

A Service of the Word with Prayers for Healing
Sunday, August 16, 2020

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Yarmouth, ME



Thank You to the Participants in Today's Worship:

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St. Bart's Choir
The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley, Officiant
Barbara Barhydt
Pam Hobson
Heather Sylvester
Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern
Imelda Schaefer
Ann Donaghy
John Perkins
Susannah White

And Thank You to Ken Pooley, our Videographer/Editor for putting together today's service.

Opening Hymn 657
Love divine, all loves excelling

The Hymnal 1982
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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Welcome

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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*

A Collect of Healing

adapted from Enriching Our Worship

God be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

Merciful Jesus, our guide, the joy of our heart, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking refreshment and peace. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, and grant us a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence we may learn to abide in you, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Barbara Barhydt

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 67

Pam Hobson

- 1 Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us; *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may you, our own God, give us your blessing.
- 7 May you give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 15:21-28

Heather Sylvester

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Here ends the reading from the Gospel.

Reflection

Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

A Litany of Healing

Heather Sylvester

Let us pray for the World and the Church,
and 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; Scott; Marcella; Libby; David; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Brittany; Arthur;
Matthew; Jean; Lee; and Jay.

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.
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 R. 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 R. Pooley

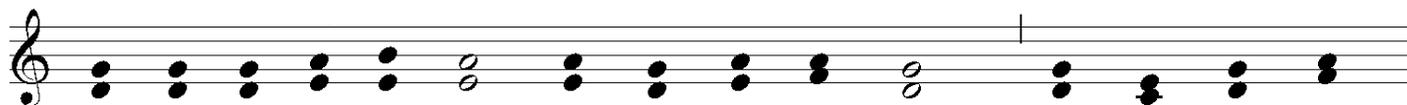
Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

The Hymnal 1982, #S150



LAYING ON HANDS AND ANNOINTING

The Rev. Nina R. 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. In addition to those for whom you pray, you are invited to offer yourself to God, whatever your illness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

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 peace of the Lord 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)*

Ann Donaghy

CONCLUDING PORTION: PRAYER, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

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

John Perkins

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

Susannah White

Let us pray:

**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 R. Pooley

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.**

adapted from the blessing of St. Clare of Assisi

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn 645

The Hymnal 1982

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Bart's Choir



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

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Worship Resources:

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.*

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 (pamhobson46@gmail.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 August, September, October edition is available in pocket and large print sizes. *Forward Day by Day* 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 to pick up a copy.**

From Leigh Kirchner, Yarmouth Aging in Place

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 available on Tues and Thursdays but will return you call if you leave a message.

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, leighmk2050@gmail.com, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pick up and deliver for you. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or maryecalvin@gmail.com.

Zoom Handiwork gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts - we hope you will join us for our Monday handicrafts gathering on zoom. Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

Announcements

Following Sunday's service, **Zoom Coffee Hour** will be led by Harriet Davis with a **discussion about how we deal with the unknown, especially during this challenging time. How can we not be overwhelmed by uncertainty and perhaps, even make the best of it?**

St Bart's is Hiring!

With all the changes that the pandemic has brought, our Education Program is in a new phase of supporting our youth. We are interested in hiring a new **Education Coordinator to lead our Sunday School & Youth programs**. We recognize that these programs will be quite different from what we have offered pre-Covid and we are excited to explore the many possibilities. Click [Job Description](#) for details about the job and how to apply. **Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 21.**

Lobster Dinners To GO—Pickup

Curb-side **pick-up** for all dinners will be on **Saturday, August 22 between 4:30-6pm**. Come anytime in that time period and we are asking all to **remain in your cars**. **We will deliver the dinners directly to your cars**. Many thanks go to Jeff Diggins for his donation of the lobsters and his time to cook them as well as to Hannaford for their donations.

Christmas Fair in October—This year we are going to summon the Spirit of Christmas a bit earlier! Hard-working elves are busy preparing for **the Christmas Fair, to be held on Saturday, October 10, at the Bickford Pavilion on Main Street**, so that we can safely gather, share, and shop to support St. Bart's. If you would like to participate, please contact Cecilia Guecia at gueciacecilia@gmail.com or on her cell phone at 207-772-0720.

We would love for as many people as possible to participate in the planning and preparation for this event! We have an immediate request for CRAFTS (see below) but we also need immediate help with items for our jewelry table, Attic Treasures, and baked goods! If you have new ideas, please let us know! If you've never participated, please do!

Calling all crafters early!! There's still plenty of time to make a craft before this year's Fair. You can make 6 of any item, or more if you think appropriate. Table decor/linens, scarves, pot holders, mittens, hats, face masks, coasters, soaps, candles, bath salts/bombs, wooden or metal crafts 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 email Joe Michaud, michaud.joe@gmail.com to let him know. We'll arrange to get them from you. Many thanks.

