

Christmas Day
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Festival Choral Eucharist
at 11 am**

December 25, 2023

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022



**We invite you to make
this place yours.**

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

Welcome!



**Merry Christmas! Thanks for joining us for worship on this festive day.
We are glad that you are here to celebrate with us.**

Prelude *La Nativité* (from *Trois Poèmes Liturgiques*, Op. 2), Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

La Crèche — The manger

Les Anges — The angels

Les Bergers — The shepherds

La Sainte Famille — The Holy Family

In a humble stable, on a quiet night Mary and Joseph await the birth of Christ the Savior. When the child is born, the heavenly host appears to the shepherds and sings of the wondrous birth at Bethlehem. The Shepherds come to the crèche and offer their most tender melodies in adoration of the Christ-child. The Holy Family dwells serenely in the peace of the Lord.

The Rector's Welcome The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 83 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

1 O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 6 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

1 Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels;
 2 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est;
 6 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others.
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786), descant by David Willcocks (1919-2015).

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis St. Bartholomew's Choir
Zoe Allen, Rachel Doehring Jackson, Kathryn Papa, soloists

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis,

qui tollis peccata mundi
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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

We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us,

you take away the sin of the world;
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Puer natus in Bethlehem, Alleluia.

Unde gaudet Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Hic jacet in præsepio, Alleluia.

Qui regnat sine termino. Alleluia.

Reges de Sabâ veniunt, Alleluia.

Aurum, thus, myrrham offerunt. Alleluia.

In hoc natali gaudio, Alleluia.

Benedicamus Domino: Alleluia.

Laudetur sancta Trinitas, Alleluia.

Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia.

A Child is born in Bethlehem;

Exult for joy, Jerusalem!

There, in a manger lowly, lies.

He who reigns above the skies.

And kingly pilgrims, long foretold.

From East bring incense, myrrh, and gold,

Come then, and on this natal day.

Rejoice before the Lord and pray.

And to the Holy One in Three.

Give praise and thanks eternally.

Words: 13th century, trans. H. M. MacGill (1807-1880)

Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
 Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Deacon In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Vicar

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All **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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of wonder, on this sacred day you become one of us. Startle us with your good news, and be born in our hearts, we pray.

Prince of Peace, you disarm the forces of violence. End all war and hatred, and unite every people and nation.

People God of wonder,
be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Child of the Stable, you appear among the poor and the excluded. Reveal yourself to us in the forgotten and the dismissed.

People God of wonder,
be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Word made Flesh, you sanctify our bodies with your presence. Teach us to treat all human bodies with care and respect.

People God of wonder,
be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Vulnerable Savior, you know what it means to suffer and be in need. Comfort those who yearn for your healing.

People God of wonder,
be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Delight of the Angels, you travel the distance between heaven and earth. Bring all who have died to the glories of your eternal home.

People God of wonder,
be born in our hearts, we pray.

Presider God of wonder, you arrive in our lives in ways we can neither anticipate nor fully understand: may we so marvel at the mystery of your Incarnation that we neither reject it without thinking nor accept it without being transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth changes everything.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

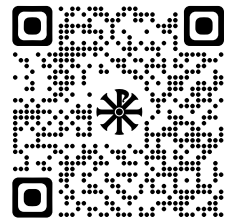
Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today:
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from woe and sin,
When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel,
This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger,
Upon that holy morn;
The which his mother, Mary,
Did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly,
Let your songs of gladness ring;
In a stable lies the Holy,
In a manger rests the King;
See, in Mary's arms reposing,
Christ by highest heav'n adored;
Come, your circle round him closing,
Pious hearts that love the Lord.

The first Nowell the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station
Robes the child your hearts adore:
He, the Lord of all salvation,
Shares your want, is weak and poor:
Oxen, round about behold them;
Rafters naked, cold and bare,
See the shepherds, God has told them
That the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry,
This one child your model make;
Christmas holly, leaf and berry,
All be prized for his dear sake;
Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender,
Come, ye spirits, keen and bold;
All in all your homage render,
Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining,
And the Wisemen haste from far:
Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining:
For you all has risen the star.
Let us bring our poor oblations,
Thanks and love and faith and praise:
Come, ye people, come, ye nations,
All in all draw nigh to gaze.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one, and calls you all,
To gain his everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), Archer Thompson Gurney (1820-1887), and English traditional.
Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934), from traditional carol melodies.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King,
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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, O Father,

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

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.*
- *Wine is only received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.*
- *At the request of the Bishop of New York, St. Bart's does not permit intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) at this time. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.*
- *If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
give us peace.

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674).
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945).

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.
What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heav - en a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915), descant by David Willcocks (1919-2015).

