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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
✧NEW YORK✧

The First Sunday After Pentecost:
Trinity Sunday

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

June 15, 2025

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!

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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.

Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Hymn from *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* #115

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,".

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The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.".

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of the hymn concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

Words and Music: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so participate in the dance of your trinity, that our lives may resonate with you, now and for ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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 29

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -
2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our
3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -

ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now
eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876).
Music: Bromley, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

The Holy Gospel John 16:12-15

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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 Meredith E. Ward, Senior Associate Rector

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, in your kindness, hear us, as we offer our prayers for ourselves and for the whole world.

We pray, O God, for wisdom. Turn us away from superficiality, materialism, and greed. Teach us to be honest, generous, and humble. Help us to put our faith in heaven and not in fleeting things that fade away.



People In your kind - ness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for courage. Give your Church the boldness to fight for truth and justice in the face of opposition and obstruction. Empower us to be persistent in our prayers and in our deeds.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for love. Fill us with compassion and respect for all. Widen our circles to include the marginalized and the rejected. Disturb our daily routines with the cry of those in need. Guide us as we care for our enemies, our neighbors, and ourselves.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for healing. Confront the demons that run rampant in us and in our society. Release us from every ailment that causes pain. Surround with your healing presence all who suffer, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for peace. Quiet the distractions and worries that keep us from resting in you. Still the storms of violence that batter our nation and the nations of the earth. Bring to eternal peace all who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for grateful hearts. Bolster our praise for the good you make happen in our lives, and remind us continually to be thankful for your gifts, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, holy and blessed Trinity, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ❖ We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today. Please visit stbarts.org/hello to let us know who you are!
- ❖ Many are surprised to learn that St. Bart's does not have a large endowment. We rely on the generosity of members and visitors alike to sustain our ministries for the future.
- ❖ Visit stbarts.org/givenow or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. Thank you for your support!



Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

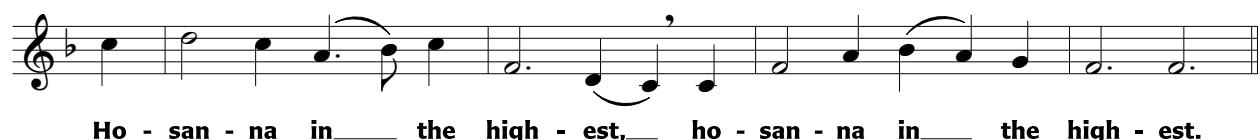
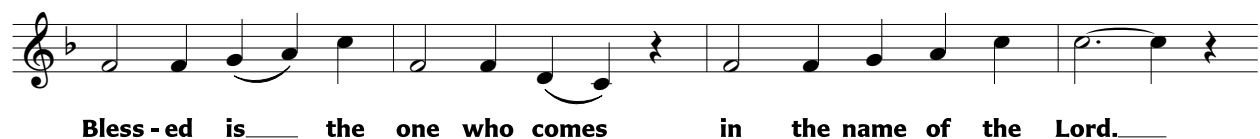
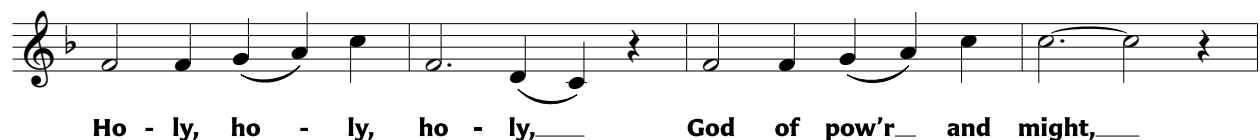
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to God.

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, for you made us, most holy God. And before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. We praise you, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

We praise you for his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life, breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to you. For these gifts we praise and worship you. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody.

Presider Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night in which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Later, after they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come to the banquet, for all is now ready: taste and see that God is good.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. 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.*
- *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 **Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

