

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, July 25, 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
A Eucharistic Service



Welcome

Lu Tingley

Opening Hymn #321

My God, thy table now is spread

The Hymnal 1982

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Virtual Choir

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Blessed are you, our Holy and Living God.

People: **Eagerly we seek you.**

Presider: Your loving kindness is better than life itself;

People: **Our lips shall give you praise.**

Presider: So will we bless you as long as we live;

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

Presider: 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*

The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Second Book of Kings 4:42-44

Ian-Meredythe Lindsey

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-19

Ian-Meredythe Lindsey

- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

The Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

***This text of the Nicene Creed omits the phrase 'and the Son' in the third paragraph, recovering the original text of the First Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, 325 and 381CE respectively.*

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. **
Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Nancy Gunzelmann

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. Alban's, in Cape Elizabeth; and
Our Lady of the Evergreens, in Harborside; and for Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

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; Tim; Sam; Kathie; Arthur; Matthew;
Jean; Sally; Zoe; Samantha; Peter; Erin; Antonia; Al; Sarah; Lee; Ryan; Kenneth; Brook; Alex;
Evan, Lizzy and Lochland; Olga; Henry; Mary Ann; and Virginia & Jamil.

God of love,

Make us part of your healing.

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

Peter Soule, *former husband of Susie Soule*
Diane Reynolds, *former teacher in the Yarmouth school system*

All those who have been lost in the wildfires in the Northwest and the victims of the flooding in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

As we commend ourselves and one another
to God's love and mercy;
God of grace,
Make us now your faithful people.

Concluding Collect, *BCP, A Collect for Guidance*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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.**

The Confession, *Enriching Our Worship, adapted*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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

All: **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.**

The Absolution

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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

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.**

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Presider: God be with you.

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to our God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

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

All thanks and praise are yours, our true and loving God; you are the strength and goodness of fatherhood, you are the wisdom and love of motherhood; you are light and grace and blessed love. You are Trinity, you are Unity.

With so much of this life beyond our control, often overwhelmed by anxiety and grief, we gather around your table to remember that there is nothing the powers of this world can bring, nothing in our present lives, nor in whatever the future may hold, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from your love.

You, O God, are nearer to us than our own soul, for you are the ground in whom our soul stands. So will we bless you as long as we live, and lift our voices in praise as we say:

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

Gracious One, before you made us, you loved us. And when our sin turns us away from you and causes us pain, in your love and mercy you assure us that all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

Out of love for us you sent your Son, Jesus, to live and die as one of us, to teach and heal, to feed those who were hungry, to embrace the outcasts. Through his life you showed us the depth of your reconciling love for the world. Through his death and resurrection, you overcame death forever and gave to us everlasting life.

On their last night together, Jesus gathered his friends around the table. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying, "Drink this all of you. This is my blood, the cup of God's new covenant with you and with all, the promise of life everlasting. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The love of Christ restores and transforms us; and we rejoice in our salvation:

**We open our hearts to love one another as he loved us;
We remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.**

Together with him, we offer you these gifts, and ourselves, our souls and bodies. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Empowered by your Spirit, may we do justice, and love kindness and walk with you all our days; until at the last, we are gathered home, and our hearts may rest in you.

With all your people, past, present and yet to come, we give you thanks and praise, through the Son and in the Spirit, in every moment of our lives, now and forever. **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.

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

Sarah Covie

Post Communion Prayer, Enriching our Worship

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The Blessing, *Common Worship, Church of England*

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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.

