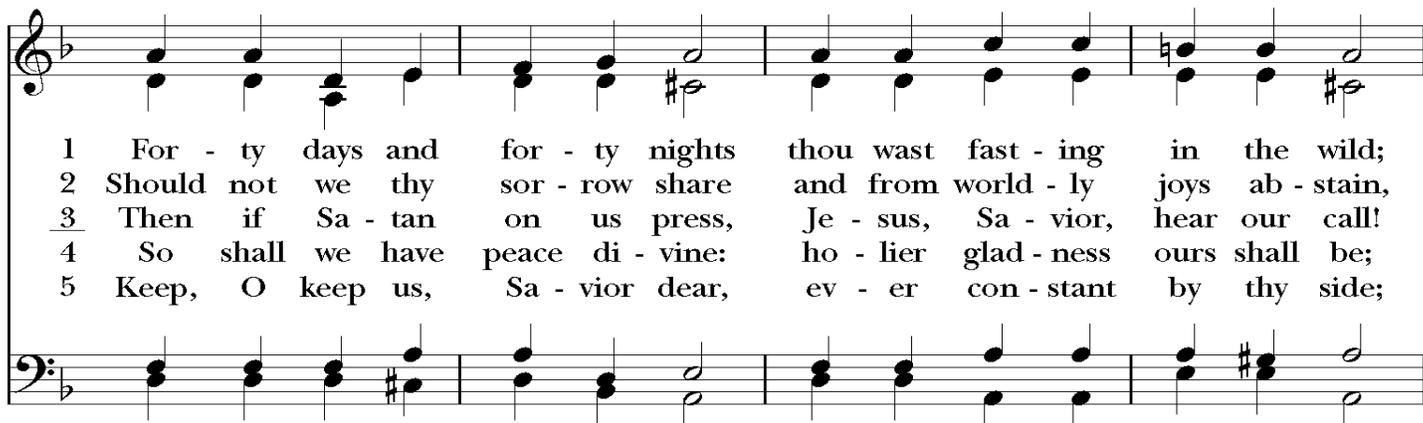


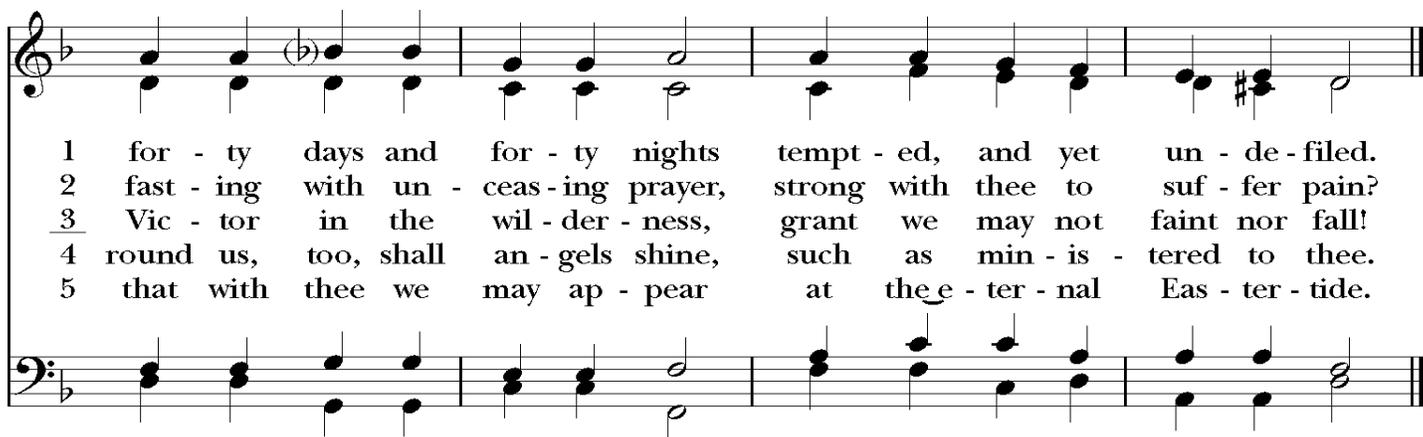
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME
Service of the Word with Healing
February 21, 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

Opening Hymn 150
Forty Days and Forty Nights

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



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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Welcome

Susannah White

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.' *Matthew 16:24, adapted*

Confession

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen. - BCP Rite II, Expansive Language

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Trisagion, sung by the choir
Holy God

The Hymnal 1982, #S102
John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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Collect of the Day

Susannah White

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 9:8-17

John Perkins

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:9-15

Heather Sylvester

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Here ends the reading from the Gospel

Reflection

Heather Sylvester

Choral Response

Call To Remembrance
By Richard Farrant

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir

The Affirmation of Faith

Barbara Barhydt

The Apostles' Creed, BCP 120

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

Our God is full of compassion and mercy, let us pray:

For the world and its leaders, for our President and our nation,
and for the wellbeing of Creation,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.
God of integrity, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Imelda Schaefer

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 forever.**

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

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 we pray, we are invited to offer ourselves to God, whatever our illness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

Let us pray:

**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. - *Common Worship*

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

The Peace

The Redfield Family

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!

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

Susie Peixotto

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

Paule French

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** - *New Zealand Prayer Book, Morning Prayer*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Savior;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be upon us, and remain with us always. **Amen.** - *Adapted, BCP Rite I*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements (see pages 7-9)

Gregg Hoerr

Closing Hymn 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

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

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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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. Phil Chin will lead our discussion about blending together the voices of St. Bart's choir members to create a virtual choir. The link for coffee hour can be found in the e-bulletin mailed out on 2/18/21.

