



*Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid,
For God is my strength and my might
and will be my Savior.
~ Isaiah 12:2*

Contemplative Healing Service
Holy Eucharist
August 7, 2022

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Yarmouth, ME

Welcome to Worship

This morning's service blends elements of a Celtic Mass with elements of a healing service.

The Celtic tradition holds that God is not only present in scripture and at the Eucharist but also in every other part of our lives, including creation and each other. Nothing is secular, everything is sacred. We are invited to experience God through our senses – through candlelight, music, silence, prayer, scripture, poetry and by sharing bread at the table.

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. 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 no journey through life alone but with God and God's people by our side.

Both the Celtic tradition and the practice of healing in the church recognize the power and presence of God as immanent in our lives. We have woven elements of these traditions together this morning as an offering of space, presence, and healing. Our prayers, our songs, our silence turn our attention to our healing as individuals and as a community.

Come! Let us worship our God!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio (from Organ Symphony 5)

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME

John Perkins

A chiming bell indicates the start of the service followed by a brief time of silence.

GATHERING LITANY

The Canticle of the Sun¹

Saint Francis of Assisi

Celebrant: Most High, all-powerful, God,

All: Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessings.

Celebrant: To You alone, Most High, do they belong,

All: and no person is worthy to mention Your name.

Celebrant: Praise be to You, my God, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.

All: The Sun is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.

Praise be to You, my God, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praise be to You, my God, through Sibling Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be to You, my God, through Quibling Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and pure.

Praised be to You, my God, through Step-Sibling Fire,
through whom You light the night;
Fire is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be to You, my God, through Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be to You, my God, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

**Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.**

¹ This prayer has been adapted to be gender-inclusive and to reflect the wonderful array of relationships within families. For instance: "Quibling" is a way of saying "queer sibling."

Praised be to You, my God,
through our Friend Bodily Death,
from whom no living person can escape.

Praise and bless our God,
and give God thanks,
and serve God with great humility.
Amen.

MUSIC: Hymn #141 *"The God of Abraham praise" (stanzas 1, 4 & 5 only)* *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING WORDS:

Celebrant: Holy God, you are always with us.

All: **Open our hearts to your presence.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray...

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 50

Susannah White

- 1 The God of gods has spoken; *
 God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God is revealed in glory.
- 3 O God, you will come and will not keep silence; *
 before you there is a consuming flame,
 and round about you a raging storm.
- 4 You call the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of your people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause; *
 for you alone are judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

A chime marks a period of silence for reflection.

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32-40

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant: The holy gospel, according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Holy One.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The gospel of our Lord.

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

A chime marks a period of silence for reflection.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

OPEN SPACE FOR HEALING AND REFLECTION

Open Space is an extended time of reflection during which people are invited to participate in contemplative practices for the purpose of self-reflection and connection with God. There are stations in the sanctuary

where one may light a candle, anoint yourself or a companion with holy oil, dip your fingers in the baptismal font, reflect on icons, or sit thoughtfully in quiet contemplation. During this time of Open Space, you may choose to do one, all, or none of the stations – it is your time to use in a way that is meaningful to you.

MUSIC DURING OPEN SPACE: *Two movements from Organ Sonatas 8 and 3* *Alexandre Guilmant*
Andante sostenuto and Adagio

A chime calls us back to community.

HYMN: #454 *"Jesus came, adored by angels"* *The Hymnal 1982*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: We believe in God
 who has created and is creating:
 who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new.

We trust God
who calls us to be the church;
to love and serve others;
to seek justice and resist evil;
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS

Pam Hobson

Leader: Let us pray.

Before we leave this place,
a prayer for our own healing:
the healing of bodies that are sick,
or hearts that are weary,
or minds that are confused,
or imaginations that are overactive,
or memories that are menacing...

pause for silent reflection

Leader: God, in your mercy,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Leader: Before we leave this place,

a prayer for our own deepening –
in faith, hope and love,
in our life as a community of believers,
in our own walk with God...

pause for silent reflection

Leader: God, in your mercy,
All: **receive our prayer.**

Before we leave this place,
let us ask what God wants us to hear,
to have or to do,
and be open to receive it graciously...

pause for silent reflection

Leader: God, in your mercy,
All: **receive our prayer.**

Leader: Before we leave this place,
We lift up in prayer loved ones and friends, especially
Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Sally;
Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Paul & Faith; Mike; David; Sarah;
Will; Erin; Roger, Dan & Maureen; Jennifer & Matthew; Adam; Eric; Rich, Nancy &
Jonathan; Celeste; Joan L and Elizabeth; Mary; Ellie; and all those we name before
you now either aloud or silently.

pause for silent reflection

Leader: God, in your mercy,
All: **receive our prayer.**

Leader: Before we leave this place,
We light our orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence.
May this candle, and all the lives it represents, burn brighter than our nation's
idolatry of guns and inspire us to pursue meaningful change in our gun laws.

pause for silent reflection

Leader: God, in your mercy,
All: **receive our prayer.**

Celebrant: For all that God gives to us, we say:
All: **Thank you.**

Celebrant: To all that God asks of us, we say:
All: **Yes.**

Celebrant: In Jesus' name,
All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ is always with you.
All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace, remaining in our seats.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Dr. John Schuder

Ushers bring the offering plates forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray,
All: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: O God of mystery and promise,
you invite us to discover you in our lives
and in the world around us.

