

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, October 10, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Creation
A Eucharistic Service



Welcome

Dennis Fitzgibbons

Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir
The Hymnal 1982, #400

Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Creator of the universe, open our lips,

People: **And we will praise you.**

Presider: Sustainer of life, open our ears,

People: **And we will hear you.**

Presider: Redeemer of the world, open our hearts,

People: **And we will love you.**

The Collect of the Season, A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989), p.569

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1:20-23

Elizabeth Ring

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Elizabeth Ring

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Stewardship Minute

Michele Johns

The Affirmation of Faith, Earth Creed, *Liturgy for Earth Week 2021, Diocese of Maine*

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

All: **We have come to renew our covenant with God
and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
We have come to help protect God's creation.
We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another
and to heal injustice and poverty.
We have come to stand together against all threats to life.
We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation:
the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars,
the many forms of life in the forest.
We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind,
trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.
We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation,
and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lisa Fitzgibbons

Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World:
for the teeming life of the seas,
the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life.
Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea;
for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun.
We pray for the nations of the earth,
give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.
God of justice:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church,
called to reconcile and heal:
For this parish and Anne, our Guest Celebrant,
for Thomas our Bishop, and Michael our Presiding Bishop.

In Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the congregation of The Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Portland;
and for all who are preparing for the 202nd Convention of the Diocese of Maine.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

God of grace:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family.
We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.
As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect.
We pray for those you have commended to our care:

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Scott; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Jean; Sally;
Zoe; Erin; Antonia; Al; Sarah; Lee; Ryan; Brook; Alex; Olga; Henry; Virginia & Jamil; Ed;
Kathy; Cora; David; Lu; Peter; Hannah; Paul & Faith; and Tom.

God of compassion:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love;
may we support and comfort those who mourn.

Susan Webber

God of peace:

hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect, *Liturgy for Earth Week 2021, Diocese of Maine*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Gracious God, open our eyes that we may see the abundance of your creative love in all that surrounds and sustains us. Enable us to become people of hope and life, who plant the seeds of your earthly garden for the benefit of all. Help us to be gardeners and caregivers for the earth that is home for all life. Fill us with your gentle love, that we may walk tenderly on the earth, cooperating with your intention of abundant love and life.
Amen.

The Confession, *Liturgy for Earth Week 2021, Diocese of Maine*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

All: **We confess to you our blindness to your presence in creation,
and our disregard for the creatures of this planet, including trees.
Our human hearts are set on personal gain and material wealth,
and our drive for more has caused great damage.
Forgive us our sins against your beloved creatures
and empower us to walk humbly with you and with one another.
Reconnect us with the web of creation
and lead us to the community you envision for us,
the creatures of your beloved Planet Earth. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

God our Creator is merciful, and forgives our sins, for the sake of the one who became flesh and dwelt among us, Jesus Christ our Lord. God gives us new hearts to bear Christ's love to all inhabitants of the earth, and to advocate for their protection and well-being. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please stand in place and turn to face your neighbors to offer a greeting or sign of peace.

The Offertory Sentence

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Alleluia. See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God; for indeed so we are.

Alleluia. ~ 1 John 3:1

The Offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, *Scottish Episcopal Church Eucharistic Prayer I - Liturgy 1982*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, speaking the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the saints, the apostles and prophets, and of all our siblings, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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.**

The Fraction

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: 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

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider may add this or another sentence:

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion here at God's table. The ushers will invite you to come forward in the center aisle and receive the bread at the front one at a time. There is hand sanitizer available here at the front as well. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received. If instead you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your hands across your chest. If you need gluten free bread, please let us know when you come forward and we are happy to accommodate.

Music at Communion

My God, thy table now is spread
Arranged by E. Miller, S Webbe, Jr.

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir

Post Communion Prayer, *Adapted, Churches together in Britain and Ireland – resources for creation time.*

Presider: Let us pray.

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

All: **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.
Lead us to 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. Anne C. Fowler

Go forth now to care for God's world.

Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.

Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation.

Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit

bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

***God, my King, thy might confessing*, verses 1-4**

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir
The Hymnal 1982, #414

Announcements (*Listed at the end.*)

Michele Johns

The Dismissal

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

We ask that you remain in your seats until the ushers dismiss you row by row to exit the sanctuary. If you re-enter the church please remember to put your mask back on while in the building.

* Crafted from two sources: the first was a prayer included in the Creation materials published by Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network; the second source from *Prayers for the Planet, at a service at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, before the Climate March, December 2005.*

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Announcements

Today's Plate Offering is an Opportunity to Donate: Wabanaki REACH

In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, this Sunday's plate offering will go to Wabanaki REACH (Reconciliation, Engagement, Advocacy, Change and Healing). Wabanaki REACH, now an official non-profit 501(c)(3), has its roots in 2008, when the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established. Their mission today is to support the self-determination of Wabanaki people through education, truth-telling, restorative justice, and restorative practices in Wabanaki and Maine communities. To learn more about the work of this organization, go to mainewabanakireach.org.

All loose cash plate offerings will go to Wabanaki REACH. If you'd like to donate by check, please make the check payable to St. Bart's and write REACH in the memo line.

Art Festival

Thanks to all who spread the word to Maine artists to enter this year's Yarmouth Art Festival! We have received 525 entries, an increase from 2020. The jury will select around 165 that will be displayed at St. Bart's during the event, Oct. 20-23 (with full Covid precautions), and online for two weeks afterward.

The Vestry has decided that all net proceeds from entry fees and sales commissions will go to Yarmouth Food Pantry, St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland and Friendship House in South Portland.

If you're interested in helping with any aspect of the show - publicity, setup, art intake and return, art hanging - contact Joe Michaud, michaud.joe@gmail.com to be connected with the appropriate team. To volunteer during the show, see announcement below.

Art Show (10/20-23) Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers on Oct. 20-23 to help as Chaperones (greeting customers, answering questions, and processing payments), and on Oct. 23-24 assisting artists with picking up unsold artwork. All new volunteers will be paired with a returning volunteer. See the e-bulletin for our on-line sign up. You are welcome to volunteer for 1 or more shifts. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com.

Stewardship Campaign

The Annual Pledge Campaign for 2022 is officially upon us. The theme of the campaign is "Giving with Gratitude for our St. Bartholomew's Community." You will be receiving a package of material from our committee in the next day or two. It will be sent by e-mail and again via the postal service so that you will have a hard copy. You will be hearing short messages from your fellow parishioners at services during the month of October. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to your pledge for 2022 and return the pledge card, or visit the website to make your pledge, by the second week in November so that we can announce the final tally on November 21. This allows our Treasurer and the Finance Committee to prepare a final budget for your approval at our Annual Meeting in January. We thank you for your attention to this important matter and welcome any questions that you might have. Michele Johns, Chair, Paule French, Bill MacLeod, and Jamie Michaud.

New Youth Education Leader!

The Education Committee and the Vestry are very excited to welcome our new Youth Education Leader—Michelle Betz. Michelle moved to Yarmouth about a year ago from Baltimore, along with her daughter and two young granddaughters. The Betz family discovered St Bart's by finding our Youth Program offerings on our website and watched Pal's online Homilies over the course of the pandemic. Michelle brings a passion for teaching and working with all age groups. In Baltimore, Michelle created and directed youth programs for over 80 kids at a large church there. Her prior experience and enthusiastic outlook will be real pluses for continuing to build and expand on our success to date. Michelle looks forward to meeting all of you!

Gathering Notes and COVID Protocols

Dear Friends,

The Regathering Committee and the Vestry continue to monitor the current increased spread of COVID-19 and its Delta variant.

If you are concerned or in a high risk group please remember that you have the option of streaming the service from home.

If you attend in-person services please continue to follow the safety protocols that we have in place (see current list below). It is important to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing.

Your Vestry & Regathering Committee

COVID Safety Protocols

Communion (bread only)

Clergy will bring the bread to the front of the altar area and stand in the center, the congregation would come forward one at a time (using the ushers to go through the rows and let people know when to go up as usual). The clergy would use hand sanitizer at the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving and after finishing distribution.

Offering

The offertory basket will be on a small table next to the usher as people enter. People can place their offerings in the basket as they enter. One usher would bring forward the offering basket at the offertory point in the service.

