

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist in the Round at 9 am

August 24, 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!

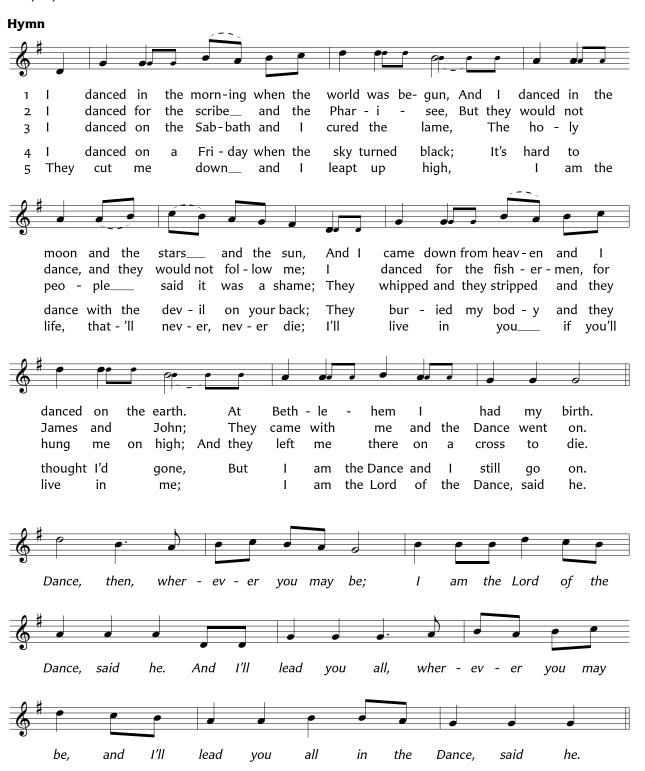
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Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.

Prelude Elegy, George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

The people stand.



Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004). Music: Lord of the Dance, 19th cent. Shaker tune, adapt. by Sydney Carter (1915-2004).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great

dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29

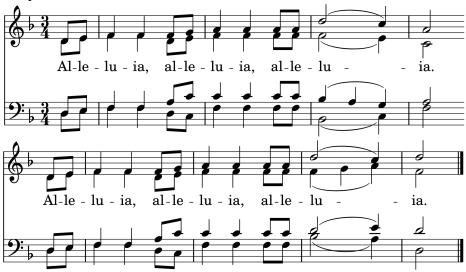
Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shake—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

The people stand as the music begins.

Gospel Acclamation



Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:10-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Preacher Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there

appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all

the wonderful things that he was doing.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend John F. Wirenius, Deacon

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

The Prayers of the People

Presider 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. Intercessor I

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

Intercessor II

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 III

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 I

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 II

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 III

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

All

God of the Sabbath, this is the day and this is the hour when women long oppressed learn to stand with dignity, when your healing escapes our desire for control: may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loose each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead.

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!



Anthem St. Bart's Singers

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned, Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930), based on *Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne, Martin Janus* (c.1620-c.1682). Music: from *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV* 147, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Presider It is indeed right, 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 quest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the quest. 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:

Christ has died. People

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread Presider

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 AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, Presider

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, Αll 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.

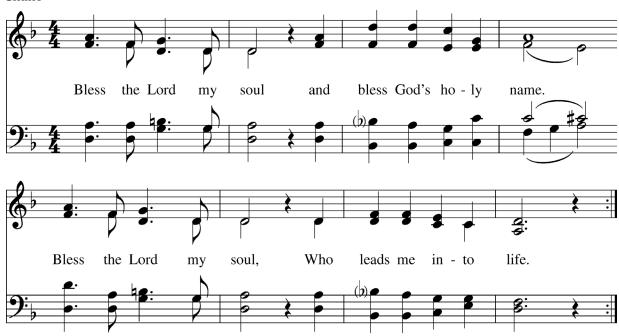
The Invitation to Communion

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. 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.

Chant



Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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 Blessing

Hymn from Lift Every Voice and Sing, II #12 1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys_ be known;_ Join 2.Let those re - fuse_ to sing Who nev - er knew_ God;____ But our 3. The Zi - on yields A sweets___ Be hill thou-sand sa cred 4. Then our songs_ a-bound, And ev - 'ry tear_ We're let be dry;____ song with sweet ac - cord, Join 1. in in a song with sweet ac a heav'n - ly King, But 2. chil - dren of the chil-dren of the heav'n - ly heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly 4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's 1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.__ 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys broad.___ walk the 3. fields, Or gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.__ fair - er worlds on high, 4. ground, To То fair - er worlds on high.___ We're march Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful ing to We're Zi - on, march - ing on to Zi We're Zi on; march - ing up - ward to on, Zi - on, Zi - on,