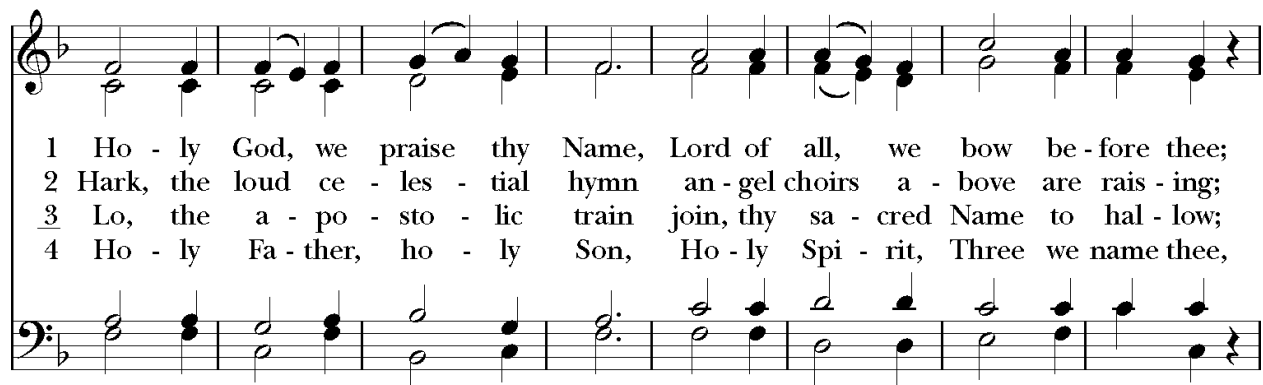
All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

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

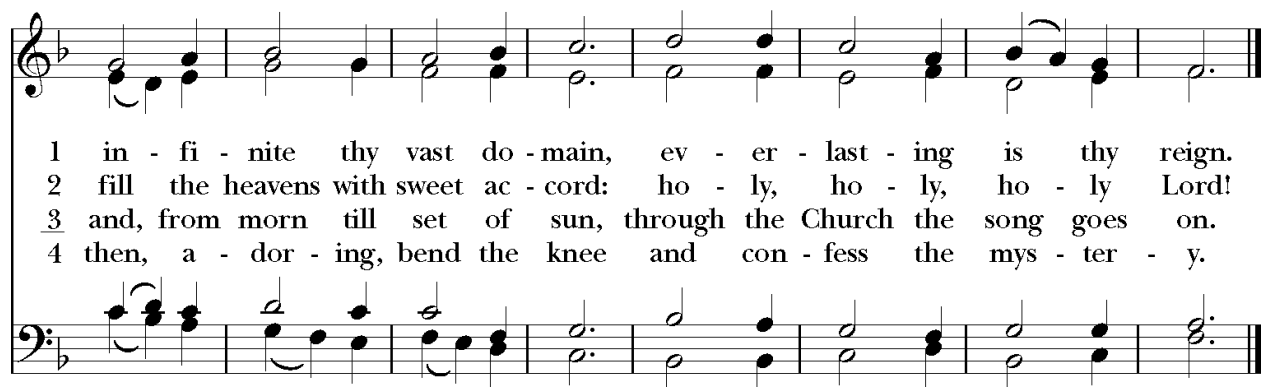
Hymn 366



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Words: Para. the Te Deum, Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900).
Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. Cantante, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872).

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lector Kate DiTullio

Altar Guild Adelaide Kent

Usher Susanne Vorster

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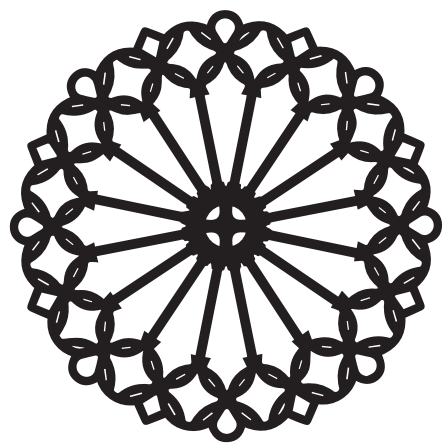
Facilities Anthony Thomas, Paul Rodriguez

We continue to hold in our prayers

Jean, Carolyn, Sophie, Makenna, Kate, Tim, Gary, Lara, Jeff, Zoe

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❖ Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

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

❖ “Slide Into Summer” End-Of-Year Party

12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE

Children of all ages are welcome to our End of the Year Children, Youth and Family Celebration! Water slide, bouncy castle, face painting, food, and more!

❖ Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



Summer Hiatus for 8 am Holy Eucharist

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 15

To accommodate limitations in staff and volunteer schedules, the 8 am service of Holy Eucharist will be taking a break for the summer. A decision about whether the 8 am service will return in the fall will be made at the end of August. To share any feedback about this change or the future of the 8 am service, please email the Reverend Peter Thompson (pthompson@stbarts.org).



June 22, 2025

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

❖ JOIN US IN PERSON AT 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](https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnyc)).

❖ THE FORUM AT 10 AM

Born Again Queer: Evangelical Gay Activism and the Making of Antigay Christianity

William Stell, Faculty Fellow at New York University and author of the upcoming book *Born Again Queer*, uncovers the hidden history of gay evangelicals and the opposition they faced within the evangelical movement.



