

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

March 30, 2025, 9:30 am



A note about St. Bart's Healing Service

Throughout scripture, we read stories of healing and restoration. From Genesis to Revelation, individuals with afflictions of body, mind, and spirit and communities torn apart by greed and hatred are healed by prayer or, in one instance, by Jesus' spit and a little bit of mud (John 9:6). The ministry of healing is one of the oldest offerings of our Judeo-Christian faith and one of the most essential.

In church settings, when we hear the word "healing" we may think of the miracles of Jesus, where by a touch or a word Jesus was able to renew sight to the blind, agility to the lame, and life to the dead. Certainly, there are times when we all pray for miracles – for God to drastically intervene and make whole or make well a loved one.

Most often, however, "healing" is not just one experience of becoming well after being sick. It is a myriad of experiences of wholeness and being held, known, and loved just as we are. It is a sense of being buoyed when the waters of life are rough. It's a deep sense of embodiment when life is swirling around us. It's a cry for justice in a world still so deeply oppressed. It's knowing we do not journey through life alone but with God and God's people by our side.

St. Bart's Healing Services are times when we center this ministry of our tradition and make space for all these aspirations for healing. Our prayers, our songs, our silence turn our attention to our healing as individuals and as a community. Lighting candles – the flames of hope, endurance, love, and peace – and anointing – oils that bless the living and those close to death – are centuries-old practices that connect us to God's healing ministry in our midst.

We invite you, this morning, into this space of healing – for you, for those you love, and for our community.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

“Preludium” by Flor Peeters

Welcome & Announcements

Pal Covie

Opening Hymn, #489

The great creator

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Litany

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant God is our refuge in times of trouble,
keeping us steady upon the road,
watching over us and holding us in grace.
Where does our help come from?

People **Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!**

Celebrant God is our fortress in times of distress,
wrapping us in safety,
granting peace when our lives are not at ease.
Where does our help come from?

People **Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!**

Celebrant God is our parent who knows us so well,
wanting only the best for us,
willing always to forgive and to reconcile.
Where does our help come from?

People **Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!**

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Kyrie, S86

The Hymnal 1982

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The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Celebrant Gracious God,

People **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Celebrant As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

People **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Paule French

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm, 32 (sung)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1. Happy are they whose transgressions are for- ' given, *
and whose sin is put a- ' way!
2. Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no ' guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no ' guile!
3. While I held my tongue, my bones withered a- ' way, *
because of my groaning all day ' long.
4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and ' night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of ' summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to ' you, *
and did not conceal my ' guilt.
6. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the ' Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my ' sin.
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of ' trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not ' reach them.

8. You are my hiding place, you preserve me from ' trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of de- ' liverance.

9. " I will instruct you, and teach you in the way that you should ' go; *
I will guide you with my ' eye.

10. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under- ' standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not ' stay near you."

11. Great are the tribulations of the ' wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the ' Lord.

12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the ' Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of ' heart.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Paule French

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #641

Lord Jesus, think on me

The Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Rev. Cn. Mark Furlow

Celebrant The Holy Gospel, according to Luke

People **Glory to you, O God.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would

gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Mark Furlow

Anthem

"Love Bade Me Welcome" by David Hurd (poetry by George Herbert)

*LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.*

*'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
 'Who made the eyes but I?'*

*'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
 So I did sit and eat.*

Healing Liturgy

A Litany of Healing

Susannah White

Leader Every few months, we set apart a Sunday service to focus on the theme of healing. As we move into a time of prayer for the healing of our loved ones, our world and ourselves, let us take a moment to collect our thoughts and center down.

Silence for reflection.

Leader God the Parent, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O God.

God, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or in need, that they may be made whole; Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have called upon us for prayer:
Pat; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Wes; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Ted; Matt; Vanya; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hartley; Isabel; and the Cornforth family

Are there others we wish to commend to God at this time? Please offer your prayers, either silently or aloud... *Pause for intercessions.*

Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. We pray for those in our community who have recently died, especially Hal Cornforth, grandfather of Pal Covie. I invite your prayers, either silently or aloud... *Pause for intercessions.*

Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our fragile earth, that we may be good stewards of your creation:

Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

Our orange candle is lit as a vigil each week in remembrance of victims of gun violence. God of Justice, help us, your church, to find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done, and grant us the conviction to advocate for change.

Christ, our healer,
Hear our prayer.

You are the God who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O God, is the well of life:

And by your provision we believe.

Hear us, O God of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Blessing Prayer Shawls

Celebrant At this time, we will bless prayer shawls that have been prepared by our St. Bart's knitters and which will be given to members of our community who would like to be wrapped in prayer.

People We invite the congregation to say the following Prayer of Blessing together:

**May God's grace be upon these shawls
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.**

**May this mantle be a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing
in good times as well as difficult ones.**

**May the one who receives these shawls
be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace,
and wrapped in love.**

After the above prayer is said, the shawls will be placed on the table. As you come forward to light a candle, you are invited to add your own blessing to the shawls through touch or silent prayer.

Celebrant Jesus said: "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."
At this time, I invite you into a time of reflection where you are invited to light a candle.

The congregation is invited forward to light a candle as a symbol of the healing light of Christ illuminating our path. As individuals light candles, we sing...

Hymn, #830

Laudate omnes gentes

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
E nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na - ni ika Haku! E

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Once everyone has returned to their seats, the service continues.

