

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
 Sunday, June 6, 2021  
 Second Sunday after Pentecost  
 Service of the Word

Opening Hymn #381

*Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*



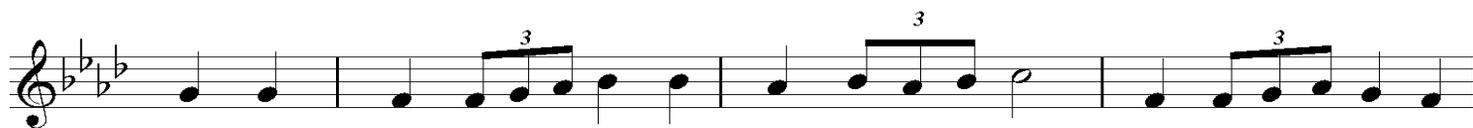
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le <sup>3</sup> - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

**Opening Acclamation**

Blessed are you, our Holy and Living God.

**Eagerly we seek you.**

Your loving kindness is better than life itself;

**Our lips shall give you praise.**

So will we bless you as long as we live;

**And lift up our hands in your Name.**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

**Collect of the Day**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis 3:8-15**

*Sarah Covie*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Here ends the Reading.

**Psalm 130**

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 3:20-35

Jay Reighley

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Here ends the Reading from the Gospel.

## Spiritual Meditation - Poems written and read by Pal Covie

### "Offering"

Pal Covie

Pounding heavy  
on the pavement.  
sunlight  
    shadows  
sunlight  
    shadows  
sunlight  
    dragonfly  
shadows  
    sunlight  
dragonfly  
    sunlight  
dragonfly. Feet reverse.

One wing stuck - its tip consumed by tar,  
head bowed, tail flickering,  
paper thin and helpless.

Gently, my fingertips tug on the free wing -  
detaches from the pavement,  
balances in my palm,  
confused and unmoving,  
body of intricate woven lines,  
and string-thin legs like  
stilts grip my skin.

Head lifts slightly.

Whispering words of assurance, my feet start up again -  
the beats of one heart hoping to be passed to another.  
Air flows beneath the wings -  
a statue on my hand.

No sound, just  
    beats and prayers  
with the wind.



your sentences roll like gentle murmurs in my brain,  
each jolting me to a waking moment. to be awake. to be in tune. to be emotive to what  
blossoms before me.  
and gratitude ensues. a mutual understanding and trust. intimacy and appreciation.  
It is seamless. It is natural. It is easy.  
but It is hard.

the depth grows deeper. the metaphysical, the philosophy, the existential just too much.  
but It pulls, It yearns, It wants.  
the comfort of sanctuary, of shelter, of discovery, of importance, of  
meaningfulness.  
we've come to know It, to relish It.  
inside we grow and change and ignite a spark.

It is emotion.

It is isoplethmic.

no wonder i feel tingly.  
the music embellishes the color of my days, my nights, and even my dreams  
because i guess a connection like this  
doesn't just fall away.  
to be vulnerable to its influence, shaping and morphing my own mind,  
It is special, It is lovable, It is those eyes you can't swim out of...

and there's no need to  
because It is safe, honest, forgiving, and enriching.  
even obtainable and maintainable in our reality.  
let the music fill you up, the words flow forth. i will listen. i will care.  
when the soup begins to pocket or  
a leaf falls quietly to the ground as you sit beneath its past,  
dear Isopleth, i will be there.

*Choral Response*

*Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord*  
*By Felix Mendelssohn*

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

**The Affirmation of Faith**, *Daily Prayers for all Seasons*

Let us declare our faith in God:

*Carla Hunt*

**As children of God, we affirm:  
That God, who is Love,  
created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation,  
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;  
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered  
on our behalf, and that through his faithful example,  
he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be  
people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that, when we are open,  
the Spirit can always find a way;  
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:  
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

In faith and hope we pray:  
For the Church of God, that She may be filled with truth and love,  
and work for justice and mercy for all of your Creation.

For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God:

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the congregations of St. Anne's, in Calais; and St. Peter's by the Sea, in Cape Neddick; and for students who are graduating.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar.

God of mercy,

**Make us instruments of your justice and peace.**

For the peace of the world,  
that a spirit of respect may grow among nations.  
For those in positions of public trust  
that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity of every person.  
For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, or natural disaster;  
may all in need of refuge find relief and safety,

God of compassion,

**Make us instruments of your justice and peace.**

For this congregation  
that we may be attentive to one another,  
and responsive to the needs of the world.  
For our friends and families, those we love;  
for our enemies and those who wish us harm.  
For any whom we have injured or offended,  
that with civility and compassion,  
we might restore mutual respect in our communities.

God of reconciliation,

**Make us instruments of your justice and peace.**

For ourselves; by the grace of the Holy Spirit  
may we reflect your love to the world.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.

God of joy,

**Make us instruments of your justice and peace.**

For those whom you have entrusted to our prayers,  
may they live in joy, peace, and health:

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Scott; Marcella; David; Tim; Sam; Kathie;  
Arthur; Matthew; Jean; Sally; Zoe; Samantha; Peter; Erin; Antonia; Al; Sarah; Lee;  
Ryan; Kenneth; Brook; Alex; and Jennifer.