Passing of the Peace

We ask that everyone stand in place at your chairs and turn to face your neighboring groups of chairs to offer a greeting/peace sign/bow. (no physical contact - handshakes/hugs).

Chalice Bearer

There will be one VESTED chalice bearer per service for prayers of the people and/or readings and to assist the clergy to prepare the altar before communion.

Masking for Clergy (Vaccinated)

Clergy may be unmasked while they are up on the altar area/platform and unmasked to preach. Clergy to be masked while distributing communion.

Afternoon Handwork on Zoom

We welcome all to join us on zoom on **Monday, October 18 from 3-4:30pm** as we work on our craft projects and have friendly conversation. The link can be found in the e-bulletin.

Christmas Fair - Crafts Needed

Calling all crafters!! There's still plenty of time to make a craft before this year's Fair. You can make 6 of any item, or more if you think appropriate. Table decor/linens, scarves, pot holders, mittens, hats, face masks, coasters, soaps, candles, bath salts/bombs, wooden or metal crafts or whatever you would like to contribute. If you need suggestions or have questions, please contact Harriet Davis, harriet.davis@gmail.com. Also, if you have license plates, please let us know. Joe Michaud creates wonderful things from license plates.

Christmas Fair - Jewelry, Handbags, Scarves Needed!

Do you (or someone you know) have jewelry you no longer wear? The St. Bart's Jewelry elves await your donations to sort, organize, research, price, and/or polish! We accept all jewelry - necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, pins, cufflinks... real or costume...and broken items as we can repair. We welcome donations of handbags and scarves in very good condition. Designer items are best sellers. Please drop off at the St. Bart's office with a note on the bag or box for Anne Jacobs. If you have any questions, feel free to email Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com. Thank You!

Friendship House

Friendship House is currently looking for the following donations:

Paper towels / Bath tissue / 55 Gallon Trash Bags / Disinfectant cleaners / Antibacterial hand soaps /

Personal Hygiene items / Laundry detergent / Dishes/Bowls/Cups

Small End tables, Floor lamps, Bedside lamps - please contact Pam re: drop off

Donations can be dropped off at St. Bart's in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" on the front porch of the church.

For drop off of larger items or with questions, please contact Pam Hobson, pamhobson46@gmail.com.

Financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln St, South Portland, ME 04106.

Yarmouth Community Food Pantry (YCFP)

YCFP is **always in need of nonperishable foods, paper products, and personal-care items.**

Items that are needed currently:

Boxed Mac and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Cereal, Laundry Soap & Dish Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Kids small bag snacks such as Cheese-Its or Popcorn

Please, **NO** food that: – Needs refrigeration – Has been opened – Needs to be divided into family sized bags

Please place donations at the **rear of the First Parish Church, 116 Main Street, Yarmouth.**

(site of the *Yarmouth Community Food Pantry*) in the basket by the Food Pantry Door. Thanks for your donations!

Yarmouth Community Garden Harvest Dinner—last week

Sign up to enjoy a harvest dinner for two at home for \$20. The meal includes YCG Marinara Sauce, Artisan Bread, One Box of Pasta and Parmesan Cheese. Ticket sales are now open. Reserve your meal for two at www.yarmouthcommunityservices.com or call YCS, 207-846-2406.

Pickup of dinners is **October 13 from 3:00PM - 6:00PM, 1 Railroad Square at the Bickford Pavilion.**

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

We had a steady stream of visitors this week, 150 neighbors came by for the usual essentials and to pick up diapers. We also offered mens coats and 63 were given out, leaving just a handful on the racks. Everyone seemed very pleased with their selections. We hope to keep offering coats as long as our supplies keep coming in...all sizes are needed but especially XL, XXL. Next week: linens/blankets.

The diapers that are distributed monthly at St. Elizabeth's are picked up at the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine Diaper Bank and transported over to St. Luke's. The "Diaper Divas", Anne, Sarah, Pam, Nancy and Linda, took on the task this Monday with their Subarus stuffed to the limit with 12,100 diapers!

Donations always welcome and can be dropped off at St. Bart's in the large blue bins on the bench between the office entrance and side entrance.