The Peace

Celebrant Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Our offerings of bread and wine are brought forward at this time.

Offertory Hymn, #620

Jerusalem, my happy home

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is now brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

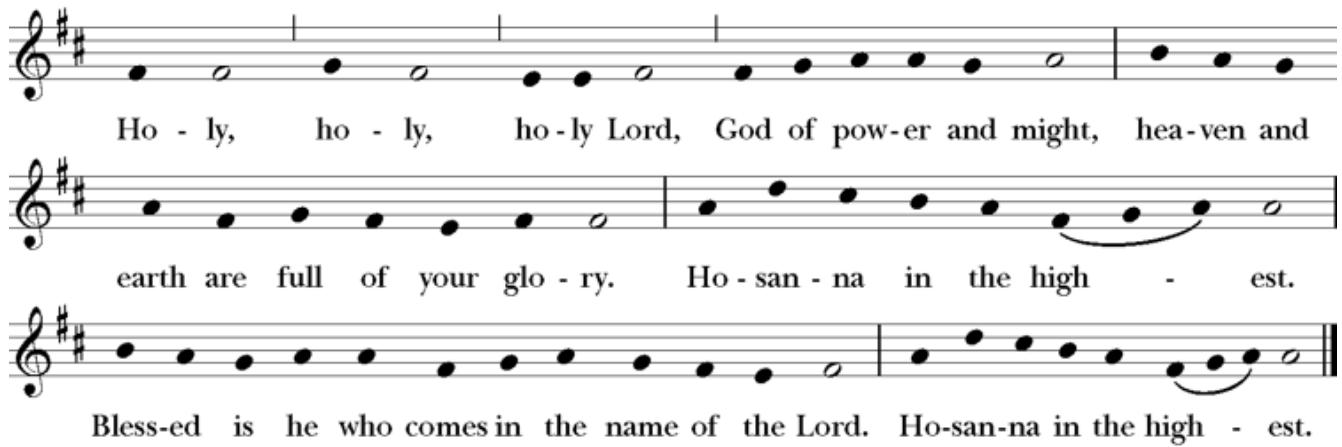
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to Christ our Savior.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Creating God,
we lift our hearts to you
because you made the universe from nothing
and formed human beings in your image
from the dust of the earth.
In Adam and Eve,
you saw your hopes for creation turn to ashes,
and yet in Abraham and Sarah and Moses and his sister Miriam
you called your people out of wilderness and slavery.
You showed your face to your people in exile,
and in Christ you raised your children to new life
out of the ashes of sin and death.
And so, we gladly praise and thank you,
with angels and archangels
and the company of heaven,
singing your unending praise:

Sanctus, S124
(see next page)

The Hymnal 1982



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Redeeming God, over forty days you flooded the earth, over forty years you led your people through the wilderness, and over forty days your Spirit led Jesus through the desert. Bless us through the sustenance of this food and drink to profess your Son's death and resurrection. Send down your Holy Spirit, that we may come to resemble and follow our crucified and risen Savior, and that this bread and this cup may become for us our everlasting banquet, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant

Great is the mystery of faith.

People

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Sanctifying God, where your children are in the wilderness, lead them to your heart. Where your people are hungry for you, give them practices of fasting and Scripture-reading and alms-giving and repentance and prayer. Where your followers know beatings, imprisonments, hardships, and calamities, visit them with the comforting power of your presence. Raise up the glory of your resurrection from the ashes of our pride and sloth and greed, that all your church and the whole creation may celebrate the wonders of your love, until the day when everyone shall perceive you and praise you, you are all in all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, Mother of us all.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant

Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Communion Hymn, #141

Wilt thou forgive?

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

God of the feast,
we thank you for satisfying us at your table
with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People

**In the strength of this meal,
refreshed by your Holy Spirit,**

send us into a hungry world
with food and love and Good News to share. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace,
who gives food to every living creature,
give you your daily bread,
and make you hungry and thirsty for justice.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord Jesus Christ,
who feeds us in this sacrament,
give you strength for work and witness,
and bring you to the wedding banquet of heaven and earth.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The Spirit of grace,
who nourishes hearts and minds with saving truth,
give you joyful companions at Wisdom's feast,
and send you to feed the hungry and bring good news to the poor.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God,
holy eternal Majesty,
holy incarnate Word,
holy abiding Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #609

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"In Dorian Mode" by Flor Peeters

*** All cash in today's offertory plate, and checks so designated,
will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.***

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Mark Furlow
Music Christina Edelen
Musicians The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer Barbara Barhydt*
Nonvested Chalice Bearer Nancy Gunzelmann
Prayers of the People Susannah White*
Lector Paule French*
Ushers Pam Waite, Ann Donaghy
Altar Guild Beth LaSalle
Flower Arranger Barbara Barhydt
A/V Joe Michaud
Bread Baker Sukie Curtis
Counters Dennis Fitzgibbons, Ann Donaghy
Snow Removal John Duncan
VPOW Pal Covie
Coffee Hour Imelda Schaefer & Margaret Kimball
Prayers in the Chapel Imelda Schaefer*

*Members of the Pastoral Care Team

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist from *Enriching our Worship 1*

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Prayers of the People: written by the Rev. Stephen White

Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer: *Eucharistic Prayers*. Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Eerdmans 2016

Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing: from The Anglican Church of Australia



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