God of love,

**Make us part of your healing.**

For all who have died  
that they may know God's love and life eternal.

Gloria Steele, *mother of Jennifer Willard*

As we commend ourselves and one another  
to God's love and mercy;

God of grace,

**Make us now your faithful people.**

**Concluding Collect, *A Collect for Guidance, BCP***

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession**

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

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**Absolution**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

Jessie Moore

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 Peace**

The Burson / Ackerman Family

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

*Let us greet one another with the sign of peace by texting a few of our friends, people we sat near when in church, family and friends far and wide!*

**Concluding Prayer**, *A Prayer of St. Francis, BCP*

Nancy Gunzelmann

Let us pray.  
**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**The Blessing**, *Common Worship, Church of England*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor everyone;  
love and serve our God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

**Announcements** (*Printed at the end.*)

*Dennis Fitzgibbons*

**The Dismissal**

*Nancy Gunzelmann*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Closing Hymn #569**

*The Hymnal 1982*

**God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest**

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en  
3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

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## Announcements

### **Zoom Coffee hour following today's service**

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Kathy Abernathy will be our host today. The discussion topic will be: When did you notice God's love for you in the past week? The link for coffee hour can be found in the e-bulletin.

### **Zoom Coffee Hour – June 13**

We invite you to join us on zoom during coffee hour on 6/13 at 10am to hear a presentation of the results of the Discernment committee's work with an opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all families and parishioners who donated kits for Maine Needs as part of our Youth Spring Service Project! We had 20 kits total, and the organization is very grateful for our incredible contribution. Amazing turnout, St. Bart's! Thank you!!

### **Sharing your Musical Gifts**

Do you have a musical gift you could share with our St. Bart's family? The Transitional Worship Committee is looking for volunteers that would be willing to play some instrumental music during our in person services over the summer. (Instrumental music only please, we are holding off singing in person for now). We welcome kids or adults on all instruments! Please contact [Sarah Covie](#) to get more details or to sign up.

### **Ushers needed for In-Person services**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in being Ushers during our In-Person worship services scheduled for **July 18, July 25, August 15 and August 29.**

- \* Some of the responsibilities of being an usher include:
- \* Direct people to available seats in the sanctuary.
- \* Dismiss people to Coffee Hour, row by row, to keep safe distances through the doorway.
- \* Hand out bulletins or make them available for people to pick up themselves.
- \* Bring the offertory basket forward during worship.

Please [contact the office](#) if you would like to help with this duty.

### **Looking for Volunteers to Pass the Peace**

The Transitional Worship Committee is inviting all St. Bart's members to help us Pass the Peace! Simply take a short video of yourself with your family, loved ones, pets, etc. saying "The Peace of Christ be always with you - and also with you!" or just "Peace!" Or even just a photo while making the peace sign is welcome. Submit your photo or video by emailing it to the [St. Bart's Tech Team](#) and we will feature it in an upcoming online service. Please make sure to record with your phone or camera sideways/horizontal. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your faces during our virtual Passing of the Peace!

### **Online Giving Now Available!**

For those interested in the security and ease of online payments, we have now set up a secure and confidential payment method that can be used with your credit/debit card, checking account, or savings account. Just go to the St. Bart's website homepage and scroll down to find the "Donate Online" section on the right-hand side bar. Clicking "Click here to get started" will take you to a secure site where you can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. Click the down arrow on the Fund line to select options for giving: 2021 Pledge payment, General Fund gift or Flowers and Music Fund. Contact our Treasurer, [Ann Donaghy](#), if you have questions regarding this new option for giving to St. Bart's.

### **Education News**

#### **SUMMER PROGRAM: COMPASSION CAMP! Still time to sign up!**

This year, St. Bart's is partnering with Yarmouth's First Parish United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist church to bring you 3 days of summer church camp. Camp will be offered from 5-7pm on the last three Wednesdays of June (6/16, 6/23, 6/30) at Camp SOCI (on Cousin's Island). All children must be accompanied by an adult, so we can better manage keeping everyone masked and distanced.

Camp is structured in stations with families rotating through each station throughout the evening. Activities will likely include storytime, yoga, arts & crafts, and more. The theme of camp is compassion—for others, the world, and ourselves.

Kits with activity materials will be prepared each week for families who cannot or choose not to attend in person. Families are also welcome to come late or leave early as their schedules allow. Because camp is scheduled around dinner time, we encourage kids to eat a snack before arriving that way we can all remain masked while we are together.

Email [Pal Covie](#) to register. Please indicate whether you will be attending in person or picking up materials and which sessions you will be joining (attendance at all three is not mandatory).

### **Weekly St. Bart's Children's Homily!**

All interested families and parishioners are invited to check out the weekly Sunday School videos posted to our St. Bart's website and to our [St. Bart's YouTube channel](#).

### **Follow our Instagram account**

We would also love to stay connected with you on social media! See what's inspiring us and keeping us grounded and spiritually connected at [stbartsyouth\\_yarmouth](#).