Bedding (sheets & pillow cases) * Towels (bath & beach)

Kitchen items

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothbrushes

Hand sanitizer * Masks (cotton or disposable)

To order these products from Amazon, visit our Amazon Wishlist: <http://bit.ly/StElizabethWishlist>.

Ship items to: *St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center c/o St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 885 Shore Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107*

Learn more about St. Elizabeth's on our Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/StElizabethsJubileeCenter/)

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or website, <https://stelizabethsmaine.org/donate/>

or contact Linda Draper, ldraper347@gmail.com or Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com.

More News from St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center is having a 20th Anniversary & Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on Wednesday, October 27, 4-5PM on ZOOM. *All are invited. Please mark your calendars ~ Details to follow.*

Transitional Worship Committee News

Orange is the color the Episcopal Church has selected to represent victims of gun violence. **On the first Sunday of each month, we will light an orange candle to memorialize those individuals, across the United States, whose lives were lost to gun violence in the past month.** This single candle replaces our earlier tradition of lighting white tapers, each representing an individual, in front of the altar. The numbers lost to gun violence are now so high that we are moving to a single, orange candle.

Not receiving our e-bulletins and newsletters?

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 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'. Any questions, email the office, admin@stbartsyarmouth.org.

Lay Preaching Seminar

Sunday, October 24, 2021

12-2:30 pm on Zoom

Led by the Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson, Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson will lead a seminar for lay preachers to inspire and guide them in both inner, spiritual and practical preparation of sermons.

This event is hosted by the churches of Mount Desert Island Episcopal Partnership (Church of Our Father, Hulls Cove, St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, St. Andrew's and St. John's, Southwest Harbor) and open to others in the Diocese of Maine and Province 1. Folks who live on MDI may attend in person, if they desire.

See the e-bulletin for registration link.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Holly C. Hoffmann, hhoffmann@mdi-episcopal.org.

***The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson** holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Religion focusing on Homiletics from Emory University where he was a doctoral fellow for the Fund for Theological Exploration (FTE) and the Lilly Foundation. During his doctoral work, he received the W.E.B. Du Bois Award from the Candler School of Theology. He is an internationally respected preacher and teacher of preachers. He was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College and appeared in *The Nassau Guardian* (Bahamas). He has preached at churches such as: Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.; Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA; The House of Hope Atlanta, Decatur, GA; Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA; Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ; Alexandria Detention Center, Alexandria, VA and Bethel A.M.E, Hampton, VA among many others churches, conferences, chapels, public gatherings, and occasions. Dr. Jefferson was selected for the historic Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, in Memphis, TN. VTS is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023, and in contribution to this effort, Dr. Jefferson is currently preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the years leading up to the Bicentennial Celebration.*

WEEKLY DUTIES

October 10: Creation IV

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Bread Baker: Nancy Gunzelmann
Flower Arranger: Chrystena Hahn
Lector: Elizabeth Ring
Chalice Bearer: Lisa Fitzgibbons
Ushers: **NEEDED**
Counters: **NEEDED**
Lawn Care: John Duncan
VPOW: Michele Johns

October 17: Creation V

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Bread Baker: Peter Sillin
Flower Arranger: Anne Jacobs
Lector: Elizabeth Ring
Chalice Bearer: John Perkins
Ushers: Nancy Gunzelmann, Linda Draper
Counters: Susie Soule, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Lawn Care: Ed Simmons
VPOW: **NEEDED**

October 24: Creation VI

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Bread Baker: Susannah White
Flower Arranger: Carol Hayes
Lector: Ian-Meredythe Lindsey
Chalice Bearer: Peter Sillin
Ushers: Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson
Counters: Morris Hancock, Tom Hyndman
Lawn Care: Peter Sillin
VPOW: Susie Soule

October 31: Pentecost +23

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Kit Wang
Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Bread Baker: Mary Ann Hodsdon
Flower Arranger: Mary Calvin
Lector: Don Massey
Chalice Bearer: Laurie Hyndman
Ushers: Pal & Sarah Covie
Counters: Pal Covie, Pamela Trudo
Lawn Care: **NEEDED**
VPOW: **NEEDED**



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