

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
June 30, 2024, 9:30 am



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, ME

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 of 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.

Prelude "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus" by J. Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements *Harriet Davis*

Opening Hymn, #568 Father all loving *The Hymnal 1982*

The Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of life
<i>People</i>	Fill our emptiness with your fullness
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of power
<i>People</i>	Stir our hearts afresh
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of love
<i>People</i>	Touch us, and through us, our neighbor
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of Creativity
<i>People</i>	Enable and empower the gifts you have given
<i>Celebrant</i>	Spirit of Eternity
<i>People</i>	Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Deacons' Day – Deacons' Blessing

Celebrant A reading from Matthew chapter 5, verses 14-16: [Jesus said:] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to [our God] in heaven."

Corey and Mary Louise, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, he shares with us the riches of his grace.

As called and ordained Deacons in Christ's Church, you have been called to proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, to share in the Sacraments, and to care for God's people in the power of the Spirit.

Today, we give thanks to God for your bold "yes!" to serve Christ's Church with love, grace, enthusiasm, reverence, and dedication.

Let us pray: Holy God, You raise up laborers for your harvest sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless Corey and Mary Louise in their work of tending to your church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them to remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls.

Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Paule French

God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30, sung

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me ' up *
and have not let my enemies triumph ' over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried ' out to you, *
and you restored me to ' health.
3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the ' dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the ' grave.
4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of ' his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his ' holiness.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an ' eye, *
his favor for a ' lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the ' night, *
but joy comes in the ' morning.
7. While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be dis- ' turbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the ' mountains."
8. Then you hid your ' face, *
and I was filled with ' fear.
9. I cried to you, O ' Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, ' saying,
10. "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the ' Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your ' faithfulness?
11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy up- ' on me; *
O Lord, be my ' helper."
12. You have turned my wailing into ' dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth, and clothed me with ' joy.
13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ' ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ' ever.

The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Susannah White

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #411

O bless the Lord, my soul

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel, Mark 5:21-43

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to

follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Mary Curlew, Pastoral Intern

Hymn, #465

Eternal Light

The Hymnal 1982

HEALING LITURGY

Celebrant Every few months, St. Bart's sets apart a Sunday service to focus 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 to collect our thoughts and prayers.

Silence

A Litany of Healing

Pam Hobson

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; 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; Michael Curry; Andy; Sally; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Liv; Patrick, Rebecca; Jessie; and Nova.

Friends, 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. 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 illumination we perceive.

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 of healing.

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

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with the word 'Fine' written above the treble staff.

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

Fine

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

Celebrant Let us pray
People **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**

Peace

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

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The scriptures say: "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)

As children of God, let us then, out of the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator, offer our gifts to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.

Offertory Anthem "A Prayer of St Patrick" by John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Ushers bring the offering plates forward.

Offertory Prayer

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

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 the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you pour your Spirit upon us, arousing us with visions and dreams and intoxicating us with an uncontainable fervor to proclaim your truth in the language of praise.

You sent forth your Spirit to create the universe and fill it with your wonders. You breathed into us, and we rose from the dust, the face of the earth came alive. In these last days your child, Jesus Christ, came speaking your words and doing your works; revealing the truth of who you are. He was crucified, but you raised him to glory by your life-giving power. Having enveloped us in your love, and commissioned us to continue his works, he poured out your Holy Spirit on us, setting our hearts ablaze with a passion for peace, and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, S123

The Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna 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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us: *(Congregation chants on a monotone G throughout)*

**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.**

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, 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 Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. 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

333 Now the silence

336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of Leave-Taking

Celebrant On the 11th of September 2022, The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer was commissioned by the Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson as deacon of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. She has, with God's help and to the best of her abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, Corey has decided to take leave of this charge and today is her last Sunday as our deacon.

Do you, the people of St. Bart's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this diaconal relationship?

People **We do.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as deacon and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: we give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Bless Corey as she takes leave from her call as Deacon at St. Bart's. May the everlasting love of your Son, Jesus, give her the strength and courage to accept what her life holds now, and may your Holy Spirit refresh her and guide her in all that is yet to be.

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

"Toccata" by J. Pachelbel

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The Fraction & The Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Stephen White
Preacher	Mary Curlew
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	John Perkins
Prayer Leader	Pam Hobson
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Lectors	Paule French, Susannah White
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Carla Hunt
A/V	Joe Michaud
Counters	Pamela Trudo, Harriet Davis
Lawn Care	David Heald
VPOW	Harriet Davis
Coffee Hour	Susan Garrett + Imelda Schaefer
Prayers in the Chapel	Imelda Schaefer



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