### **Photos and Videos Needed!**

The Worship Committee and Tech Team encourage others to submit photos and video to be used in our worship services. Please email your submissions to the St. Bart's Tech team.

### **Book Room News**

Even though the book room is not technically open for business, neither is it officially closed. We are constantly reorganizing the shelves as we conduct our spring-cleaning project, but if you don't mind a bit of disorder and are looking for some summer reading, feel free to browse. As usual, hard cover books are \$2.00; trade paperbacks \$1.00. Cash box beside the door.

### **St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry**

June arrived with warm, balmy breezes and as usual the pantry was very busy on DIAPER DAY. This we served 211 neighbors with the help of St. Alban's volunteers. Thanks so much to those who donated baby wipes! We were able to hand out a package of wipes with each bundle of diapers to most of our families.

We have seen the demand for infant diapers double from last year. To procure diapers, we always welcome donations, and we purchase a significant amount from the Diaper Bank for Southern Maine at the Jewish Community Alliance (JCA). Our original Agreement with the JCA for 2021 provided for us to purchase 20,000 diapers, the same amount as 2020. Last month we asked if we could double our order. Thanks to the generosity of the community during the pandemic, the JCA was able to increase our order to 40,000 diapers at no additional cost! St. E's feels truly blessed for its partnership with the JCA.

Donations of bedding, towels, kitchen items always welcome.

See our [website](#) for current needs: *Please drop items off in the church office door and side entrance.*

[Learn more about St. Elizabeth's](#) on their Facebook page.

FMI: [Linda Draper](#) or [Anne Jacobs](#).

### **Friendship House**

We are collecting donations of: Cleaning Supplies, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Pillowcases (new or used), Blankets, Comforters, Pillows, Razors, Shaving cream, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Body Wash. Donations can be dropped off in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln St, South Portland, ME 04106.

### **Afternoon Handwork on Zoom**

We welcome all to join us on zoom every Monday from 3-4:30pm as we work on our craft projects and have friendly conversation. Find the link in the weekly e-bulletin.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

Coffee Hour is a great way for us to connect with each other as a community! Please consider volunteering to serve as a host. Email [Paule French](#). Choice of topic for discussion is up to you!

### **Memorial Garden 2021 Cleanup Dates - June 11, September 10 and October 8**

Please drop by anytime between 9am and 11am to help us with our to do list: Trim and weed around rocks so that names are visible, clip brown foliage, remove any weeds, divide up plants, weed whack where needed and prune here and there. We can work at a distance or if you feel more comfortable working on our own, please go anytime the weather suits you.

### **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](#). Scroll to the very bottom and on the right-hand side you will see the following: "CLICK HERE to receive our weekly newsletter and monthly Mustard Seed publication via email." Please click on it, fill in your email address, as well as your first and last name, and then hit 'Subscribe'. That's it! Any questions, [email the office](#).

### **Pastoral Care Booklet: Words of Comfort**

Nina and the Pastoral Care Committee have compiled a collection of prayers and psalms into a booklet titled, "Words of Comfort, for Times of Worry, Distress and Grief." The idea for the compilation arose as a means to support the community during the pandemic. As the name implies, it is intended to be a resource for comfort beyond just our current situation. To access the booklet, click [HERE](#) to go the Pastoral Care section of our website.

### **Pastoral Care: Healing Prayers**

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please send an e-mail to the [Pastoral Care Team](#). You will be contacted by a Committee member to schedule a convenient time.

### **Pastoral Care Email**

The Pastoral Care Committee has its [own email address](#); This provides the committee a centralized e-mail for parishioner questions, thoughts, concerns, and requests for prayers.

**Helpful Resources:**

**RIDES TO & HELP WITH SCHEDULING VACCINE APPOINTMENTS**

If you need help scheduling an appointment - call Zyanya Holman (Zany), Resource Specialist for Southern Maine Agency on Aging (207) 396-6597. You must qualify for the vaccine based on Maine CDC guidelines.

For general vaccination questions: please call 866-962-6062. Phone line hours are open M-F, 8:00am-5:00pm.

Click [Daily Prayer](#) for the Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation.

Forward Day By Day Booklet – **May, June, July edition is now available!**

We have left copies in a labeled plastic container on the porch at St. Bart's. Stop by anytime to pick up a copy.

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**June 6: Service of the Word**

Lector: Sarah Covie

Chalice Bearer: Gary Sylvester

Flower Arranger: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Lawn Care: Ed Simmons

VPOW: Dennis Fitzgibbons

**June 13: Diocesan-wide Service**

Lawn Care: John Duncan

VPOW: Michele Johns

**June 20: Service of the Word w/Healing**

Flower Arranger: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Lawn Care: Peter Sillin

VPOW: Anne Berg

**June 27: Eucharistic Service**

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. William Blaine-Wallace

Lector: Pal Covie

Chalice Bearers: Jan Burson, Mary Calvin

Flower Arranger: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Ushers: Michele Johns, Nick Desiderio

Lawn Care: Doug Reighley

VPOW: **NEEDED**