

A Season Celebrating Belonging; The final weeks of the Season after Pentecost

We belong to God
and one another, in Christ Jesus.



For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3:28*

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

**Service of the Word, with Healing:
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost - November 15, 2020**

Opening Anthem

Sing me to Heaven
Daniel E. Gawthrop

John Corrie &
The St. Bart's Choir

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

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.

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30

A Collect of the Day

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7

John Perkins

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 123

Susannah White

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:14-30

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Here ends the reading from the Gospel.

The Sermon

Heather Sylvester, Postulant for the Diaconate

Stewardship Moment

The Colianni family

Affirmation of Faith

Susie Peixotto

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Barbara Barhydt

Holy One, guard and direct your Church everywhere in the way of unity, service, and praise; strengthen and support Thomas our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Nina our Rector, and all who minister in your Church.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the congregations of St. Mary & St. Jude, in Northeast Harbor; Trinity, in Castine; and St. Brendan the Navigator, in Deer Isle; and for all victims of war.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Ceylon.

Gracious God:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family; help us to hear and honor each other's voices so that we might establish true peace, grounded in justice and mercy.

Reconciling God:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Redeemer God:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair, and comfort those who are ill. Sustain all who bring comfort, care and healing. We ask your blessing particularly for those entrusted to our prayers: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Scott; Marcella; David; Noreen; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Diane; Brittany; Arthur; Matthew; Jean; Lee; Jay; Sally; Linda; Zoe; Samantha; Jenni; Peter; and Betty.

Compassionate God:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died, and consolation to those who mourn.

Merciful God:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Concluding Collect

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us. Grant us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Introduction to Confession

Imelda Schaefer

Let us seek forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence

The Confession

Most merciful God,
**we have sinned against you and against our neighbor
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
**forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

May the God of power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the
Spirit, and raise you to new life
in Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

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

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

*The Hymnal 1982, #S150
John Corrie & The 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.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Introduction to Healing

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. As we pray together for the healing of all, we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. In addition to those for whom you pray, you are invited to offer yourself to God, whatever your illness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

Let us pray:

Common Worship

**Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions
and keep us steadfast in your love;
bind up our wounds,
raise us from death,
and lead us to fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

May you and those for whom you pray find healing and peace, in the name of God, the holy and undivided Trinity. May Christ be present with you to comfort you, to guard and protect you, and to keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of 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 *(listed at the end)*

Susie Soule

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

John Perkins

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

Susannah White

Let us pray.

**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

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

The St. Bart's Blessing

My friends, life is short
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us,
so be quick to love and make haste to be kind.
And rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned
with the promise of our future
than the mistakes of our past.
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.**

Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go with God's peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn 397

Now thank we all our God

The Hymnal 1982

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Thanks to our Pastoral Care Committee members and Technical Crew for putting together today's service:

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley, *Rector*

John Corrie, *Choir Director*

St. Bart's Choir

John Perkins, *Lesson & A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God*

Susannah White, *Psalms & Concluding Prayer*

Heather Sylvester, *Sermon*

The Colianni family, *Stewardship Moment*

Susie Peixotto, *Affirmation of Faith*

Barbara Barhydt, *Prayers of the People*

Imelda Schaefer, *Confession*

Susie Soule, *Announcements*

Ken Pooley, *Videography and Editing*

Useful Resources During this Pandemic:

Pastoral Care Booklet: Words of Comfort

Nina and the Pastoral Care Committee have compiled a collection of prayers and psalms into a booklet titled, "Words of Comfort, for Times of Worry, Distress and Grief." The idea for the compilation arose as a means to support the community during the pandemic. As the name implies, it is intended to be a resource for comfort beyond just our current situation. For ease of printing portions of the booklet, we have created a Table of Contents in the Pastoral Care Booklet and we have made the Psalms/Canticles a separate booklet. There is now a Pastoral Care tab on the home page of the St. Bart's website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org, with links to the booklets.

Pastoral Care: 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.

Pastoral Care Email

There is a **new e-mail address for the Pastoral Care Committee**, which will provide a centralized e-mail for parishioner questions, thoughts, and concerns; pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org.

The Maine FrontLine WarmLine is now available to Maine's Educators. This free, confidential warm line for Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders and their families now includes teachers and all school personnel and their families. A team of trained volunteers is ready to support Front Line callers facing stressors due to COVID-19.