Weekday offerings to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

❖ **HOLY EUCHARIST** • TUESDAY-THURSDAYS AT 12:05 PM IN THE CHAPEL

❖ **NIGHT PRAYER** • MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

❖ **BIBLE STUDY** • WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM VIA ZOOM

❖ **IMAGINE WORSHIP NYC** • THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

❖ **CENTERING PRAYER** • FRIDAYS AT 9 AM VIA ZOOM

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](https://stbarts.org/calendar).

Faith & Film

TUESDAYS, JUNE 17-AUGUST 5, 7-8 PM

The Reverend Peter Thompson guides group discussion on the role that faith plays in contemporary film. June 17: *Shadowlands* (1993); June 24: *Dead Man Walking* (1995); July 1: *Saved!* (2004); July 8: *A Serious Man* (2009); July 15: *The Tree of Life* (2011); July 22: *Silence* (2016); July 29: *The Color Purple* (1985) & *The Color Purple* (2023); August 5: *The Two Popes* (2019) & *Conclave* (2024). More at stbarts.org/faithandfilm.

The St. Bart's Players present *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*

PERFORMANCES JUNE 17-22 AT THE 14TH STREET Y

Critically hailed both on and off-Broadway, this wildly comic murder-mystery pokes fun at the more ridiculous aspects of "show biz" and the corny thrillers of Hollywood's heyday. Tickets at stbartsplayers.org.

Imagine Worship: Juneteenth

JUNE 19 AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Imagine Worship welcomes the Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Canon Theologian of Washington National Cathedral, as guest preacher on Juneteenth. All are welcome to this midweek service of Holy Communion in the Round, with dynamic original music by composer Mark A. Miller.

St. Bart's at the Ballpark

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 AT 7 PM

Join Vicar and Interim Rector Peter Thompson and Vestry member Kari Parks to watch the Staten Island FerryHawks take on the York Revolution. Learn more at stbarts.org/ballpark.

A Choral Feast: Music of Handel for Choir & Orchestra

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 AT 11 AM

St. Bartholomew's Choir will present music of George Frederic Handel, his Chandos Anthem "O Praise the Lord with one consent," composed 1717-18. This is one of eleven works written when Handel served as composer-in-residence for the future First Duke of Chandos. They combine verses of the Psalms in a lively translation created in 1696 by Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady. The work is scored for choir, soloists, and orchestra of strings, oboes, and organ, which will be performed on period instruments.

St. Ives' Guild

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 AT 12:30 PM

If you are a lawyer or an Episcopalian interested in the law, please join the St. Ives' Guild for a hybrid in-person lunch and virtual gathering to connect with each other, to hear from our Chancellors on their work at St. Bart's, and to discuss how we as lawyers can meet St. Bart's' unique call to serve the immigrant community. Register to reserve an in-person lunch or to join via zoom at stbarts.org/stives.

Sound Healing Symphony

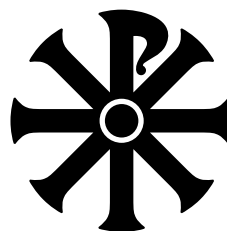
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 AT 7:30 PM

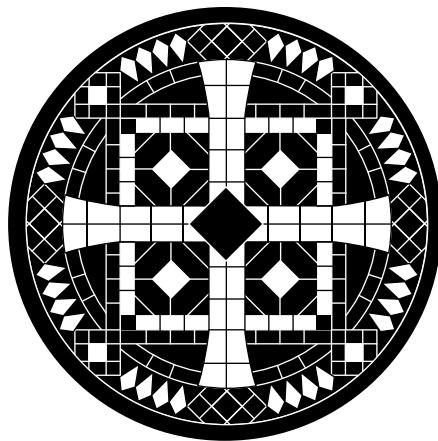
The Sound Healing Symphony comes to St. Bart's offering an immersive evening of meditative music in our sacred space. This ensemble of West Coast musicians led by Guy Douglas will offer a rich tapestry of sound using crystal singing bowls, gongs, harp, flute, vocals, and more. Come as you are. Bring a yoga mat or blanket, and prepare to be deeply renewed through sound. Tickets at soundmeditationpresents.com.

Pride Sunday

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Every year, on the last Sunday of June, St. Bart's proudly celebrates the LGBTQ+ community. This year, the Reverend Dr. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, MD and author of *Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith*, serves as The Forum speaker at 10 am and as guest preacher at the 9 am and 11 am services. After the 11 am Choral Eucharist, stay for a BBQ lunch before participating in the annual NYC Pride March with other members of St. Bart's.





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