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Marching to Zion*, Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. People

Postlude



Immediately following this morning's 9 am service, we warmly welcome you to the Great Hall:

Gendered Islamophobia: Deconstructing 30 Rights of Muslim Women

Dr. Daisy Khan, Founder and Executive Director of Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality & Equality (WISE), discusses how Muslim women's lives can be improved by connecting them to beliefs that affirm human dignity and gender equality at the core of the Islamic faith.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward Preacher The Reverend John F. Wirenius Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein Chalicer Karen Jennemann

Lector Sutton Blanchard

Intercessors Charlotte Storch, Erin Salvatore, David Howard

Ushers Jung Griffin, Robert McKinney

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We continue to hold in our prayers

Roberto, Beth Ann, Stan and Susan, Marleny, Tatyana, Nia, Ayaan, Helen, Drayer family, John

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at **stbarts.org/sunday.**

\$\$ Rector Search Committee Town Hall 12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Meet members of St. Bart's recently appointed Rector Search Committee and learn more about the search process for our 14th rector.

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



August 31, 2025: The Twelfth 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).
- **CONVERSATION WITH CLERGY: WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?**The Forum is on hiatus for Labor Day weekend. In its place, join the clergy for an in person conversation about summer vacations and the fall season ahead. A virtual version of this conversation will be held after the 11 am service at **stbarts.org/conversation.**



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, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR

Serve a Meal with Coalition for the Homeless at St. Bart's

1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 4:30-6:30 PM

Join us at St. Bart's on the first Monday of every month to serve dinner to our neighbors in need! We've teamed up with Coalition for the Homeless to secure a standing volunteer opportunity for St. Bart's parishioners. Sign up at **stbarts.org/volunteer**.

Service Project: Backpacks for Migrant Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 12:15 PM DURING COFFEE HOUR

In response to the continued need in our community, St. Bart's is proud to participate our annual backpack drive for migrant families! Join our Coffee Hour assembly line to meet our goal of 100 backpacks. Please contact the Reverend Zack Nyein with questions at <code>znyein@stbarts.org</code>.

Save the Date: St. Bart's Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Join us for a joyful celebration of the St. Bart's community as we launch a new program year. We're delighted to welcome back the Reverend Buddy Stallings, our former Rector, as guest preacher at 9 am and 11 am, and guest speaker at The Forum at 10 am. Following the 11 am service, stay for our annual St. Bart's Fair, complete with catered food, ice cream, a bouncy castle, and more!

2025–2026 Children, Youth, and Choristers Registration Now Open

Children, Youth, and Choristers resume their regular Sunday gatherings in September. We ask each family to register each year so that we can stay up-to-date with contact information, allergies, media releases and more. For more information and to register, visit **stbarts.org/kids**.



Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 2 AT 11 AM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the church. All adult believers and children of Christian parents who have never been baptized are welcome and encouraged to take this step of faith. To explore baptism for yourself or your children, please contact the Reverend Zack Nyein at znyein@stbarts.org, or visit stbarts.org/baptism.

Explore Class Online

MONDAYS SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22 AT 7 PM ON ZOOM

Explore is for anyone new to St. Bart's or the Episcopal Church and interested in learning more. This three-week series provides an overview of Christian belief and practice, through a progressive and open-minded lens. No question is off the table, and all are welcome. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore.**

20s/30s Garden Party

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2-5 PM

St. Bart's young adults Rachel and Graham will again be hosting the annual garden party, with finger foods and beverages. Come join us to celebrate the end of the summer! To request an Evite, please send an email to **20s3os@stbarts.org**.

Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith

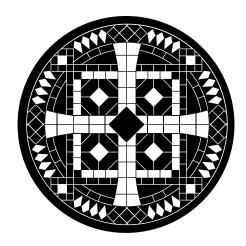
SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14-NOVEMBER 16, 1-2:30 PM IN PERSON

Who is God? Who is Jesus? Why does evil exist? St. Bart's parishioner and university professor Dr. Brooks Ishler leads a ten-week journey through some of the most fundamental questions addressed by the Christian faith, exploring their theological significance and introducing the historic discourse surrounding them. Register at **stbarts.org/odyssey**.

Open Enrollment: St. Bart's Connects

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 14

St. Bart's Connects is a parish-wide initiative that aims to help our members get to know one another better in more intimate settings. New small groups will be formed this fall with multiple options available, including in-person, virtual-only and hybrid groups. Please register (**stbarts.org/connects**) even if you are already part of a group, so that we can update our records.



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