All: You call us beyond the silent stars,
You call us beyond ourselves.

Celebrant: Throughout history prophets and sages have pointed to you.
Heavenly beings sing your praise.
And you call us now through your son Jesus.
It was on a night when old, familiar stories were retold,
A night rich in food and memory
when Jesus took a piece of bread.

And after he had blessed it, he broke it and said,

All: This is my body. It is given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Celebrant: Later in the meal he took a cup of wine,
and having given thanks over it, he gave it to his friends, saying

All: In this cup is the new relationship with the Source of all.
Drink it, all of you, to remember.

Celebrant: Gathered in this space, we do what Jesus did.
We are all invited to share in this meal
whether we regularly offer thanks and remember in this way
or this is our first such time.

Holy One, present with us now,
Send your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine.
Fill us now with the fullness of your very self.

All: As we eat and drink, make us one body,
one with you and with one another. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: 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

Celebrant: Come, we break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one in Christ.

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 — with some space between families — to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. At this time, 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 and abstain from sipping. 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Tierce en taille

Francois Couperin

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: Loving God, we give you thanks
that in this sharing of bread and wine
you awaken us to your indwelling Presence among us
and our true life. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant: As we go into the world as God's beloveds,
transformed by our encounter with Christ in this place:

All: The blessing of the God of life be ours,
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours,
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.
Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie Hyndman

MUSIC: #436

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

The Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve our God

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Francois Couperin

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Altar Guild:	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger:	Chrystena Hahn
A/V:	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker:	Peter Sillin
Chalice Bearer:	Barbara Barhydt*
Lectors:	Susannah White*
Prayer Leader:	Pam Hobson*
Prayers in the Chapel:	John Perkins*
Ushers:	John Duncan, Pal Covie
Counters:	Harriet Davis, Pal Covie
Lawn Care:	Ben Redfield
VPOW:	Laurie Hyndman
Coffee Hour:	Barbara Barhydt

*Member of the St. Bart's Pastoral Care Team

RESOURCES

Gathering Litany: adapted from *Canticle of the Sun* by St. Francis of Assisi

Opening Words: *Daily Prayers for All Seasons*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation

Amanda will be on vacation from July 8-17. Please contact Michele Johns, Senior Warden, at 207-776-9203 or Laurie Hyndman, Junior Warden, at 207-233-9439 with any concerns or questions. For pastoral care issues, please contact pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org.

Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles

If you have not yet participated in Sacred Ground, here is an upcoming opportunity! Join others from around the Episcopal Dioceses of Northern New England in discussing race and racism in our nation. Sacred Ground dialogue circles will start in Fall '22. The intro meeting will be held in early September. Email Franci Farnsworth (fvfarnsworth@gmail.com) of Vermont if you are interested in joining in these Zoom conversations. Representatives from each Diocese are Franci Farnsworth of Vermont, Betty Lane of New Hampshire, and the Rev. Katie Holicky of Maine.

Join Us for our Next Spirit Walk in Cumberland Town Forest!

Where: Cumberland Town Forest <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/town-forest>
When: Wednesday, August 17th (Rain date Thursday, August 18th)
Meeting Time: 9 am (walk will start no later than 9:15 am)
Meeting place: Kiosk behind the Cumberland Town Hall at 290 Tuttle Road
Sign up: Sign the sheet on the bulletin board in our Church entry
OR Email cpascarella@maine.rr.com with name and contact number
Bring: Wear sturdy shoes, hat, bug spray, sun block, your own snack and water

- No rest rooms at this location
- Dogs are welcome on leash

The walk includes a **Children's Story Walk** and we are hoping families can join us. It's a wooded path, but suitable for most strollers and mobility challenged. There is a child in all of us!)

Please read the description of the walk to assure it is suitable for you. More information can be found at: <https://www.mainetrailfinder.com/trails/trail/cumberland-town-forest>

We are looking forward to our walk ...hope you can join us!

Knowing that we all have varied schedules and lives, if you cannot join us, we are hoping that you may want to explore this preserve too. FYI, The Story Walk is changed monthly. Let us know what you think!

3rd Annual "Lobsters To Go" Event
Saturday, August 27th Pickup time: 5:30 - 6:30

Lobster, Corn/Potato Salad, Slaw & Blueberry Cake

Price: \$35 per dinner

Reserve your dinner by **August 20th** at stbartslobsterdinner@gmail.com.