Those seeking support can call (207) 221-8196, seven days a week, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM to speak confidentially with one of these trained volunteers. To be connected via text to a text "Frontline" to 898-211.

Maine Front Line Warm Line is a collaborative effort of the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, Maine DHHS, The Opportunity Alliance, Maine Department of Public Safety including EMS and Law Enforcement, the Maine Psychological Association and the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Click [Daily Prayer](#) for the Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation.

Forward Day By Day Booklet - **The November, December, January edition is now available.** 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

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Lisa Fitzgibbons will lead our discussion today. We'll catch up with one another and talk about how we "belong" and what makes us feel like we're an integral part of a community, a family, a society. See Nina's News and Notes email for the Zoom invitation.

A Grateful Wall

Come share with one another your Thanksgivings on the church porch. We have set up an easel, sticky pad poster paper, and plenty of markers. Stop by anytime and write in your thanksgivings. Let us fill the walls with how grateful we are for God's abundance in our lives!

Be Kind Project

A Collaboration with First Parish to promote kindness during these fraught days after the election. This effort includes:
1) Stickers (designs for which were posted on the Yarmouth Community Facebook page, and more than 150 people voted to choose one) Our stickers are on the bench in front of St. Bart's, in a box with a sticker on it :) Please feel free to come by and pick up a few to share.
2) Ecumenical Evening Prayer on Monday evenings in November at 7pm. Streamed to Facebook live, from zoom. (A quick 30 minutes of prayer for your week!) You can access that worship on the First Parish YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgjmIEVJwGPvfrovfga4dBA>

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Interfaith Service -

St. Luke's Cathedral invites you to their annual Thanksgiving Eve service at **7 pm on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25** online, most likely on zoom. (More info as it becomes available.) This will be a wonderful and very moving service with participants sharing a short reading, prayer, reflection, or musical piece from their tradition. It will be especially meaningful this year, particularly as most will not be able to gather with loved ones.

Weekly St. Bart's Children's Homily!

All interested families and parishioners are invited to check out weekly St. Bart's Children's Homilies. To locate them, go to the main page of our website, hover over "Our Community," and then click on "Children and Youth."

Or you can follow this link directly to our YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNo2ud6XfWf1Y33SzAxfPLQ?view_as=subscriber

All St. Bart's kids are invited to **Children's Virtual Coffee Hour every Sunday at 10:30am beginning November 22nd.** The Zoom link will be emailed to parents.

Opportunity for youth in grades 6-12! A Zoom meeting occurs on the third Monday of every month for all Episcopal youth in Maine in grades 6-12. This is a chance to "pray, play, and connect" with other youth around the state. **The next meeting is Monday, November 16th beginning at 7pm.** The Zoom link to attend is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625716888>. ALSO, check out and follow their **Instagram account: maineyouth_episcopals**

St. Elizabeth's Essentials *Boot donations needed - Last Call!*

Boots: Please label the toe of the boots with size (ex. Men's 10) using masking tape and tie the laces together. (Please leave donations in the large blue containers outside between the office door and side entrance at church.) **Distribution will be this Tuesday, November 17th, setup on the 16th. Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, also needed.**

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.

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>

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.

Friendship House

We are collecting donations of: **MEN'S WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS, 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 pickup and deliver for you. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or maryecalvin@gmail.com.

Join us for Zoom Handiwork every Monday!!

All handicrafts - we hope you will join us for our Monday handicrafts gathering on zoom. We have so much fun seeing each other, talking about our knitting, or other projects, and sharing recipes - really, you don't want to miss out! Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

BOOK NOTES -

Although the book room is still off limits to browsers until the church building is open, **we are accepting donations at this time.** If you have books to donate, please stop by the church office on **Wednesdays between 9am and 3pm.** Any questions, please contact, Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com), or Linda Perkins (lindaperkins77@gmail.com).

Upcoming Lawn/Snow Care Schedule

NOV. 15-21: Ted Danforth
NOV. 22-28: Ed Simmons
NOV 29-DEC 5: John Duncan
DEC 6-12: Peter Sillin
DEC 13-19: Doug Reighley
DEC 20-26: Gregg Hoerr