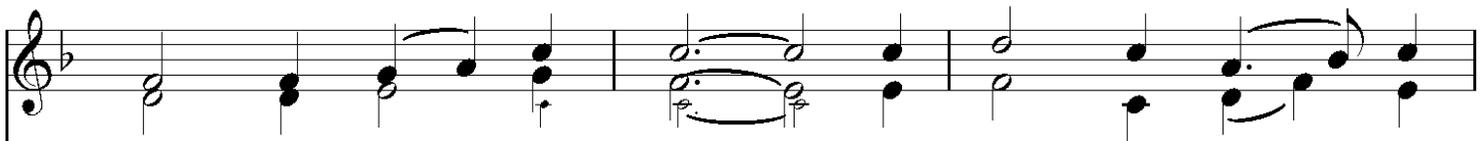
Closing Hymn #304, *verses 1-3*
I come with joy to meet my Lord

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

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

Announcements (*Listed at the end.*)

Cecilia Guecia

The Dismissal

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, 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 the back doors to the deck for our outdoor coffee hour. If you re-enter the church after coffee hour please remember to put back on your mask while in the building.

News from Heather Sylvester:

Dear St. Barts family,

It is with a grateful and joyous heart that I let you know about my internship for training to be a Deacon. I will be interning at Trinity Church in Portland for the next year. I met with our Archdeacon Aaron Perkins and the Rev. Peter Swarr last Thursday. It really feels like a good match. I'm excited to be "in the city."

Thank you for all your support. I continue to covet your prayers. I'm sure I will be learning a lot and making mistakes. ;-)

Blessings, Heather

Transition Notes

Anne Berg chaired a Vestry task force to draft for discussion an allocation of roles and responsibilities between clergy and lay members of the parish to accomplish the many activities of St. Bartholomew's in the future. The report of the Discernment Committee informed their work. A chart was prepared and sent to committee chairs to invite input and comments. Once their comments are digested and appropriately reflected in a revised document, it will be shared with the entire parish and opportunities will be offered for discussion. It is anticipated that the Search Committee will use this document as they prepare materials to invite applications from clergy to be our next spiritual leader.

We have asked John Duncan to reprise the leadership role he played on the Discernment Committee, and Kathy Abernathy, Anne Berg, Jan Burson, Michele Johns, Susie Soule, and Gary Sylvester have agreed to serve with him on the aforementioned Search Committee.

Though a miserably rainy day on Sunday, the TWC delivered a beautiful in person service with lovely music from Jeff Trippe and an inspiring sermon from Anne Fowler. Thank you all for your steadfast work over these months.

We can look forward to seeing you in person this Sunday and welcome any questions or concerns you might have.

Your Wardens,
Dennis and Michele

Announcements

Play, Pray, Connect LIVE!

This afternoon from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland
Sunday, August 29 from 1:00-4:00 PM at Camp Bishopswood

These programs are open to all youth completing 5th-12th grades. Youth will come together to play fun games, do an outreach project, connect with one another, and gather around good ice cream and good worship. Families who register will be provided with a list of fun things to do in the area while you wait. We take your child's safety very seriously and will be in communication about safety precautions during these events. Questions? Contact Cn. Sara D'Angio White, sdangiowhite@episcopalmaine.org
To register: https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/pray_play_connect_live

An Episcopal Offering

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) welcomes all to a four-day **Online Revival! 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' July 27-30** will feature special preaching, music, testimonies, learning, and messages from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and others.

Evening revival worship services will premiere on [The Episcopal Church Facebook page](#), [UBE Facebook](#), and [UBE YouTube channel](#) on the evenings of July 27, 28, 29, and 30. They are free and open to the public. If you would like to receive a reminder to watch online, you will need to sign up. Go to last week's e-bulletin for links to each of the social media outlets as well as the sign-up page for an online reminder.

Reimagining Outreach

A brief survey was sent to all the membership. We do hope you'll have a chance to complete it. As a reminder, the collected information will help us develop a Resource Guide for everyone's use. We're curious to learn more about your hidden skills, experience and perceived community needs.

If you've any trouble or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Richards by email, cmrolney@comcast.net, or by phone, 207-831-7949.

In case you missed it, go to <https://forms.gle/xnqLXZse26ibSYxS6> to fill out the survey.

LOBSTERS TO GO AGAIN for 2021—Please tell your friends, family and neighbors. All are invited to sign up.

