

Creation One: The Heavens and the Earth

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*

Worship Bulletin for Sunday, September 6 Creation One

Opening Hymn #400, verses 1 & 2
All creatures of our God and King

The Hymnal 1982
St. Bart's Choir

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Opening Acclamation

We gather in the name of the Triune God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Heavens and the Earth.

A Collect for Creation

New Zealand Prayer Book, 569

God be with you.

Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of you glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**The First Lesson: The Book of Genesis 1:1-8**

Pal Covie

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 104:1-12

Pal Covie

- 1 Bless the Holy One, O my soul; *
O God, how excellent is your greatness;
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; *
you spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Sermon

"Heaven and Earth"

The Rev. Dr. 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.

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Common Worship, Times and Season, adapted

Harriet Davis

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 students and educators in the new school year and for all Christian Education
and Sunday School programs.

In our Anglican cycle we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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; and Sally.

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

Invitation to Confession

adapted, Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

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:

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.

Enriching Our Worship

The Absolution

BCP 1979, p.360

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 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.

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The Peace

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)

Susie Soule

CONCLUSION

Concluding Prayer

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

Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn #400, verses 3 & 4

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system is labeled 'Refrain' and has two lines of lyrics. The fifth system has two lines of lyrics. The music is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our

3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and

3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Pal Covie, *Lessons*

Harriet Davis, *Prayers of the People*

Susie Soule, *Announcements*

Ken Pooley, *Videography and Editing*

13th - A Yarmouth Community Services Film Showing at Royal River Park on September 10th, 7pm

Yarmouth Community Services in collaboration with a group of Yarmouth residents invite you to the screening of the movie 13th. **13th is filmmaker Ava DuVernay's acclaimed 2016 documentary that investigates the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States.** It is an in-depth look at our prison system and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality since the 13th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified.

Parents need to know that 13th is a powerful documentary that addresses racial issues confronting America. Provocative and heartbreakingly real, this documentary contains graphic images and is recommended for mature teens and up.

Walk, ride a bike or park in the lot opposite the Yarmouth Historical Center. Bring a mask, blanket, lawn chair, picnic and snacks. Park "seating spaces" have been arranged with physical distancing in mind.

For more information, contact Carla Hunt: musseit@yahoo.com.

Follow up conversations will be available in days following the screening.

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

Paule French will host coffee hour after the service today with a discussion on what you'd like our virtual coffee hours to consist of - topics? meeting and greeting? catching up on recent events in our lives? a combination of these? other ideas?

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 (cguecia@boppguecia.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.

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!

In addition, we want to do a simple raffle of 4-6 "big ticket" items. If you have something to contribute, please contact Cecilia! Thank you!

Christmas in October - 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).

Christmas in October - 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.

Christmas in October 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).

Christmas in October Attic Treasures - 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.**

The **12th annual Yarmouth Art Festival** is on! **The "call for entries," when artists submit works for jurying, has begun! The deadline is 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

August 30-Sept. 5: Joe Michaud
Sept. 6-12: Ed Simmons
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 take tomorrow, Monday, September 6 OFF!! We will resume meeting on the following Monday. 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 the first four chapters of *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.
Sept 8 – Challenges of talking to white people about racism
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-churches-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.wearsparkhouse.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