The **12th annual Yarmouth Art Festival**, will be **fully virtual** this year, and will run **Oct. 19-31**, rather than the typical 4 days. The show will include online purchasing for the first time, and we are planning an efficient no-contact process for buyers to pick up purchases. **The "call for entries," when artists submit works for jurying, is due to go out Aug. 17 (if all systems are go) and deadline will be Sept. 19.**

Submission fees are a large part of the fundraising aspect of this event, so please spread the word to your artist friends, and ask them to submit their best works! Any questions? Contact Joe Michaud michaud.joe@gmail.com.

Friendship House - We are collecting donations of: **pillows, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste and body wash**. They can be dropped off in the **plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church**. Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln Street, South Portland, Maine 04106.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry - Latest Update

Adult Winter Coats and Boots: St. Elizabeth's is now accepting donations of adult winter coats and winter boots. Donations can be brought to the rear parking lot of St. Luke's (134 Park Street) on any Tuesday between 8:30-11am and placed in the bin provided during these hours. You can also drop them off in the large, labelled bins outside of the St. Bart's office under cover near the bench. These items will be distributed to neighbors in need in October.

Boots: Please label toe of boots with its size (ex. Men's 10) using masking tape and tie the laces together.

Coats: Please make sure all coats are clean and in good working order.

(Please donate children's coats and boots to one of the many organizations that specialize in these items.)

We Need Volunteers:

If you are willing to serve directly with the public during our distributions on Tuesdays this fall and winter, please contact the St. Elizabeth's board member for St. Bart's: Anne Jacobs at ajacobs207@gmail.com. Masks and face shields will be provided.

If you'd be willing to serve behind the scenes by repairing jackets (sewing on buttons or organizing inventory), please also contact Anne.

Cash Donations: If you would like to make a cash donation to St. Elizabeth's for the purchase of coats and boots in hard to find sizes or for the purchase of wool socks, please send checks payable to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, Attn: Rev. Holly Hoffmann, PO Box 4036, Portland, ME 04101

In Kind Donations: Consider purchasing our high need items listed on our Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>.

Yarmouth Food Pantry currently has a need for the following items: **Boxed Mac and Cheese - Canned Pasta - Cereal - Laundry Soap - Dish Soap - Shampoo - Conditioner - Kids small snack bags of Cheez-Its/Popcorn.** Please place donations at the rear of the First Parish Church in the basket by the Food Pantry door.

Lawn Care Schedule

August 16-22: Mark Goettel

August 23-29: Peter Chandler

August 30-Sept. 5: Joe Michaud

September 6-12: Ed Simmons

Gardening/Weeding at St. Bart's - 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. Feel free to stop by anytime.

Black Lives Matter Open Discussion

We are offering an online forum on the **Second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm.** A collaborative program with First Parish, co-facilitated by Rev. Kate Dalton and The Rev. Nina Pooley, it will use Microsoft Teams (a video conferencing platform similar to Zoom). You can either click on this link...[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or call in # 207-352-3423. Conference ID: 214 715 005#. You do not have to sign up, just click on the link to start Microsoft Teams or call in using the phone # provided.

For upcoming months, they will follow the topics listed below from the first four chapters of *White Fragility*. The books are currently available at Royal River Books and on Amazon. First Parish has a few copies of the book available. You can join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Sept – Challenges of talking to white people about racism

Oct – Racism and white supremacy

Nov – Racism after the civil rights movement

Dec – How does race shape the lives of white people

Sacred Ground

We will be able to offer a **second round of The Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground Program.** This is a 10 week film-based course on racism, which provides a substantive overview of the history of racism in America. FMI - see the link below. Questions, feel free to contact Peter Sillin, sillin@gmail.com.

About Sacred Ground:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

Article from Episcopal News Service:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/07/28/finding-sacred-ground-thousands-connect-with-episcopal-churchs-film-based-series-on-racisms-historic-roots/>

Dialogues on Race

In January we will start a **seven-week class on Tuesday nights using *Dialogues on Race* as a guide,**

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286991/Dialogues-On-Race>.

This will be a class you will need to register for in order to participate. Stay tuned for info on how to sign up for this course. The topics for each week will be as follows:

Jan. 5 – What does it mean to be white?

Jan. 12 – The Bible and Race in America

Jan. 19 – Anti-Blackness, Oppression, and the Dehumanization of Black Bodies

Jan. 26 – Christianity and the Erasing of Native American Stories

Feb. 2 – Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression

Feb. 9 – American Religion in Black and White

Feb. 16 – The Problem with Racial Reconciliation