

Worship Bulletin
Sunday, August 2
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn #482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

The Hymnal 1982

St. Bart's Choir



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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Welcome and Greeting

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

Good morning and welcome to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church for our online worship, this, the ninth Sunday after Pentecost. We are delighted to have you with us!

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, "The first commandment is this:
Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Let your continual mercy, O God, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 32:22-31

Pal Covie

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Here ends the reading.

The Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Pal Covie

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reflection on the Gospel

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

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

Scottish Episcopal Church, adapted

We pray for all the peoples of the world;
that there may be justice and mercy on the earth.

Loving God:

We pray for peace.

We pray for all who exercise authority and influence,
that integrity may mark all their dealings.

Loving God:

We pray for wise and careful leadership.

We pray for the Church
that she may be firm in the confession of her hope.
We pray for the City of the Lord Church in Portland.

In our Diocesan cycle we pray for the summer chapel congregations of St. James' in Prouts Neck; and Holy Trinity on Peaks Island; and for those serving in lay liturgical ministries.

In our Anglican cycle we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; for the United Church of North India; for the Church of Nigeria; and for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Loving God:

We pray for courage to live boldly into our mission and ministry.

We pray for our Bishops, Michael and Thomas;
Nina, our Rector; and for all who are called to serve God in the world.

Loving God:

We pray for lives of integrity and faithful witness.

We pray for all who suffer injury, sickness or loss,
especially: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Scott; Marcella; Libby; Mike;
David; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Brittany; Arthur; Matthew; Jean; and Lee.

Loving God,

We pray for healing and restoration.

We pray for those who have been separated from us by death,
that they may be gathered home to you.

Loving God,

We pray for mercy and consolation.

Anne Jacobs

Concluding Collect

BCP 1979

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

adapted, Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

Invitation to Confession

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea,
and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth.
Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession:

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

**The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
In your mercy forgive us, and help us to:
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Find courage to serve where love is needed,
And trust that you are with us always. Amen.**

The Absolution

BCP 1979

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

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.**

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 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)*

Dennis Fitzgibbons

CONCLUSION

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

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.**

The Blessing

Therese of Lisieux

May there be peace within you today.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you use the gifts you have received and
Pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be confident knowing that you are a beloved child of God;
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

May God's mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,
this day and always. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn #694

The Hymnal 1982

God be in my head

St. Bart's Choir

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

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Black Lives Matter Open Discussion

We are offering an online forum on the **Second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm**, beginning August 11. 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. For more information - 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

Announcements

Join us for coffee hour following the service. The discussion topic for this week is: "**Come unto me with the burden of _____.**" How would you fill in the blank? We will talk about what personal, community, or societal burdens we carry and how we might set them aside through rest, recovery, prayer, and other intentional action.

LOBSTER DINNERS TO GO!!! Saturday August 22nd.

Lobster, Potato/Corn Salad, Biscuit and Blueberry Buckle all wrapped up in a basket. Curb-side pick-up (we will be in touch about pick-up times). \$ 25 per dinner (pre-payment for all ordered dinners is preferred). Financial donations are welcome. ALL proceeds will benefit YCHI, St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, and Friendship House. To order your Lobster dinner, please email us at stbartslobsterdinner@gmail.com.

DEADLINE for orders is August 15th. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS!!** Many thanks go to Jeff Diggins for his donation of the lobsters and his time to cook them and to Hannaford for their donations.

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 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 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. Thank You!

Friendship House - many thanks to those that have already donated razors, shaving cream, toothpaste and body wash. **We are keeping the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Please use it for your continued donation of these items.** Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln Street, South Portland, Maine 04106.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry Update: The Pantry is open every Tuesday and is currently doing an outdoor distribution of "essential" items including toilet paper, laundry detergent, body soap, diapers (once a month), feminine products, and masks to neighbors in need.

We are now welcoming donations of kitchenware, clean bedding, and adult winter coats and boots!

Donations can be made outside of the Pantry on Tuesdays from 9-11am in labeled bins at the back of the parking lot (136 Park Street, behind St. Luke's Cathedral). The lot is relatively empty at this time, and parking is easy. **Or, you can donate these items at St. Bart's in the plastic bins outside under the covered area between the office door and the church entryway,** and we will deliver them to the Pantry for you.

We continue to need certain items which can be "donated" through our AMAZON WISHLIST from the safety of your home. Click [Here](#) for current needs.

Contact [Anne Jacobs](#) and [Pam Hobson](#) if you have questions.

Weekly Lawn Care Schedule:

Aug 2-8: Gregg Hoerr

Aug 9-15: John Perkins

Aug 16-22: Mark Goettel

Aug 23-29: Peter Chandler

Aug 30-Sep 5: Joe Michaud

Useful Resources 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 August, September, October edition is now available, pocket size and large print versions are available. *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.

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