



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME

Service of the Word - February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Opening Hymn 135
Songs of thankfulness and praise

The Hymnal 1982
John Corrie and The St. Bart's Choir

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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Welcome

*Sarah Covie,
Transitional Worship Committee Chair*

Opening Acclamation

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Jesus said,

"The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

The second is this:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these." - *Mark 12:29-31*

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah 40:21-31

Laurie Hyndman

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
Here ends the reading.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark: 1:29-39

*Jay Reighley,
Transitional Worship Committee Member*

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Here ends the reading from the Gospel

Reflection

Jay Reighley

Choral Response

*O Sing Joyfully
Adrian Batten*

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir

The Affirmation of Faith

*Arthur Woolverton,
Vestry Member*

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.**

The Prayers of the People

*Jan Burson,
Transitional Worship Committee Member*

Comfort, comfort your people, O God:
And hear the prayer of our hearts.

For the Church:

May we bear your love to the world.

For our bishops, Michael and Thomas; and the Diocese of Maine.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the congregation of St. Luke's in Wilton; for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; and for the spread of the Gospel to all the world.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

For the reconciliation of this nation:

May we honor one another and serve the common good.

For the peace of the world:

And the wellbeing of all people.

For this planet, our home:

May we be healers of creation.

For the parish community of St. Bart's, and all those we love:

For those in need of our prayers: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Scott; Marcella; David; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Arthur; Matthew; Jean; Lee; Sally; Zoe; Samantha; Jenni; Peter; June & Fred; Joan; Erin; and Carla, Andrew and Musseit.

For all who wander, who hunger, who suffer:

May we embody your love and care.

For those who have died:

Alexander Hunt

Receive them into the arms of your mercy.

May we comfort those who mourn.

Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace:

that we may hold fast to your great goodness.

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Arthur Woolverton

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.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Lu Tingley,
Vestry Liaison to the Transitional Worship Committee*

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!

Ciarimboli Family

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray:

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. **Amen.** ~ 2 Corinthians 4:6

*Susie Peixotto,
Vestry Member*

The Blessing, 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.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Announcements (*Listed at the end.*)

Arthur Woolverton

Closing Music
Hymn 137 *O wondrous type! O vision fair*

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Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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Announcements

If you would like to be on our email distribution list to receive weekly announcements and monthly newsletters, please go to our website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org. Scroll to the very bottom and on the right-hand side you will see the following: "CLICK HERE to receive our weekly newsletter and monthly Mustard Seed publication via email." Please click on it, fill in your email address, as well as your first and last name, and then hit 'Subscribe'. That's it! Any questions, email the office: admin@stbartsyarmouth.org.

Zoom coffee hour following the service:

Join us after worship this morning. The topic of discussion will be about the discernment process. The link for coffee hour can be found in the e-bulletin mailed out on 2/4/21.

Transition Notes

As reported last week, a Discernment Committee has been called by the Vestry to begin the work of reaching everyone in the parish to gather information that will help answer the questions "Who are We?" and "What is God Calling us to Do?" A profile of a spiritual leader best able to lead us down the path we will have then chosen will also be developed, and all will be shared with the parish before a Search Committee is called to begin the work of finding that person.

Kathy Abernathy, Pam Hobson, Tom Hyndman, Mike Perfetti, Susie Soule and Michele Johns, have joined John Duncan for this work. The committee met on 1/30 and next meets on 2/5. They are grateful to have Peter Small's guidance and assistance in developing questions that will be posed to all of us during this process. John will host our coffee hour after our reinstated St. Bart's 9:00 service this Sunday to give us all an overview of their work plan and to answer questions and receive your thoughts. We hope that you will join in! Your Wardens

Volunteers Needed!

The Transitional Worship Committee is looking for volunteers who are interested in participating in St. Bart's online worship services. This is an extraordinary time for us at St Bart's and we have a special, unique opportunity to each share in our worship in a new way.

There are a variety of ways you can be involved, including:

- Become a Lector (reading the Old Testament lesson and Psalm for the week)
- Give a brief reflection or meditation on the Gospel or an appropriate theme
- Help lead a service by reading a portion of the liturgy for the week
- Help the Tech Team compile photos or video footage for use during music

If any of these interest you or if you want to get involved in another way, please contact Sarah Covie, chair of the Transitional Worship Committee, via email at sarah.j.vigne@gmail.com or phone at 802-917-1688.

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. 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.

Building Safety

Dear friends, this is a friendly reminder to ensure church building security and COVID-19 protocol. **Please sign in to the building in the book by the entryway when you are in the building for any reason and then make sure the door(s) to the church are locked when you leave. The side door, in particular, needs to be pushed tightly closed for the lock to be effective.** Thank you. Your Wardens.

Weekly Snow Care Schedule:

JAN 31-FEB 6: Ed Simmons
FEB 7-13: John Duncan
FEB 14-20: Peter Sillin
FEB 21-27: Doug Reighley
FEB 28-MAR 6: Gregg Hoerr

Education

Weekly St. Bart's Children's Homily! All interested families and parishioners are invited to check out the weekly Sunday School videos posted to our YouTube page. 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 channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChRKDFMjcEMRq7LlOWfxFPA>

Our next monthly outdoor gathering is taking a winter walk at Spear Farm Estuary Preserve, 445 Bayview Street, Yarmouth, ME on Saturday, February 13th at 10:00am. All youth and families are welcome. Face masks are required, and all participants must maintain physical distancing. Please RSVP by emailing Pal at palcovie@gmail.com, just so we know who and how many to expect.

High school student volunteering opportunity: Sophie Herr regularly takes her kids to volunteer at Partners for World Health, sorting donated medical supplies. Sophie has invited other St. Bart's teens who are interested in participating to sign up and join them about once per month on Saturday mornings. Signing up requires completing a Volunteer Application and a 45-minute New Volunteer Orientation. Details can be found here: <https://www.partnersforworldhealth.org/volunteering>. Contact Sophie at sophieherr@gmail.com to coordinate volunteer dates and to learn more. If you know of other local volunteering opportunities for youth, please let Pal know.

Afternoon Handiwork

Our group meets on Mondays from 3-4pm via zoom. We welcome all to join us as we work on our craft projects and have friendly conversation. Find the link in the weekly e-bulletin.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Donations currently needed:

Pots & Pans (good condition, please)

sheets, blankets, comforters (please label the size: king, queen, full, twin, with masking tape)

tablecloths, cloth napkins, towels, winter hats, scarves, mittens and gloves

(We no longer accept clothing)

Donations can be dropped off in the large blue bins outside of St. Bart's office.

Also consider donating through their Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>.

Learn more about St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center on their website or Facebook page:

www.stelizabethsmaine.org <https://www.facebook.com/StElizabethsJubileeCenter/>

FMI: Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com) or Anne Jacobs (ajacobs207@gmail.com)

Friendship House

We are collecting donations of:

****New or Used Twin Sheets**

****New or Used Pillowcases**

Men's Winter Clothes

Blankets

Pillows

Razors, Shaving cream, Toothpaste, Shampoo, 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 St, South Portland, ME 04106.

RESOURCES during COVID19:

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 - February, March, April 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 in a labeled plastic container on the porch at St. Bart's. Stop by anytime to pick up a copy.**