This Week's Transition Notes

The Worship Committee continues to amaze and inspire us with their caring attention to the needs of our parish as they plan our worship together during our time of transition. They will provide updates, but their current intent is follow this cycle, once a month having:

A healing oriented service, led by the Pastoral Care Committee

A Eucharist Service led by a Supply Clergy

A Service of the Word led by a rotation of worship committee members, vestry members, and other parish volunteers

Joining the monthly Maine Diocesan Service

Don't be shy about offering your participation!

The Discernment Committee continues their weekly meetings, with input from our very own consultant, Peter Small, and the support of Rev. Canon Ambler of the Diocese. Their first order of business is to distill a very long list of interview questions to a baker's dozen, which has elicited interesting discussion in the quest for clarity and breadth in the final list. We'll all be seeing the questions in advance of being interviewed so that we can each give some thought to our responses as they will guide the vestry in moving forward.

G. Jeffrey MacDonald's book, Part-Time Is Plenty has been mentioned often, as all of us who have read it have found the subtitle "Thriving Without Full-Time Clergy" intriguing. The Discernment Committee is planning a book review/discussion for a March coffee hour. Stay tuned!

As always, please contact either one of us with any questions or concerns. Your Wardens , Dennis and Michele.

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.

A Celebration of Life for Alexander H. Hunt (September 2, 1926 - January 30, 2021) will be held on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m. This will be a Virtual Memorial Service on Zoom. On behalf of Carla, Andrew and Musseit, we extend an invitation to family, friends and the St. Bartholomew's community to participate in celebrating the life of Alexander H. Hunt. Rev. David Heald will be the Celebrant. There will be an opportunity for the congregation to share brief memories if they so wish. See the e-bulletin for Zoom link.

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/UChRKDFmjcEMRq7LIOWfxFPA>

Book Notes - What Does the Book Room Need? No more books! Please hold all book donations until further notice. We are running out of both shelf space and volunteer energy to sort donations that were left this winter. What the Book Room does need are customers! If you have a chance to be in the building, come upstairs and check us out. Leave money in the cash boxes beside the doorway. We are making good progress at organizing the shelves by categories. The center shelves are devoted to fiction; other topics are on shelved around the perimeter of the room, and labeled by category with posted signs. Questions? contact (Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), or Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com)).

Yarn & Knitting Supply Swap

The Monday Afternoon Knitting Group has a surplus of knitting needles, yarn & patterns to share. Please come to the church to see what is available & select some yarn for a project or two. Please take advantage of the chance to share any accumulated yarn & supplies from your personal craft corner as well. This is an opportunity for new & beginner knitters to explore a new hobby, start a new project and share supplies.

Dates: **February 15th to March 5th, Mondays thru Fridays only**

Time: **8am-4pm** (Double doors are unlocked since the day care is open during these hours.)

Where: **Under the choir loft**

Covid Safety: **Wear a mask, sign in, use hand sanitizer, mind your distance**

How it works:

*Come to St Bart's, look over the available selection & choose enough yarn & supplies for a couple of projects.

*Consider one project for the Church Fair Craft Table or the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

*Bring yarn & supplies from your craft corner to share

*Some of the yarn is suitable for crochet. At this time there are no crochet hooks.

Supplies available:

*Knitting needles, mostly straight, many double pointed, some circular

*Knitting & Crochet magazines with patterns

*Prayer Shawl & blanket patterns

*A variety of yarn

Questions, please contact: Liza Chandler, 846-9432, liza.b.chandler@gmail.com

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.

Friendship House

We are collecting donations of: **Silverware, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Men's Winter Clothes, Twin Sheets (new or used), Pillowcases (new or used), 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.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Urgent need for:

1. Pots & Pans - We're halfway to our goal of 90! Only those in good condition, please.

2. Mittens and Winter Gloves

Other Donations currently needed:

1. Sheets, Blankets, Comforters - (please label the size: king, queen, full, twin, with masking tape)

2. Tablecloths & Cloth Napkins

3. Towels

4. Winter Hats & Scarves

(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 Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>. (We no longer accept clothing)

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)

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.

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@ghi.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.

RESOURCES during COVID19:

The Maine FrontLine WarmLine is a free, confidential warm line for Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders and their families as well as Maine Educators (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.**

SCHEDULED DUTIES

February 21 - Service of the Word w/ Healing

Snow Care: Doug Reighley

VPOW: Gregg Hoerr

February 28 - Eucharistic Service w/ Supply Clergy

Lector: Elizabeth Ring

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Gunzelmann

Snow Care: Gregg Hoerr

VPOW: Gregg Hoerr

March 7 - Service of the Word

Lector: Ian-Meredythe Lindsey

Chalice Bearer: Anne Jacobs

Snow Care: Mark Goettel

VPOW: Anne Berg

March 14 - Diocesan-wide service

Snow Care: Peter Chandler

VPOW: Cecilia Guecia

March 21 - Service of the Word w/ Healing

Snow Care: Joe Michaud

VPOW: **NEEDED**

March 28 - Palm Sunday, Eucharistic Service w/ Bishop Brown

Lector: Harriet Davis

Chalice Bearer: Harriet Davis

Snow Care: Ted Danforth

VPOW: **NEEDED**