

Creation Four: Celebrating St. Francis

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, October 4 Celebrating St. Francis

Opening Hymn #400, verses 5 & 6
All creatures of our God and King

The Hymnal 1982
St. Bart's Choir



5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal



5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back



5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Welcome

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

Opening Acclamation

We gather in the name of the Triune God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Heavens and all its Creatures.

A Collect for St. Francis

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Job: 12:7-10

Harriet Davis

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Here ends the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30, assigned for St. Francis Day

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"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."

The Sermon

Preface by The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

A Word to The Church, by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

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

Mary Calvin

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. Paul's, in Brunswick; and for the Maine Council of Churches and all of our ecumenical and interfaith partners this World Communion Sunday.

In our Anglican cycle we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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; Linda; Zoe; Bob, Josephine, Nina and Willson; and Samantha.

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.

Libby Moore

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 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
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 musical notation consists of six staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the piece ends with a double bar line.

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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*)

Michele Johns

A Special Announcement from our New Education Coordinator

Pal Covie

Concluding Prayer

Adapted from Churches together in Britain and Ireland

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.

A Blessing for Us and Our Pets

Join us at coffee hour following the service for specific pet blessings.

May you be blessed in the Name God:
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

May you and your animals, and all those you love,
enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn #400, verses 1 & 7
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
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

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

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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
Harriet Davis, *Lesson*
Mary Calvin, *Prayers of the People*
Michele Johns, *Announcements*
Ken Pooley, *Videography and Editing*

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.

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.

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

October Lawn Care Schedule

Oct. 4-10: Doug Reighley

Oct 11-17: Gregg Hoerr

Oct 18-24: John Perkins

Oct 25-31: Mark Goettel

YCHI News – If you can help, please let me know. Carla Hunt, musseit@yahoo.com or 206-251-8694 (note the area code). Furniture Friends is in need of volunteers who can pick up furniture with their own trucks and deliver it to Furniture Friends. They have many requests for pick-ups but very little manpower which means that stock is getting low and it is becoming difficult for them to support people in need. YCHI uses Furniture Friends for every family moving into their own home; most recently, a month ago. If you want to restrict your pick-ups to areas in Yarmouth, Cumberland or Falmouth that would be just fine.

Join us for a special coffee hour celebrating St. Francis Day! Opening prayer, poems by Mary Oliver, Cynn timeriques sharing stories of her animal-friends, and an opportunity to bless each of our pets. **Bring your animal friends to coffee hour (or a photo of them) and we will bless them.** Looking forward to seeing you and your animal friend over zoom following the service.

New Education Coordinator! The Education Committee and the Vestry are excited to welcome our new Education Coordinator—our very own parishioner, Pal Covie. Pal has been a member of St. Bart's for several years and is completing their Master's of Science in School Counseling. They bring experience working with youth in a multitude of settings. Pal is guided by their faith and has a strong desire to help our St. Bart's kids connect and grow in their spiritual lives. They have already thought a great deal about this position and have some creative ideas about how to move forward during these unusual times. **Please be sure to tune in to the October 4th online St. Bart's Sunday Service when Pal will have a special message for our families and children.**

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN OCTOBER! - Come and enjoy beautiful Fall weather (we hope!) and lovely items (we know!) on **Saturday, October 10th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Bickford Collection Pavilion on Main Street**, which is being donated for our use by Lynn and Tamson Bickford.

We have food trucks scheduled to appear, there will be baked goods, fudge, and you can place an order for delicious, gourmet frozen food to be picked up in December!

Our holiday decorators have been busy at work creating absolutely stunning fall arrangements, which will lend a bit of joy and festivity to "down-sized" holiday gatherings this year.

Jewelry will be available to purchase, as usual, and everyone's much loved Attic Treasures will be there with loads of items as everyone has been looking for a place to donate their pandemic-cleaned attics.

Of course, you will also be able to order your Christmas wreaths, to be picked up in December! Handiwork, crafts, and the work of artisans will be available to purchase. We are mixing up our seasons a bit, but in 2020, anything goes!!

We will, of course, observe all safety precautions, wearing masks, social distancing, and providing hand sanitizer.

As always, if you would like to sign up to help in any way (or if you have teenagers who are eager to earn some community service hours or just get out of the house!) please email Cecilia Guecia at gueciacecilia@gmail.com.

Baked Goods / Food Table - Cookies, breads, jams, pies or any other food creation, would be most welcome. Please note that all food contributions must be labeled with ingredients listed AND packaged for selling. Please contact Pam Hobson (pamhobson46@gmail.com) with your offerings.

