting any trimmings & weeds. Weeds can be put in a brush/leaf pile behind the shed or out of sight on the far side of the gully at the edge of the lawn. The gardens continue to be a lovely quiet place to enjoy a bit of outside time, and remember our friends and family members.

Friendship House - Residents are in need of hygiene items: **Razors, Shaving Cream, Body Wash, and Toothpaste.** There will be a plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Also please know that financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln St, South Portland, ME 04106.

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! We are looking for more people to help us out. We have very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. You can pickup and drop off at 3 Church St, Yarmouth. If you don't want to go out, Leigh Kirchner, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pick up and deliver for you. 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. Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

Yarmouth Food Pantry - is in need of the following items: **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!

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry Update: The Pantry re-opened with a limited outdoor distribution, however, they are not accepting any donations of kitchenware and bedding yet. **St. Bart's will provide volunteers on Tuesday, June 23, from 8:30-11am.** All volunteers are asked to wear a mask and gloves. Volunteers can choose to help out inside St. Luke's (enter from Park St) sorting products with social distancing, or outside at a safe distance handing bags of items to our neighbors in need. We continue to need certain items which can be "donated" through our AMAZON WISHLIST [Here](#) Please contact [Anne Jacobs](#) and [Pam Hobson](#) if you can volunteer or have questions.

Books Needed - If you have time this summer...take a good look at your book shelves and see how many books you have that you're not going to read again and think about making a collection to donate to the St. Bart's book sale? Set them aside and plan to bring them to St. Bart's when the building is open again. FMI: Margaret Betts, mmbetts@roadrunner.com, Linda Draper, ldraper347@gmail.com, Jan Burson, janzimsu64@gmail.com, Linda Perkins, lindaperkins77@gmail.com.

Weekly Lawn Care Schedule:

JUN 21-27: Joe Michaud

JUN 28-JUL4: Ted Danforth

JUL 5-11: Ed Simmons

Lector, Chalice Bearer & VPOW duties

If you are the scheduled Lector or Chalice Bearer, we may contact you to have you make a recording of yourself while reading the lessons or prayers. If you are the scheduled VPOW we will send you the announcements for you to record. The recordings should be sent to Ken Pooley, pooley@wickednifty.com, and they will be used in our online service.

June 28 will be a diocesan-wide service. No duties required.

July 5 - Lector: Laurie Hyndman

Chalice Bearers: Dan Doyon, Heather Sylvester

VPOW: Dennis Fitzgibbons

July 12 - Lector: Nina Scribner

Chalice Bearers: Kylie Lindsey, John Colianni

VPOW: Lu Tingley