

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

March 10, 2024



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!

Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening chant.

Chant



Words: Taizé Community. Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin,

and heals our lives.

All Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept.

All Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We

hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive

us, Lord. Amen.

Presider Here is a flood of grace: out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks

every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through

Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

All

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Together, let us pray.

God, rich in mercy, whose light reveals the truth of things, the judgment we bring on

ourselves: we thank you that you sent your Son to save and not condemn. In his self-giving love, may life abundant reign; through Jesus Christ, who was lifted up for

us. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

> You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord. Lector People Thanks be to God.

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.





Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt.

The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man

be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that

it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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 John F. Wirenius, Deacon

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Jesus, Rock of Ages, you are the firm foundation upon which your holy church is built.

Strengthen us, and all who believe in you, to boldly proclaim your message of love.



Intercessor Jesus, Righteous Judge, to you all earthly powers must answer. Grant wisdom to leaders

in this and every land. Help them to choose humble service over selfish ambition.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Intercessor Jesus, Redeemer of our broken world, hear the cries of those who suffer violence,

oppression, and dehumanization. Break the chains of injustice, and establish your reign of

freedom and peace.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Intercessor Jesus, Giver of Life, we praise you for the blessings you have bestowed, including those

we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Make us always grateful for your immeasurable grace.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Intercessor Jesus, Great Physician, comfort all in pain, sickness, or sorrow, including those we now

name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Turn anguish into calm and despair into hope.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Intercessor Jesus, Good Shepherd, you know your sheep, and no one can pluck them from your hand.

We commend to your care all who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Shield them with your tenderness and bring them to glory everlasting.



Music: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- * Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed. Ushers can assist you.
- You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit **stbarts.org/givenow**.



Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

PresiderMay God be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

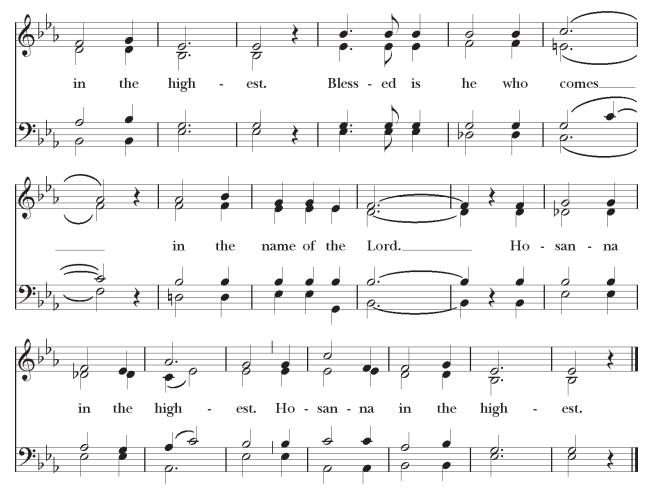
Presider It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God. For in these forty

days, you lead us into the desert of repentance that, through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline, we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service, you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word, you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with

saints and angels, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus





Music: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Presider

O God, Creator of our wilderness world, O God, Savior of the Lost, O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider

We extol his life. Amen:

People

Amen.

Presider

We lament his death. Amen:

People

Amen.

Presider

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen:

People

Amen.

Presider

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Grant us with the people of old forty days of repentance. Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. And, at the last, lead all your pilgrim people through the deserts of death to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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

the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Savior of the World, broken for us:
People by your wounds you make us whole.

The Invitation to the Table

Presider Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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 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.
- In the interests of public health, St. Bart's discourages intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to drink from the cup, 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.

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All God of the cross, we thank you for giving yourself to us in the sacred mystery of

this communion. May we who have been nourished by the sacrifice of Christ offer ourselves in sacrifice for the good of the world. In the name of our Savior we pray.

Amen.

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is

done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of

your people Israel.

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Blessing

Hymn 671



Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921).

The Dismissal

Go into the wilderness of the world—and may the angels go with you. Deacon

Thanks be to God. People

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward **Preacher** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Lector Dickie Ann Boal Johnson **Altar Guild** Caroline Clarke-Laurence **Usher** Mark Lugo

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez Facilities Anthony Thomas

The Vestry of St. Bart's

Wardens Miriam K. Schneider, William ("Bill") Fry IV

Joe Bessey, Tim Hook, Rachel Farrar, James Ferrara, Dall Forsythe, Jennifer Fuller, David Hilder, Natalie Johnson, Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, James Marion, Robert McKinney, Peter Scardino, Craig Simmons, Ray Vandenberg

Chancellor Patrick MacMurray

Assistant Chancellors Anne Rabbino, Peter Sullivan, Douglas Tanner

Honorary Wardens Fletcher Hodges III, Anthony P. Marshall, Percy Preston, Jr.

We continue to hold in our prayers:

Andrew, Nicole, Sandy, Mike, Charlene S., Robert, Fred, Sean, Yedda, Kay, Shahana, Clifford, Daniel, Claudia, Helen

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- **To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar.**
- **To make a prayer request** please visit **stbarts.org/prayers**.
- To make an appointment with the clergy, please call 212-378-0222 or visit stbarts.org/connect/clergy-and-staff.
- **Tour St. Bart's this Sunday:** Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.
- **Free Parking** is available for all Sunday services at the garage located at 136-166 East 51st Street. Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central.



