

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

April 21, 2024

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.

We are so glad you are here!



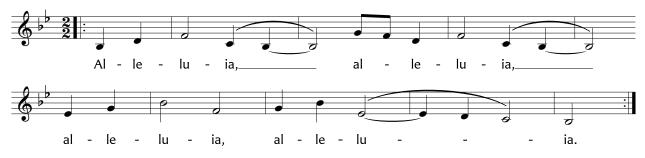
- *** Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.
- *** To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar.**
- ***** To make a 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.



Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Opening Song



Music: A Repeating Alleluia, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

PresiderLord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in
the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed
in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.AllAmen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider All	Together, let us pray. Christ the Good Shepherd, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.
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An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.



Hymn 304

Lector

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ. Presider Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." Presider 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 Thompson, Vicar

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Risen Christ, bursting from the tomb: we yearn for the joy you bring. Burst into our lives and lift our hearts with resurrection joy as we pray.

Guide us through all uncertainty and fear. The first witnesses to your resurrection also were uncertain and afraid. Calm us as you calmed them.



All

Intercessor By defeating death, you have freed us from the grip of sin. Release our nation and its leaders from bigotry, avarice, and every sinful way.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

Intercessor The bright light of Easter promises a new day to those in pain. Shine its warm rays on all the sick and suffering, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

Intercessor In rising from the grave, you have raised us, too. Receive all who have died into the glory of heaven, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

Intercessor Easter is good news! Fill us with gladness and thanksgiving for the miracle of your resurrection and for all the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us, as we seek to share our joy with others. Strengthen us, as your Church, to proclaim faith in the midst of doubt and hope in the midst of despair.

All Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!

PresiderRisen Christ, our Good Shepherd, you were present from the beginning, and your guiding
hand still leads us to calm waters and green pastures: help us to care for this planet as
you care for us, tending to its needs and protecting it from danger, that, through us and
the Spirit you have given, your love may suffuse the whole of creation—indeed, everything
that has been made. In your name we pray.AllAmen.

The Peace

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

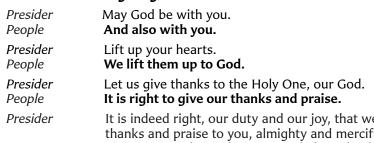
The Holy Communion

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.*

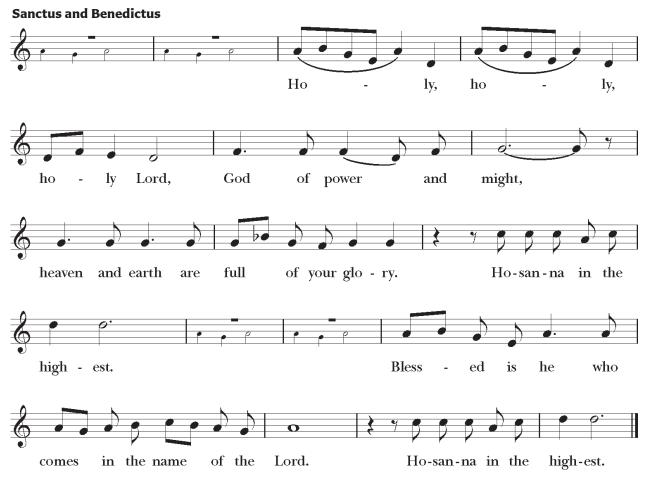
The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Music: from Communion Service, Op. 71, William Mathias (1934-1992).

Presider Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus 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 to 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.

With this bread and cup we remember his Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider People	O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.
Presider People	Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. Come, Holy Spirit.
Presider All	With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

PresiderAs our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,AllOur Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

PresiderBe known to us, O Jesus,Peoplein the breaking of the bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Bread of the Life and the Cup of Salvation: whoever eats this bread and drinks of this cup will live forever.

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 wait for 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 Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 645

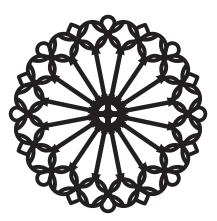


Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody.

The Dismissal

PresiderGo with faith in the resurrected Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson **Lector** Miriam Schneider **Altar Guild** Miriam Schneider **Usher** Mark Lugo

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

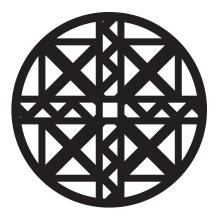
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Constance, Victoria, Catherine, Jane, Viola, Peggy, Lucy, Kathy, Jean, Kat, Lucy

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH 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 ON 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 1:30 PM ON ZOOM

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

Apple Hill String Quartet 2:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

This concert will feature music of LGBTQIA composers Jennifer Higdon, Yaz Lancaster, Arthur Russell (arr. Mike Kelley), and Samuel Barber. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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

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**.



