

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

**Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm** 

July 27, 2025



## You can find yours here.

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!

## **CONNECT** WITH US



**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 35



Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (1930-2016). Music: *Mighty Savior*, David Hurd (b. 1950).

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 Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need,

and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming

kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven.

The people sit.

**The Lesson** Genesis 18:20-32

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

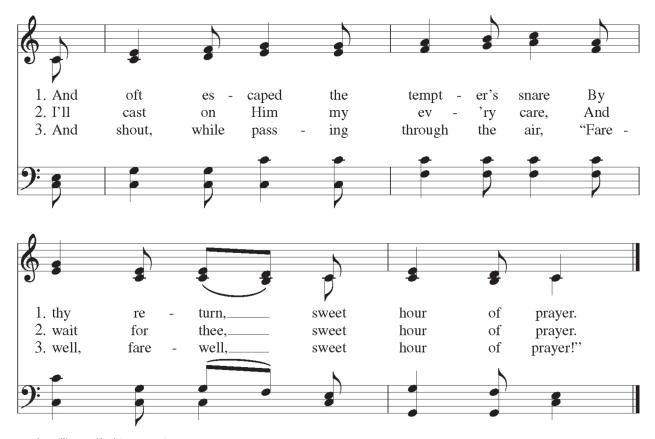
The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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 Lift Every Voice and Sing II #178





Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

#### **The Holy Gospel** Luke 11:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything. I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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 and Interim Rector

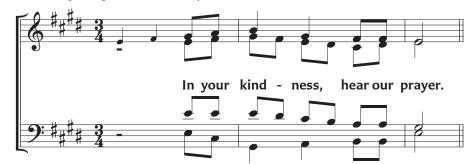
An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

#### 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.



Intercessor

People

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

Lord of gifts, share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom; give to us a yearning impatience with injustice; free us from clinging to debts gone bad; teach us to pray with honesty in words filled with earth and lit by desire; through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee.

All

Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Presider

May God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through the love of Jesus Christ, and

sustain you in the power of the Spirit, now and always.

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

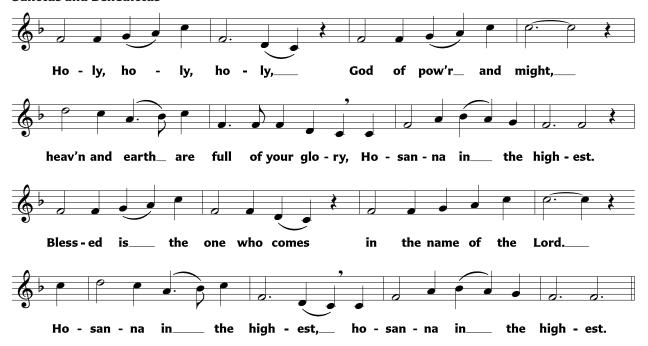
Presider It is indeed right, for you made us, most holy God. And before us, you made the world we

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 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.

All

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#### 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 All

Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our paighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. A

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 **7**11



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (b. 1948). St. 2, Matthew 7:7 Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948).

#### **The Dismissal**

Deacon Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

## **Service Participants**

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

**Lector** David Carson

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey **Usher** Richard Rose

Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina **Director, Operations & Facilities** Charles Bryant **Facilities** Anthony Thomas

#### We continue to hold in our prayers

Keith, Paula, Michael, Al, Kat, James, Susan, Miriam, Rustin, Ljubica, Linda, Claire, Ray, Michael

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### 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.

#### \* Peace Book Club

1:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Continue discussing Scary Smart by Mo Gawdat.

#### # Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



## **August 3, 2025: The Eighth 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).

#### **♦♦ THE FORUM AT 10 AM**

#### **Expunge: Restoration after a Criminal Record**

Attorney Jeffrey Grant, founder of White Collar Support Group, explains how expunging criminal records can benefit those who have already served their sentences and the society-at-large.



# 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
- **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.

## **FREE Creative Arts Camp**

#### JULY 28-31, 3-5 PM

Join us for an epic adventure! This year's theme is "Compassion Camp!" Through storytelling, art, music, and drama, kids ages 3-11 will learn what it means to be good neighbors and show compassion towards ourselves, our families, our community, and the planet! Children of all faiths and none are welcome to this free and inclusive experience. Space is limited. Register today at **stbarts.org/summercamps**.

#### Faith & Film

#### **TUESDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 5, 7-8 PM**

The Reverend Peter Thompson guides group discussion on the role that faith plays in contemporary film. July 29: *The Color Purple* (1985) & *The Color Purple* (2023); August 5: *The Two Popes* (2019) & *Conclave* (2024). More at **stbarts.org/faithandfilm**.

## **Retirement: Transition and Purpose**

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 4 PM, VIA ZOOM

The Reverend Meredith Ward leads a monthly group conversation for people who have retired or are entering retirement and are seeking to learn and share their experiences with others. Grounded in prayer, the group is a safe and confidential space to help navigate the changes and challenges that come with retirement. Retirement: Transition and Purpose does not provide legal or financial advice. Instead, we gather for conversation to find support, direction, and fulfillment in our post-retirement lives. Please register at **stbarts.org/retirement-group**.

## St. Ives Guild Reception

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 7-9 PM, ROOM 33, COMMUNITY HOUSE

The St. Ives Guild is St. Bart's group for lawyers and Episcopalians who are interested in the law. Please join us for a wine and cheese reception to get to know other attorneys and like-minded individuals and to build community and fellowship. Guests are warmly welcome, including members of neighboring parishes and those who do not have a parish connection. A St. Ives Guild business meeting focused on immigration issues will take place in the fall. RSVP's by August 3 are encouraged. Sign up at **stbarts.org/stives**.

## FREE Find Your Voice Camp

#### 2 SESSIONS: AUGUST 18-21 & AUGUST 25-28, 2-5:30 PM

Join us for a four-day exploration of the musical instrument we carry with us every single day: the voice! Children ages 6-12, find your voice this summer at St. Bart's and catch a glimpse of what it's like to be a Chorister at St. Bart's—no musical experience required! Choristers director, Alexander Pattavina teaches musical skills such as ensemble singing and reading music. Take one-on-one voice lessons with expert singers from St. Bartholomew's Choir. Experience the amazing building of St. Bartholomew's Church with a fun scavenger hunt. All sorts of fun and games—both musical and non-musical—as well as arts and crafts. Learn more and register at **stbarts.org/summercamps.** 

# **Summer Reception on the Third Floor Terrace**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 6-8 PM IN ROOM 33

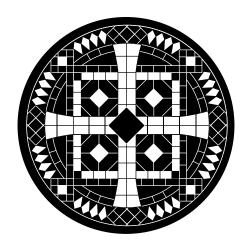
Join parishioners and friends of St. Bart's for a casual Wine & Cheese Reception. Meet and greet our Clergy and Vestry members and learn how you can help St. Bart's continue to grow this year and beyond. All are welcome! Register at **stbarts.org/reception**.

## **Grief, Hope and Healing Together**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 6-7PM VIA ZOOM

This is a support group for those who have experienced the recent loss of a friend or loved one or are going through a longer-term bereavement process. The group does not provide formal grief counseling. We gather for conversation in a safe and supportive environment to express our sorrow and to begin to find hope and healing together. Led by the Reverend Meredith Ward, Senior Associate Rector, the group meets via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6–7pm. Learn more at **stbarts.org/griefgroup**.





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