

Creation Two: Tending Creation

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.



Then shall all the trees of the wood
shout for joy before God, who will come,
Who will come to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 96:11-13

The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th,
is celebrated by Christians around the world
as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation.

The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice
and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

This year's theme is *Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope*. In celebrating the Season,
we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Yarmouth, ME**

Worship Bulletin
for Sunday, September 13
Second Sunday in the Season of Creation

Opening Hymn 343
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

The Hymnal 1982
St. Bart's Choir

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Creator of the universe, open our lips,
And we will praise you.

A Collect for Creation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world. **Amen.**

Daily Prayers for All Season, 130

The Lessons

The Book of Genesis 1:9-19

Mike Perfetti

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 104:1, 13-24

Order of St. Helena Breviary

- 1 Bless the Holy One, O my soul; *
O God, how excellent is your greatness;
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve all people;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the Holy One are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which God planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the storks makes their dwellings.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

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- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 We go forth to our work *
and to our labor until the evening.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

The Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us
in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God.
We worship you. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Common Worship, Times and Seasons, adapted

Joe Michaud

Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World:
for the teeming life of the seas,
the flight of birds,
and the diversity of animal life.

Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth
of blessings from land and sea;
for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun.
We pray for the nations of the earth,
give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church,
called to reconcile and heal:
For this parish, and Nina our Rector,
for Thomas our Bishop, and Michael our Presiding Bishop.

In our Diocesan cycle we pray for the congregation of St. Columba's in Boothbay Harbor; and for the people
and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti.

In our Anglican cycle we pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

God of grace:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family.
We exult in our diversity and giftedness,
we repent of our sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.
As every human being is known and loved by you,
may we care for one another with love and respect.

We pray for those you have commended to our care: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie;
Mimma; Scott; Marcella; Libby; David; Noreen; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Brittany; Arthur; Matthew;
Jean; Lee; Jay; Sally; and Linda.

God of compassion:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love;
may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of peace:

hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Order of St. Helena Breviary

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always
thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we
may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.**

The Absolution

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 Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Adapted from: Eucharistic Prayer One, Season of Creation Two, the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, as published online by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network, and Creation specific Eucharistic prayer, in Eucharistic Prayers, by Sam Wells and Abigail Kocher, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing, 2016.

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all of Creation.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God, from the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders; and yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance; In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you - for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, #S125, Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation; with you, with one another; with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