PAY IN ADVANCE

-Online at the stbartsyarmouth.org website (donate tab, lobster bake drop-down option)

OR

-Send a check to St. Bart's with note for "Lobster Dinner"

Special Thanks to Jeff Diggins for donating the Lobsters!! All proceeds to YCHI.

Again, all reservations and payments are due by 8/20.

YCHI News

There are big changes afoot for the residents staying at the Best Western Hotel in Yarmouth and Freeport. In an effort to provide consistent services and streamline the response to needs, the residents of these two hotels are moving to one hotel in Saco where they will have case management that is both culturally and linguistically appropriate and support that is on site. Their support will be provided by Catholic Charities. The planning for this transition has taken place over months with staff hired and trained to fully engage with the families moving in.

It will mean another move for the families but it will also mean better support. Some families are finding permanent lodging in Yarmouth and Portland but most families are transitioning to Saco.

There is an immediate need for temporary housing for a family of 2 (mother and 12 year old) who will have permanent housing in September but need a place to stay until then. If you would like more information or are able to support this request, please reach out to: Carla Hunt, musseit@yahoo.com or 206-251-8694.

Thank you to all of you who supported families at the hotels during this time. The Casco Bay Inn in Freeport will continue to be operational and you can support the needs of those families through the Freeport Community Services website!

Thanks again!
Carla Hunt

Pop-up Coffee Hour

Hosts Needed for August 28 and September 4, 18, and 25

We have been enjoying Pop-Up Coffee Hours the past few weeks out on the deck. Pop-up because they are totally weather dependent and a purposely simple endeavor; just cold drinks, and snacks are optional, pre-packaged, home-made, or none at all. There will be no coffee, as brewing, transporting, serving and cleaning it up bends the simplicity rule. The goal is simplicity and a chance to visit with our parish friends! If there is no host one week, there will be no coffee hour; if it is rainy, there will be no coffee hour.

Please contact Jamie Michaud at jamiemichaud@gmail.com if you are willing and able to volunteer for one of the upcoming summer Sundays! Coffee hour hosts are needed for August 28, and September 4, 18, and 25. Thanks!

St. Elizabeth's Outreach

UPDATE FOR THIS WEEK

We served 213 neighbors this week for Diaper Day distribution and the Vaccine Clinic. The crew from Northern Light Health was wonderful and gave 14 vaccines (8 adults/6 children). The clinic was held in the Lower Hall at St. Luke's where folks registered and received their vaccine. We hope the word spreads for our next clinic on September 6th.

TOOTHPASTE COLLECTION

We received 104 tubes of toothpaste in July. We still need 296 tubes to reach our goal of 400! August is the home stretch for the drive - Can you help? Thanks to everyone who has donated so far!

If everyone brought 1-3 tubes of toothpaste every time they attended church through early September, we would reach our goal!

As you may know, the Outreach Committee has issued a challenge to all of us to donate a total of 400 tubes of medium-large toothpaste over the summer for the pantry at St. Elizabeth's (they have a great need for toothpaste!). Please bring in your donations and put them in the St. Elizabeth's bin located in the covered walkway.

This community outreach also involves 6 other Portland area churches. The hope is to join together in early September to both gather the contributions and enjoy a group picnic. The result will be lots of sparkly smiles and the joy of participating in a collective effort to support a real need.

UPCOMING WEEKLY DUTIES

August 14

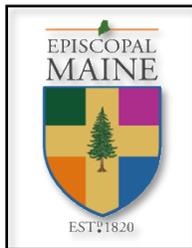
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Altar Guild:	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger:	Corey Walmer
A/V:	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker:	Barbara Barhydt
Chalice Bearer:	Michele Johns
Lector:	Elizabeth Ring
Ushers:	Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons
Counters:	Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Lawn Care:	Dennis Welsh
VPOW:	Laurie Hyndman
Coffee Hour:	Mary Calvin

August 21

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Balicki
Altar Guild:	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger:	Mary Calvin
A/V:	Pal Covie
Bread Baker:	Barbara Barhydt
Chalice Bearer:	Lisa Fitzgibbons
Lector:	Morris Hancock
Ushers:	Tom Hyndman, Nick Desiderio
Counters:	Susie Soule, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Lawn Care:	Peter Sillin
VPOW:	Kathy Abernathy
Coffee Hour:	Pam Hobson

August 28

Celebrant:	The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Altar Guild:	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
Flower Arranger:	Imelda Schaefer
A/V:	Laurie Hyndman
Bread Baker:	Peter Sillin
Chalice Bearer:	Anne Jacobs
Lector:	Don Massey
Ushers:	Nancy Gunzelmann, Linda Draper
Counters:	Hancock/Hyndman
Lawn Care:	Peter Chandler
VPOW:	Michele Johns
Coffee Hour:	Needed



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