

Trinity Sunday

A Healing Service

May 31, 2026, 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

Meditation on Holy, Holy, Holy, by Piet Post

Welcome & Announcements

Gary Sylvester

Opening Hymn, #362

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity,
People **neither blending their persons
nor dividing their essence.**

Celebrant For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

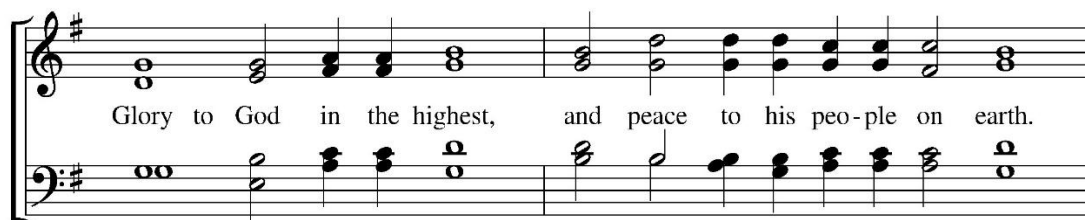
People **But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

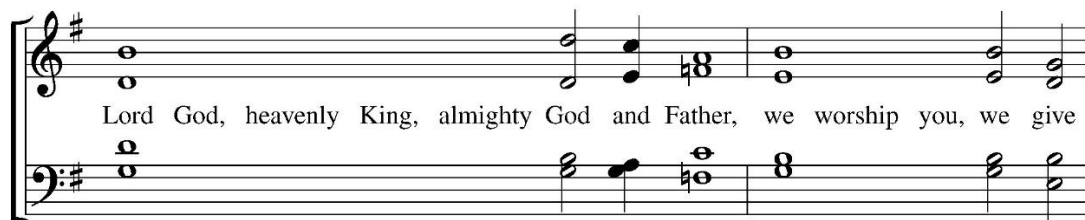
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Gloria, #898

Wonder, Love, and Praise



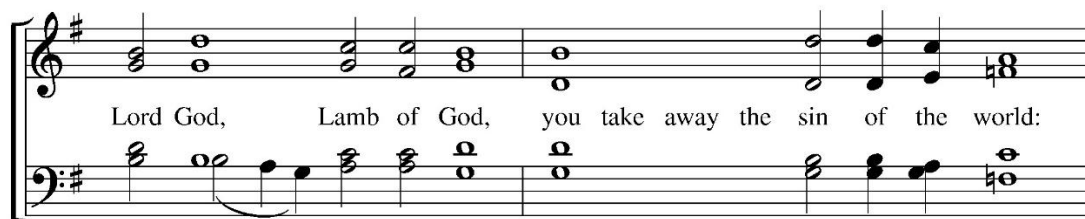
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give



you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

re - ceive our prayer. For you alone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, 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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The First Lesson, Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

Susannah White

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in their image,
in the image of God they were created;
people of all gender identities and expressions God created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (sung)

The musical score for Psalm 8 (sung) is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system contains two measures of music. The second system contains two measures. The third system contains two measures. The fourth system contains two measures. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, suitable for congregational singing.

1 O ‘ God, our ‘ Governor, *
how exalted is your ‘ Name in ‘ all the ‘ world!

2 Out of the mouths of ‘ infants and ‘ children, *
your majesty is ‘ praised a- ‘ bove the ‘ heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold a- 'gainst your ' adversaries, *
to quell the ' enemy ' and the a- ' venger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the ' work of your ' fingers, *
the moon and the stars ' you have ' set in their ' courses,

5 What are we that you should be ' mindful of ' us, *
mere mortals that ' you should ' seek us ' out?

6 You have made us but little lower ' than the ' angels; *
you ' adorn us with ' glory and ' honor;

7 You give us mastery over the ' works of your ' hands; *
you put ' all things ' under our ' feet:

8 All ' sheep and ' oxen, *
even the ' wild beasts ' of the ' field,

9 The birds of the air, the ' fish of the ' sea, *
and whatsoever ' walks in the ' paths of the ' sea.

10 O ' God, our ' Governor, *
how exalted is your ' Name in ' all the ' world!

The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Susannah White

Finally, my sibilins, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn #371

Thou whose almighty word

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Celebrant The Holy Gospel, according to John.

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Hymn, #366

Holy God, we praise thy name (v. 1-4 only)

The Hymnal 1982

HEALING LITURGY

Celebrant Every quarter, St. Bart’s sets apart a Sunday service to focus on the theme of healing. As we move into a time of prayer for the healing of our loved ones, our world and ourselves, let us take a moment to collect our thoughts and prayers.
Silence for reflection.

A Litany of Healing

Susie Peixotto

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 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:
Virginia & Jamil; Jenny & Matt; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Steven; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Beverly; Hana; Hurshell; Melanie; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; Danny; Lin; Caroline; Hadley; Ed; Greg; Cathy; Tom; Diane; Kurt; Joe; Kathy; Laura; Jennifer; and Brookie.