* Lobster, Corn & Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Blueberry Buckle.

* Saturday August 14th - Curbside Pick-up at the church between 5-6:30pm.

* Cost: \$30 per meal.

* **Sign-up by going to stbartslobsterdinner@gmail.com.**

* Pre-pay:

1. By sending a check to St Bart's (396 Gilman Road, Yarmouth, ME 04096) with a note designating the Lobster Bake.

2. By Credit Card on the St. Bart's website. On the Support tab at the top choose DONATE. Use the drop down menu under FUND to choose Lobster Bake.

* Donations of dinners accepted.

* Sign-up deadline is **Saturday August 7th**. Net proceeds support our Community Outreach Programs and Partners.

Ushers needed for In-Person services

We need **one more volunteer** to usher on **August 15** and **still need two ushers** for **August 29**. Some of the responsibilities 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, admin@stbartsyarmouth.org if you would like to help with this duty.

Sharing your Musical Gifts

Do you have a musical gift you could share with our St. Bart's family? Would you be willing to play some instrumental music during our in-person services over the summer. We welcome kids or adults on all instruments! Please contact Sarah Covie, sarah.j.vigne@gmail.com to get more details or to sign up.

Summer Finale Weekend at Camp Bishopswood - August 29

Summer Finale is a program for whole households. Households can gather at Camp Bishopswood for free diocese-wide programming during the day on Sunday, August 29.

Want to camp overnight? Come up on Friday or Saturday, and enjoy Camp Bishopswood's lodging, food and hospitality.

Diocesan programming only provided on Sunday, but everything Camp has to offer is available all weekend. Swim, boat, hike, rest, lunch and worship on scenic Lake Megunticook. **Scholarships available; we want this to be accessible to all families.**

To register for Summer Finale and for the optional camping; https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/summer_finale

Questions? Cn. Sara D'Angio White, sdangiowhite@episcopalmaine.org or The Rev. Katie Holicky, kholicky@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Current needs: sheets & pillow cases, bath & beach towels. **Always welcome:** bedding & kitchen items.

Our website also keeps our current needs updated: <https://stelizabethsmaine.org/donate>

Please drop items off in the church office door and side entrance.

Learn more about St. Elizabeth's on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/StElizabethsJubileeCenter/>

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

Friendship House

Many thanks to those that have contributed personal hygiene items to Friendship House.

These Personal Hygiene items are still welcome:

Razors, Shaving cream, Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Body Wash.

In addition, the following are also now needed:

Twin sheets / mattress covers

Pillows/Comforters

Paper towels / Bath tissue

Bath towels / hand towels

55 Gallon Trash Bags

Disinfectant cleaners

Antibacterial hand soaps

Laundry detergent

Dishes / Bowls / Cups

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.

SCHEDULED DUTIES

TODAY: In-Person Eucharistic Service

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Bread Baker: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt

Lector: Ian-Meredythe Lindsey

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Gunzelmann

Ushers: Sarah & Pal Covie

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jamie Michaud

Lawn Care: Joe Michaud

VPOW: Cecilia Guecia

August 1: Online Service of the Word

Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud

Flower Arranger: Mary Calvin

Lector: Don Massey

Chalice Bearer: Pal Covie

Lawn Care: Ted Danforth

VPOW: Michele Johns

August 8: Morning Prayer Service

Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud

Flower Arranger: Imelda Schaefer

Lector: Laurie Hyndman

Chalice Bearer: Paule French

Lawn Care: Ed Simmons

VPOW: Cecilia Guecia

August 15: In-Person Eucharistic Service

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Altar Guild: Jamie Michaud

Bread Baker: Peter Sillin

Flower Arranger: Susan Soule

Lector: John Perkins

Chalice Bearer: Linda Perkins

Ushers: Ann Donaghy, **NEEDED**

Coffee Hour Hosts: Michele Johns & Nick Desiderio

Lawn Care: John Duncan

VPOW: **NEEDED**



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