MEET US

AFTER

CHURCH

The 2024 Pledge Campaign

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11

The 2024 pledge campaign continues! We have received over 290 pledges and over \$1.1M pledged to date. Your annual pledge to St. Bart's makes a difference and your participation matters. If you haven't made a 2024 pledge, pick up a pledge package in the back of the church or call the Stewardship Office to request one at 212-378-0278. Place your completed card in the mail or visit **stbarts.org/pledge**.

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Join us immediately after the service for coffee and other refreshments.

Children Youth and Families Community Lunch

12:15 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM

All children, youth, and their families are welcome.

Virtual Coffee Hour

12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community 12:30 PM IN ROOM 33

A seven-session course for anyone new or relatively new to the church.

Peace Book Club 1 PM VIA ZOOM

Continue discussing *The People's Hospital: Hope and Peril in American Medicine* by Richardo Nuila.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.



March, 17, 2024: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

\$\(\psi\) JOIN US IN PERSON AT 8 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.

YOU MAY ALSO JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM
on our website (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook Live
(@stbartsnyc).

☆ THE FORUM AT 10 AM

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? SELF-REFLECTION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

Dr. Patricia Tidwell, psychotherapist and St. Bart's parishioner, explores the ways in which psychotherapy can aid in the process of self-reflection.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 AM-5 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR.

Make a Gift of Easter Music and Flowers

As you journey through Lent you may wish to remember loved ones and offer thanksgiving for special blessings by making a gift to St. Bart's Easter Music and Flowers. Your gifts will help adorn the church and set the exultation of Easter to music. Visit **stbarts.org/easter-gift** to give online.

Weekday Worship

12:05 PM HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesdays: with silent meditation **Wednesdays:** with prayers for healing

Thursdays: with prayers for peace and justice

8:30 PM NIGHT PRAYER VIA ZOOM, Monday-Friday

Lent: There's an App for That!

Download the beta version of our new mobile app, and find resources for prayer, scripture study, and reflection this Lenten Season and beyond. Visit **stbarts.org/app**.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Bart's

Visit **stbarts.org/holyweekandeaster** to see our complete schedule for Holy Week, which begins Palm Sunday, March 24.

Baptism at St. Bart's

The next dates of Holy Baptism at St. Bart's are March 30, April 7, and May 19. To learn more and schedule an adult or child baptism, visit stbarts.org/baptism or contact Bailey Regan, Associate for Newcomer Welcome and Engagement at bregan@stbarts.org.

Lenten Organ Recital: Alexander Pattavina

SUNDAYS. MARCH 10 AT 4 PM

The tradition of musical programs in Lent goes back many decades at St. Bart's and we're delighted to continue the tradition with these 40-minute organ recitals. A large-screen monitor will enable the audience to sit under the Celestial organ, an ideal listening spot in the nave, while still enjoying an up-close view over the organist's shoulders and of the pedalboard. Learn more at **mmpaf.org.**

20s/30s Oscars Viewing Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 FOLLOWING THE 5 PM SERVICE

Join other members of St. Bart's in their 20s and 30s for a casual Oscars Viewing party in Room 33. Food, snacks and drinks provided. Other contributions welcome.

Winter and Spring Yoga Classes

TUESDAYS AT 6 PM

Yoga Classes will be held in the church on Tuesdays at 6 pm. A contribution of \$10 is suggested. All ages and abilities welcome! Visit **stbarts.org/yoga** for details.

A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding our True Hungers in Lent

THURSDAYS AT 5:30 PM, FEBRUARY 15-MARCH 21, IN PERSON

Associate for Visitor Services and Social Outreach Teagan Sage leads a series based on Christine Valters Paintner's book, *A Different Kind of Fast* which integrates contemplative justice practices and handson opportunities for advocacy and service. Participants will learn to fast from complacency that undermines the realization of beloved community. Learn more at **stbarts.org/fast**.

Imagine Worship

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

Join us for inspiring contemporary worship with the distinguished composer and music leader Mark Miller, followed by dinner in the back of the church. Details at **stbarts.org/imagine**.

LGBTQ+ Film Series

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AT 6 PM

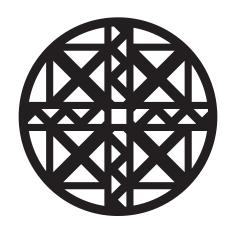
Film professor and St. Bart's parishioner Anthony Perrotto hosts a bimonthly film series with an introduction, important insights, and commentary for each screening, all with LGBTQ+ themes. On March 15 join us for *The Danish Girl* (2015). Learn more at **stbarts.org/lgbtqfilm**.

Visual Commentary on Scripture

Throughout Lent this online art and scripture resource explores the theme of 'Vices and Virtues'. If you'd like to find out more, and use this resource to guide you through prayer and study during Lent, take a look at **thevcs.org/lent2024**.

Easter Vigil Reception

Do you like to share your home-baked goods with friends and family? Do you know just the right place to shop for savory treats? Whether you're a whiz in the kitchen, or a savvy foodie, we'd be grateful for your contribution to the annual Easter Vigil Festive Reception, immediately following the 7 pm Easter Vigil on **Saturday, March 30**. Please contact Veronica Shea at **vshea@stbarts.org** to learn how you can help!



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