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.

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...

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

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.

The 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)

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

Offertory Anthem As Truly as God is Our Father, by William Mathias (text by Julian of Norwich)

*As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother.
In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;
in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.
Our fragmented lives are knit together.
And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole.
It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.
It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.
I am the sovereign goodness in all things.
It is I who teach you to love; it is I, who teach you to desire.
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.
All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

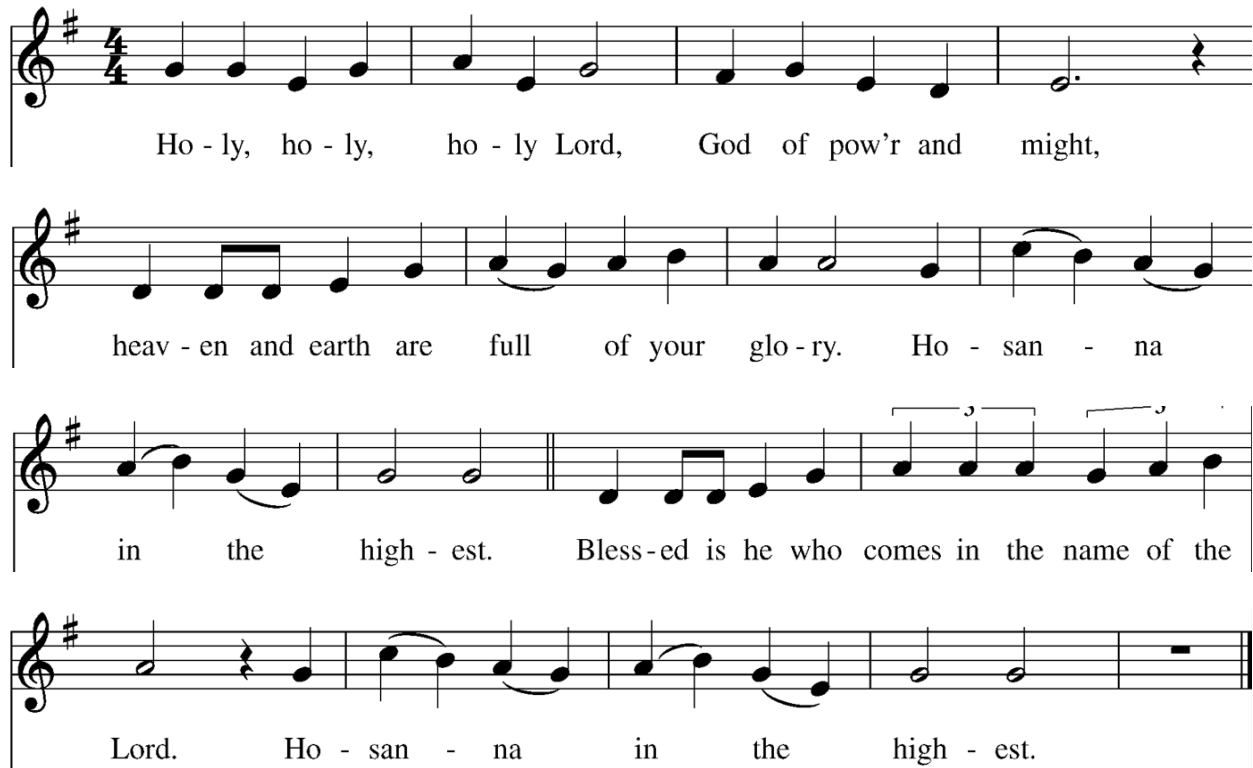
Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
You reveal your glory
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, 851

Wonder, Love, & Praise



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
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 for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

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 forever. Amen**

The Fraction

*Celebrant
People*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

*Celebrant
People*

Come, all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: excerpts from the Athanasian Creed.

*Today's lessons have been edited to express an expansive understanding of God's creation, in particular recognizing that God's creation includes people of all gender identities and expressions. While we typically use the NRSV translation of the Bible and recognize this as the standard translation for our tradition, we also recognize the harm that has been done when these texts are taken literally. The edits were made in an effort to reduce harm while still honoring the greatness of God's creation.

Fraction & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Chalice Bearer	John Perkins*
Prayer Leader	Susie Peixotto*
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Anne Jacobs
Lector	Susannah White*
Ushers	Pam Waite, Mary Strnad
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud and Paule French
Flower Arranger	The Chin Family
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	Susannah White
Counters	Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Lawn Care	David Heald
VPOW	Gary Sylvester
Coffee Hour	Margaret Kimball & Imelda Schaefer
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Anne Jacobs
Prayers in the Chapel	Paule French*

*Members of the Pastoral Care Team

The flowers are given in loving memory of Reverend Mary Louise Chin.



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