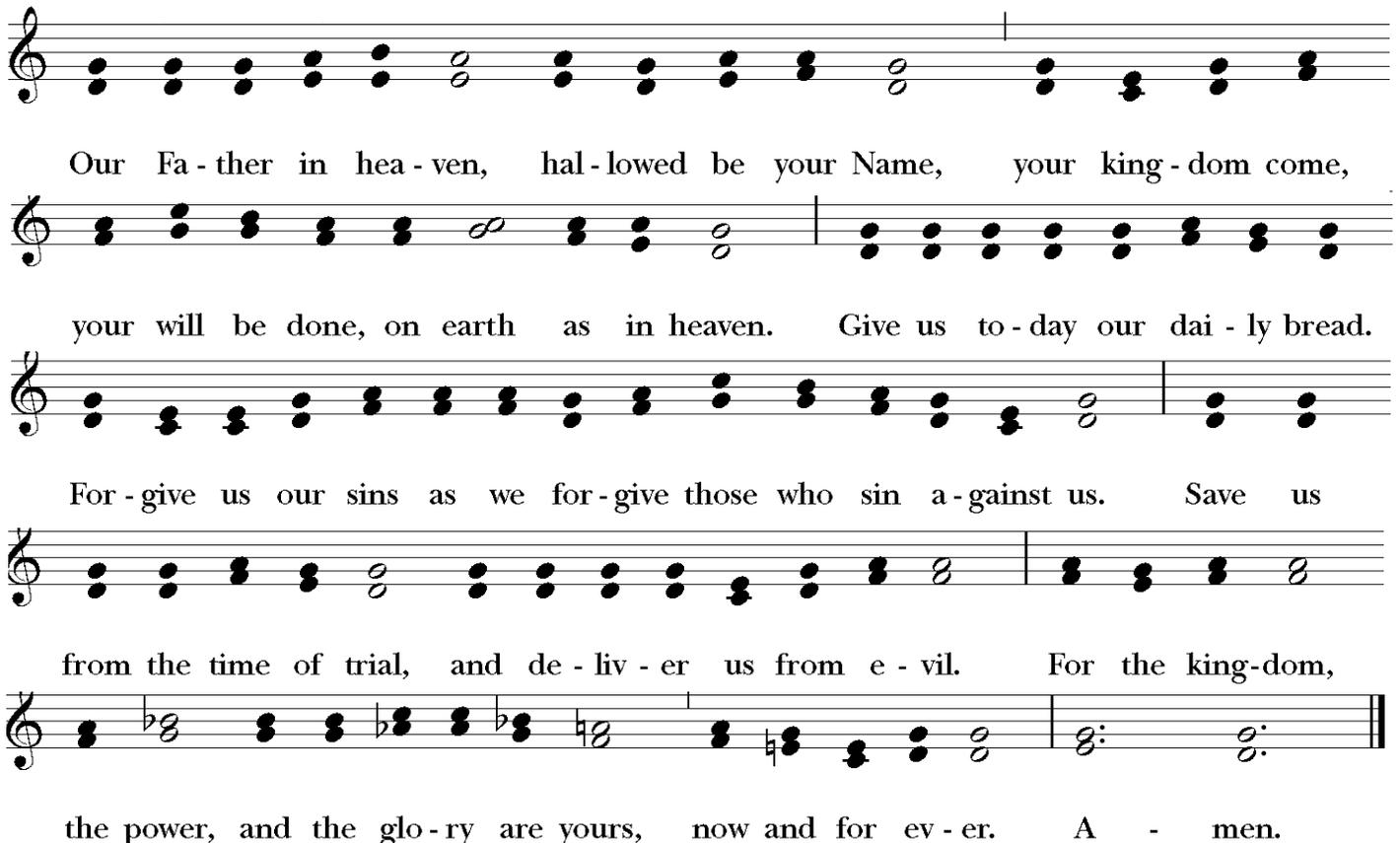
Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

*The Hymnal 1982, #S150
St. Bart's Choir*



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. Save 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.

The Fraction

The Living Bread:
given for the life of the world.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion:

*A **spiritual communion** is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, when circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Let us pray:

**Jesus, we believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls.
While we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into our hearts.
We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you;
never permit us to be separated from you.
Amen.**

Silence

Adapted from

Post Communion Prayer

Churches together in Britain and Ireland – resources for creation time

Let us pray.

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of Your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
May we transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

May our Creator God
Give you passion, give you fire;
so that you may transform the world from what it is,
to what God has created it to be.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Redeemer, and Life-Giving Spirit,
be with you now and always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

adapted from Common Worship

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation;
as you have received freely, so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Nature Sounds

Thanks to our participants and crew for putting together today's service:

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

John Corrie, Choir Director

St. Bart's Choir

Mike Perfetti, *Lessons*

Joe Michaud, *Prayers of the People*

Susie Peixotto, *Announcements*

Ken Pooley, *Videography and Editing*

The free screening of *13th* last week kicks-off a series of related community events to help illuminate the relevance of these issues to Maine and the nation and to spur us to action. Here's the line-up:

Zoom Discussion: Race, Justice, Incarceration | Monday Sept 14th, 7 – 8:30pm

Speakers: Emma Bond, Legal Director, ACLU, and Joseph Jackson, prison reform advocate engaging in direct action and advocacy with the Maine Department of Corrections on behalf of prisoners and their families as Director of the Maine Prison Advocacy Coalition. He is also Advocacy Director for Maine Inside Out, a youth program that uses collaborative theater to build community, develop youth leadership and initiate dialogue for youth in and out of Long Creek Youth Development Center.

The Zoom discussion will allow you to pose questions to the speakers through the chat box. The goal is to better understand the issues and help us determine how we, as individuals and a community, can move to action. For a zoom invitation to this event, contact: after13thme@gmail.com Space is limited.