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Noël Étranger, Louis-Claude Daquin, (1694-1772)



The St. Bart's presepio (creché/manger scene) was recently rebuilt and can once again be viewed on the platform in front of the Baptistry Chapel (underneath the north balcony).

Thank you to Bhokram Shivprashad, Gwyneth Leech, Miriam and Paula Schneider, and Eric Leach-Rodríguez, who worked together to restore a treasured part of Christmas at St. Bart's. Thanks also to Steve Hughes, who supervised the annual installment of the presepio for many years.

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Deacon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Subdeacon The Reverend Zack Nyein

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Verger Joe Bessey

Crucifers Tivaun Cooper, Nathan Peace

Acolytes Kari Parks, Wendy Range

Ushers Christian Burke, Isaiah Chabala, Steve Dohnalek, Mark Lugo, Barbara Rose, Richard Rose, Eileen Scott, Roger Talbott, Mary Trudel, Susanne Vorster

Lectors William Fulton, Aderonke Fatade

Intercessor Barry Phillips

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Cynthia Brush

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

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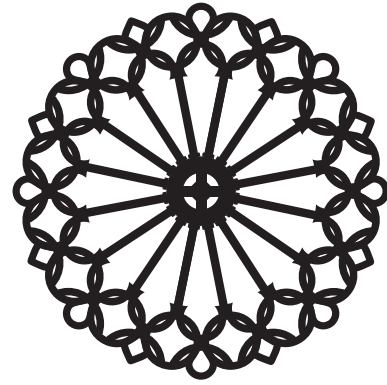
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& James & Sarah Isherwood*

Richard Cobb

*In gratitude for Sarah Kerner
& Anne Kerner*

Richard Cobb & Sarah Kerner

In memory of Tilmon & Irene Cobb

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*In memory of Richard (Dick)
& Virginia Kerner*

Ken & Debra Darr

Stephen Dohnalek

In memory of Neil

Constance Evans

In memory of Valentina Evans

Lee Anne & Bill Fry

*In memory of Bill & Cathy Fry,
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& Susan Taylor*

Karen & Lee Garza

*In gratitude for Kyra Madison
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Matthew Gibson &

The Reverend Peter Thompson
In memory of Adell Sinclair Gibson

Mariel Glover

*In memory of Beryl & Sterling Holder,
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Judy Hall

*In memory of my parents,
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In gratitude for The Burnham Family

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Megan Krasney

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Jack & Anna; Gian-Murray & Maggie
Thom Gianino, Sebastian & Jasper*

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*In memory of Murray & Lucille Martin,
Antonio & Josephina Gianino*

Gerda Maynard

In memory of Family & Friends

Katherine McHale

In memory of my mother, Joanne Jaye

Kathryn McKenzie & Greg Pitkoff

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**The Reverend Canon Andrew &
Cathy Mullins, & her loving family**

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Jo A. Pickett

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Johnson, Gay Clark Stoddard,
Bob Bushnell, & Robin & Paul Hoffman*

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In memory of Rose-Lee Reinhard

Steven Sakson

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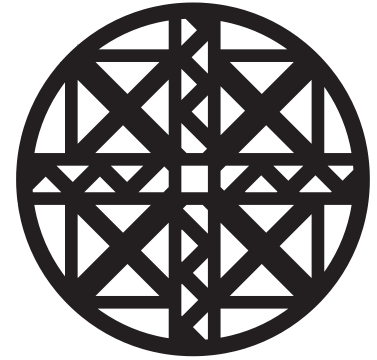
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At Christmas we remember loved ones
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Together, we remember and celebrate.

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Thank You and May God Bless You!



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& Palmer William Johnson*

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Jennifer Collins

*In memory of Beverly
& Thomas Tabern*

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Stephen Dohnalek

In memory of Mom & Dad

Constance Evans

In memory of Valentina Evans

Mariel Glover

In gratitude for Philip Glover

Caitlin Gutheil

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Robert & Karen Gutheil

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& Richard Crook*

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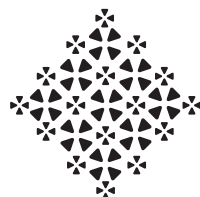
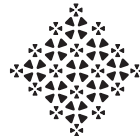
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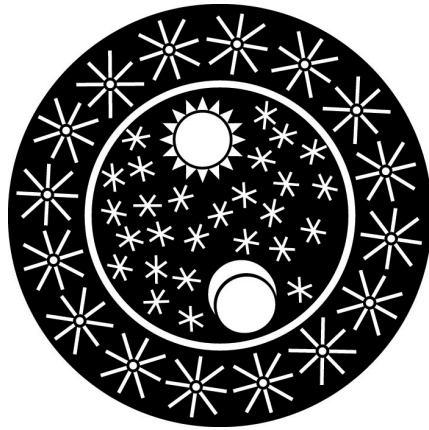
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