Sunday, April 28, 2024: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Soin 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

The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan, Episcopal Diocese of New York On the occasion of our annual bishop's visitation, The Right Reverend Allen Shin reflects on the mission of the Church as it faces the challenges and opportunities of the present moment.



Weekday services of Holy Communion to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

- \$ 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

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**.

With Hearts and Hands and Voices

St. Bart's welcomes members, seekers, and visitors to participate in a rich tradition of musical offerings. Your gift to With Hearts and Hands and Voices will support all the ways that sacred music brings us together and inspires us. Make a gift online at **stbarts.org/ givenow** and select Gift Designation: Sacred Music, or include on the check memo. **Our goal is to raise \$65,000 by Sunday, May 5** when we will cap off the campaign and celebrate our continued support of great music with a festive coffee hour with the choirs.

Easter Triumph, Easter Joy: The Music of the Easter Season

TUESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 14, 7-8 PM, VIA ZOOM

The clergy and staff of St. Bart's explore some of the most beloved music associated with the Easter season. **On Tuesday, April 23,** Olivia Sue Greene looks at George Frederic Handel's masterpiece *Messiah*. Register and learn more at **stbarts.org/eastermusic**.

Earth Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 17 AND 24, 6:30-7:30 PM ON ZOOM Allegra Lovejoy, who for a decade has worked at the intersection of faith and the environment, leads a twosession contemplative study of our society's relationship with our planet, and our Christian call to planetary stewardship. Visit **stbarts.org/earthstationsofthecross** to learn more.

Imagine Worship NYC

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM, IN THE CHURCH

Join us for a casual, contemporary, and inclusive candlelit service with soulful original music led by Artist-in-Residence Mark Miller followed by food and hospitality. **On Thursday, May 9,** Bishop Rob Wright of Atlanta, gospel artist Jason McGee and friends from across the country visiting New York City for the 2024 Episcopal Young Clergy (40 and Under) Gathering, will be with us for an Ascension Day Celebration. **stbarts.org/imagine.**

Learning Liberation: Prayer, Study, and Action for Social Justice

THURSDAYS, 6-7 PM, IN THE CHAPEL

Join us for the inaugural meeting of our ongoing justice education and conversation. Contact Teagan Sage (tsage@stbarts.org) with any questions. Learn more and register at **stbarts.org/learningliberation**.



Pilgrims and Pathfinders Retreat

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Retreat offerings will include a tour of the church and Crossroads, shared meals and music, and engaging panel discussions. While we especially hope that our virtual worshippers and Pathfinders attendees will participate, the retreat is open to all. Advance registration is required. Register at **stbarts.org/pathfinders-retreat.**

Paolo Bordignon Harpsichord Recital

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7:30 PM

This program will include Handel's *Suite in E major* (with the *Harmonious Blacksmith Variations*), a few handfuls of Scarlatti's 555 Sonatas for harpsichord, and Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*, a tour-de-force of the Baroque repertoire and the first keyboard concerto in history. Tickets at **mmpaf.org**.

Sacred Looking

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 AT 5:30PM VIA ZOOM

An online version of the class offered in January, Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue and the Reverend Meredith Ward facilitate a two-day conversation on interfaith learning, exploring ways of looking at art through the lens of faith. More at **stbarts.org/sacredlooking**.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 PM

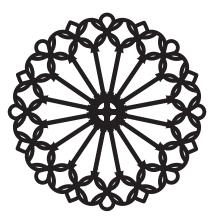
Join the rest of the parish for an outing to the Staten Island FerryHawks Home Opener. Tickets are \$12 per person, plus a discounted price for food vouchers and baseball caps, a free rally towel and our name on the scoreboard! It's an easy walk from the Staten Island ferry to the ballpark. Learn more at **stbarts.org/ballgame**.

Explore Class for Newcomers

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 8, 15, AND 22 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM This three-week series is offered seasonally for newcomers. It offers an introduction to the Episcopal Church and an orientation to our community. This is a great next step for anyone curious about the church or looking to get involved. All are welcome! Register at **stbarts.org/explore**.

Faith in Action: St. Bart's Community Cookbook Project

As we celebrate Earth Day this month, we invite you to submit your favorite recipes to an Earth-friendly community cookbook. We encourage all recipes that feature an environmentally friendly spin whether that be a fully plant based entrée (say, cauliflower shawarma) or a simple lower carbon swap (beef stroganoff that substitutes half of the beef for chicken). The cookbook will be made available online later this spring. Learn more and submit a recipe at **stbarts.org/cookbook**.



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