Free Screening of *Just Mercy* | Thursday, Sept 24th, 6:15pm ~ Royal River Park

A powerful and true story, *Just Mercy* follows young lawyer, Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. Pack a picnic, bring a quilt, and join us for this thought-provoking film!

Sponsored by First Parish Church and Yarmouth Community Services.

Zoom Discussion: Race, Justice, Incarceration | Monday, September 28th, Time TBA

Thanks for considering this invitation. Come to the Royal River Park with chairs or blankets and dressed for cooler temperatures. Social distancing will be practiced. Hot chocolate for purchase. For more information, contact: after13thme@gmail.com.

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 (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.

Announcements

Ann Donaghy will lead the Zoom coffee hour discussion following the service today. The topic will be related to last week's sermon. Our relationship with creation ~ what have we noticed around us? sights, sounds, scents? What have we experienced in God's creation that has brought us joy or surprise?

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN OCTOBER! - When life gives you lemons, make lemonade! We are going to celebrate the season of Christmas early this year with a "Christmas Fair" in October! Please contact Cecilia Guecia (gueciacecilia@gmail.com) if you would like to participate OR if you have ideas for our "Christmas Fair" in October, which will be held on October 10, from 9:00 - 2:00 at the Bickford Pavillion on Main Street! We need lots of help - quickly - to pull this off and welcome newcomers to the team!! You can also reach Cecilia at 207-772-0720.

This year, for our Christmas Fair in October, **we are going to have a "big ticket" table for high end crafts, art work, whatever you have to donate!** If you have something that might be a good fit for this category, please contact Cecilia at gueciacecilia@gmail.com to discuss donating something for St. Bart's to sell!

Call for volunteers on Fair Day! Because we are at a new location, and with COVID restrictions, we are going to need additional help. If you can help on October 10th, please contact Cecilia at gueciacecilia@gmail.com

The Christmas Greens table will be autumn arrangements! Contact Mary Calvin at maryecalvin@gmail.com if you have ideas or would like to lend a hand!

Crafts - 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).

A large blue bin, clearly marked, is outside the church underneath the overhang for Craft donations.

Jewelry - donations are needed! After last year's very successful Fair, our jewelry inventory is quite low. Please check if you have items you no longer use and consider donating. We accept all jewelry - costume, silver, gold - bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, pins, etc! If an item is broken, our elves will repair. We do need time to price, polish, repair as needed, so time is of the essence. Please add a note with your name if you would like a tax receipt. You can drop off Jewelry when the church office is open, or I am happy to pick-up from your front porch, just let me know. (This year we will not be selling scarves and handbags.) Thank You ~Anne Jacobs (ajacobs207@gmail.com, 776-5852).

A large blue bin, clearly marked, is outside the church underneath the overhang for Jewelry donations.

Attic Treasures – Volunteers needed to help set up and work at the Fair. Two to three hour shifts are available **between 7am and 4pm.** This year we are looking for **seasonal decorative items, kitchen items, tableware, ceramics, Artwork, lamps, games & puzzles, baskets.** Due to limited space we will not be accepting stuffed animals, electronics, all kitchen appliances, camping gear & sports equipment. **Please make sure your 'treasures' are clean and securely boxed and leave them in the shed on the right-side shelves. Questions & comments to: Liza Chandler 846-9432.**

The **12th annual Yarmouth Art Festival** is on! **The "call for entries," continues until Saturday, Sept. 19.** The festival will be **fully virtual** this year, and will run **Oct. 19-31,** 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. 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.

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>.

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.

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

Sept. 13-19: Ted Danforth

Sept. 20-26: John Duncan

Sept. 27-Oct. 3: Peter Sillin

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 marycalvin@gmail.com.

Zoom Handiwork will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 14!! We hope you will join us on Zoom as we work on our handicrafts and chat. Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

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 *White Fragility*. The books are currently available at Royal River Books and on Amazon. You can join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Oct 13 – Racism and white supremacy

Nov 10 – Racism after the civil rights movement

Dec 8 – 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