

The Fifth Sunday in Lent Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

March 17, 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

Presider May God be with you.
Presider And also with you.

Together, let us pray.

All Lord of the new covenant, in Christ you draw all people to yourself: may we die with

him to the powers of hate and let him show us a world loved by you, through Jesus

Christ, the fruitful grain. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

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

Hymn 691



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872). The Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came

to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will

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 Zack Nyein, Senior Associate Rector

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.

draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



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

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We 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.

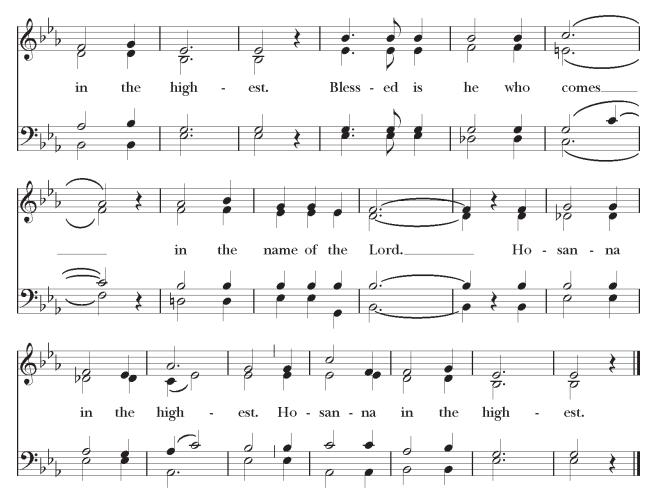
Presider It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God. For in these forty

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





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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 People We extol his life. Amen:

Presider

Amen.

Presider

We lament his death. Amen:

People

Amen.

Presider

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen:

People

Amen.

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

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 603



Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936). Music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979).

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Zack Nyein

Lector Teagan Sage **Altar Guild** Caroline Clarke-Laurence **Usher** Bailey Regan

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina
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:

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

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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.

St. Patrick's Day 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.

St. Tabitha's Guild

2 PM VIA ZOOM

The St. Tabitha's Guild of needle crafters will knit/crochet for various charities both in person and virtually.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



ST. BART'S

March, 24, 2024: The Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday

- \$\$ 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).
- ## PALM SUNDAY FÊTE FOR ALL AGES AT 12:15 PM

Come to the Great Hall on Palm Sunday for a special Palm Sunday Fête for All Ages featuring traditional palm cross making, hot cross buns, coffee, tea, and interactive Holy Week trivia, with prizes.



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 & 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. Gifts made on or before March 17 will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day service leaflets. Visit **stbarts.org/easter-gift** to give online.

Feeding our True Hungers in Lent

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, AT 6 PM IN THE CHAPEL

This Lenten series concludes on Thursday with guest speakers from the Community at the Crossing. Learn more at **stbarts.org/fast**.

Easter Vigil Reception

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 sign up.

Holy Week Concert: A Holy Week Meditation in Song

MONDAY MARCH 25 AT 6 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Soloists of St. Bartholomew's Choir present a concert that reinterprets themes of Holy Week through the language of secular art song. Experience the beauty, introspection, and contemplation of this unique musical offering, where the everyday meets the divine. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

Stations in the City: Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 6 PM

Modeled after the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) in Jerusalem, we will reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross during a meditative pilgrimage through the neighborhood. Pausing briefly at sites such as the train station and firehouse, we will offer prayers for the city and the world during Holy Week. The liturgy will begin on the chapel steps of St. Bart's at 6 pm and depart promptly at 6:10 pm. Bring water and come prepared to travel approximately two miles via sidewalks during this one-hour and fifteen-minute experience. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit **stbarts.org/stations.**

Kids' Church for Easter Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 11 AM

At the 11 am services on Sunday, March 31, kids in grades K-5 are invited to a special children's worship service in the chapel, featuring a retelling of the Easter story, egg hunt, and a traditional "flowering of the cross." You are invited to bring extra flowers from your home or flower shop if you would like. Learn more at **stbarts.org/kids.**



March 24 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday †

8 am The Liturgy of the Palms,
The Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist
9 and 11 am * The Liturgy of the Palms,
The Passion Gospel, Choral Eucharist,
& Kids' Church (11 am only)
12:15 pm Palm Sunday Fête
5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

March 25 Holy Monday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist **6 pm** Holy Week Concert: A Holy Week Meditation in Song

March 26 Holy Tuesday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist **6 pm** Tenebrae: A Service of Light and Darkness *

March 27 Holy Wednesday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist **6 pm** Stations in the City:
Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown

March 28 Maundy Thursday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist
6 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday *
7:15 pm-8 am The Night Watch

March 29 Good Friday

8 am The Liturgy of Good Friday
12 noon The Three Hours:
The Seven Last Words *
3 pm Confession:
The Rite of Reconciliation
6 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

March 30 Saturday * †

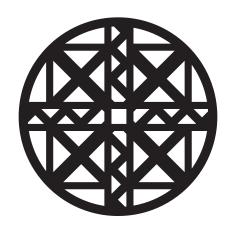
7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

March 31 Easter Day

8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Festival Eucharist 11 am Festival Eucharist & Kids' Church * 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

For complete details on Holy Week and Easter visit **stbarts.org/holyweekandeaster**.

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