Artisans, Fine Arts and a little Whimsy - This year, for our Christmas Fair in October, we will be transitioning from our Silent Auction to a Fine Arts table. We will showcase the talents of woodworkers, furniture makers, artists and artisans. We will be curating our collection to include a limited number of items. To date we have some David Platt furniture, a beautiful Bicentennial Quilt and a Lu Tingley original silver bracelet. Please call Laurie Hyndman at 233-9439 or email her at lauriehyndman@gmail.com if you have items that might fit the bill. Thank you.

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 - Last call to bring in your terrific handmade items! Please be sure to place your contributions in the blue bin designated for Crafts and Jewelry **no later than October 7th**. The large blue bin, clearly marked, is outside the church underneath the overhang for Craft donations. If have questions, please contact Harriet Davis, (harriet.davis@gmail.com).

Jewelry - donations are needed! We accept all jewelry - costume, silver, gold - bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, pins, etc! If an item is broken, our elves will repair. 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 – *Thank You to all who have helped sort and donated treasures this fall.* Volunteers are needed to price & sort before the fair, and to help set up & work at the Fair. 2 to 3 hour shifts are available between 7am and 4pm. Please call: Liza Chandler 846-9432.

Frozen Food Orders - Plan on filling up your freezer this December! **Orders and pre-payments will be taken for frozen entrees and soups at the October 10th fair.** The frozen foods will then be available for **curbside pick-up on Saturday, December 5th**, which corresponds with the Christmas wreath pick-ups. While we need to finalize the list of available frozen food items before October 10th, cooking is not required until November! Please contact Barbara Barhydt (jbml@gwi.net) or Michele Johns (michele49johns@gmail.com) if you are interested in cooking.

The **12th Annual Yarmouth Art 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. **Please mark your calendars, and plan to spread the word to your art-loving friends!** More information is on the website, <http://yarmouthartfestival.com> Any questions? Contact Joe Michaud michaud.joe@gmail.com.

BOOK NOTES – Thanks to a recent visit from book dealer Kevin Nowack (of Giddyworm Books in Saco), the book room at St. Bart's now has some **open shelf space for new donations**. Although the book room is still off limits to browsers until the church building is open, **we are now stocking our shelves with new inventory** in anticipation of eventually getting back into the book selling business. So **if you have books to donate**, and have an opportunity to leave them **at the church on a Wednesday between 9am and 3pm, when the office is open**, please do. **Otherwise, books can be left in the shed but please be sure to notify one of us*** Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), or Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com), so that we can bring them indoors for dry, bug-free storage. *With apologies to Linda Perkins (lindaperkins77@gmail.com) who is temporarily off duty, but still very much a part of our team.

Hannaford Gift Cards a Big Winner! - Do you shop at Hannaford's or Bow Street Market? If you do you could earn \$5 for St. Bart's with every \$100 you spend buying groceries. So far this year thirty-three (33) St. Bart's households have earned \$6,000 for St. Bart's. Let's see...that's a LOT of grocery shopping at 5% donation to St. Bart's by Hannaford! Many thanks to folks who are participating! It's an extra step in your grocery shopping process, but at the rate we are going we will earn \$8,000 for the St. Bart's education program this year. Please contact John Duncan at 232-6743 or johnwduncan29@gmail.com if you want to learn more.

Memorial Garden - We will have one final cleanup on Friday, October 16. Please join us anytime between 9 and 10:30am as we work at a distance to prep the garden for winter.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry - new opportunity to contribute!

Anne Riggs Designs "Giving Tuesday" October 6, 50% of all sales on this day to benefit St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center
Anne Riggs Designs is a one-woman business located in Portland, Maine. Anne presents beautifully handmade reusable products for your home and family, from paper towels, cloth napkins and bowl covers to baby wipes and makeup pads. A wonderful gift for anyone who values a sustainable lifestyle, Anne's products are designed to lessen the burden of throwaways on the environment. These essential, everyday-use items are an initial investment with long-term savings. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/annergigsdesigns/>

Ongoing donations requested: Adult Winter Coats (Please make sure all coats are clean and in good working order) **and Boots** (Please label toe of boots with its size (ex. Men's 10) using masking tape and tie the laces together.) (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 Linda Draper, ldraper347@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 Linda.

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.

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.

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.

Zoom Knitting gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts really - we hope you will join us on Mondays from 3-4pm as we work on our handicrafts and chat on zoom. Check Nina's News and Notes for the weekly invitation.