

Morning Prayer and Healing Service

September 29, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Yarmouth, Maine

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

Prelude O Waly Waly

Welcome & Announcements *Anne Jacobs*

Opening Hymn, #427 When morning gilds the skies *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Words

Officiant Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. *Psalm 96:11-12*

People **Amen**

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and all Creation.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant Holy and merciful God,
People **we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth
as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

Officiant This is the day the Creator has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

John Perkins

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.
For you are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Psalm 19: 7-14 (sung)

The Hymnal 1982



7. The law of the Lord is perfect, and re- 'vives the ' soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives ' wisdom ' to the ' innocent.

8. The statutes of the Lord are just, and re- 'joice the ' heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is ' clear, and gives ' light to the ' eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;*
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11. By them also is your servant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;*
let them not get dominion over me;

13a. then shall I be whole and sound,*
and innocent of a great offense.

14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now;*
and shall be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: A Reading of "Do not doubt what you see" from *Ladder to the Light* Susannah White

Last night they came again, the spirits of earth and sky, of wind and rain, of deep seas and tall mountains. In all shapes and sizes they came, from every tribe and nation: the deer and the elk, the bear and the wolf, broad-winged eagles and crows as black as night. They all came and stood in a solemn circle beneath the one-eyed moon and spoke with a single voice this message from the sacred: "Do not doubt what you see: the world is warming, the waters are rising, and the winds are coming stronger than before. Do not turn away, do not pretend not to see, but speak the truth and set the spirits free to heal the world, before the ice has gone, before the last tiger falls, before only the desert remembers the ones who once walked this land.

-by Steven Charleston

1st Canticle: #884, Benedicite O All Ye Works of God
(see next page)

Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. O all ye works of God now come to
 2. O sun and moon and stars of heav'n your
 3. O heat and cold, O night and day, O
 4. O earth and sea, O all that live in
 5. O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like

thank him and a - dore; O an - gels sing and
 end - less praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 storms and thund - er's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 wa - ter or on shore, O men and wo - men
 right - eous souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

5.
 ev - er - more.

Second Lesson: Mark 4:26-32

Susannah White

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches
 People Thanks be to God

2nd Canticle: #895

Magna et Mirabilia (Congregation sings refrain, choir sings vss)
 (see next page)

WLP

Refrain

We sing the praises of your name for
 you only are the holy one.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God
 great deeds are they that you have **done**, *
 surpassing human **understanding**.
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and **truth**, *
 O king of all the **ages**. *Refrain*

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
 and sing the praises of your **Name**? *
 for you only are the holy **One**.
 All nations will draw near and fall down **before you**, *
 because your just and holy works have been **revealed**. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**,
 and to the Holy **Spirit**; *
 as it was in the beginning, is **now**,
 and will be for ever. **Amen**. *Refrain*

Sermon

The Rev. Sukie Curtis

Hymn, #593

Lord make us servants (St Francis prayer)

The Hymnal 1982

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant: Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

People: We have faith in one God, one Source of all life, one Ground of the whole Earth, who created all things good. And we have faith in Christ, in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity to bear God's likeness in working and caring for Creation, in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers, in working with these powers for the wellbeing of life on Earth. And we have faith in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle. So that the Earth is inherited in peace, her life is transformed for all creatures and her bounty shared justly. So be it. Amen.

Healing Litany and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us, using the translation from our Season of Creation resources:

People: **Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Heal your Creation, O God, and bless your offspring;

Pam Hobson

People: **Guide and sustain your creatures, now and always.**

Leader: Day by day your Creation blesses you;

People: **We join our voices to praise your Name for ever.**

Leader: O God, unite us with all Creation in harmony;

People: **Have compassion on our failings, O God.**

Leader: O God, show us your love and sustaining power;

People: **For your creatures live and move only in you.**

Leader: In you, O God, is our hope;

People: **And your Creation shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

Pam Hobson

Leader O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays (said together)

People O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant The worship service on the 5th Sundays in our calendar year is set apart as focused on the theme of healing. As we move into prayers for the healing of our loved ones, our world and ourselves, let us take a moment of silence to also enter into the mystery of God's presence with us.

Silence

Intercessory Prayers for Healing of Ourselves and Creation

Pam Hobson

Leader: Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made. God, who listens to every living thing,

People: **Help us listen as you do.**

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see Creation recognize your glorious beauty. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, you are present in your Creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, who is present with your Creation,

Help us be present too.

Gracious God; we commend those on our St. Bart's prayer list who are in need of healing, strength or comfort:

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Andy; Sally; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Isaac; Bill; Dave & Judy; Steven; Nina; Jen; Wendy; the family of Matthew Jay Willard; and the family of Pamela Grumpett.

I invite you to offer your own intercessions, either silently or aloud. (*pause for congregational intercessions*). May they find holy consolation through your abiding presence.

God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer, especially Matthew Jay Willard, step-son of Jennifer Willard, and Pamela Grumpett, sister of Carol Hayes. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. I invite your intercessions for those who have died, either silently or aloud. (*pause for intercessions*). We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat each other and the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

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 illumination we perceive.

Hear us, O God of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Officiant A time of quiet reflection and prayer will now be offered. During this time, you are invited to light a candle or to go to the chapel for healing prayer with a member of our Pastoral Care Committee as a symbol of Christ's light and healing presence for the concerns of your heart.

The congregation is invited forward to light a candle as a symbol of the healing light of Christ illuminating our path. Healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee. During this time of reflection, you are invited to sing...

Hymn, #830

Laudate omnes gentes

Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "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". The second system also has two staves. The lyrics are: "da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lau - nā lā - hui - ka - na - ka ho - o - na ni ika Haku! E". The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the second system. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Concluding Collect

Officiant Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our Shepherd and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens. To you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. **Amen**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us show to each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

The people are seated. At this time, the ushers will collect the offering and the members of the congregation can bring their awe-ferings to the altar.

Offertory anthem: "Christ Hath a Garden" English melody, arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air. Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come. That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray,
People All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee.
Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn, #408 Sing praise to God *The Hymnal 1982*

The Dismissal

Officiant With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:8-10

People Amen, Thanks be to God.

Postlude "The Water is Wide" by Cecil Sharp

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Officiant	Mary Curlew
Preacher	The Rev. Sukie Curtis
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	John Perkins
Prayer Leader	Pam Hobson
Lector	Susannah White
Ushers	Pal Covie, Nancy Gunzelmann
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger	Anne Jacobs
A/V	Laurie Hyndman
Counters	Harriet Davis, Tom Hyndman
Lawn Care	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Anne Jacobs
Coffee Hour	Susie Peixotto
Prayers in the Chapel	Imelda Schaefer



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME
A Congregation of The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Rector:	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Rector Email:	amanda@stbartsyarmouth.org
Music Director:	Dr. Christina Edelen
Intern:	Mary Curlew
Sr. Warden:	Laurie Hyndman
Jr. Warden:	Joe Michaud
Pastoral Care:	Imelda Schaefer, Barbara Barhydt
Pastoral Care Email:	pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org
Parish Administrator:	Teri Coviello
Office Hours:	Tue – Thur, 9-3
Office Email:	admin@stbartsyarmouth.org
Telephone:	207.846.9244
Website	www.stbartsyarmouth.org