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

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

September 21, 2025

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022



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.

Tour St. Bart's

Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.



Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground

A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church.

Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants. We encourage you to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

After the second lesson, all children are invited to the chapel for Wonder Church for kids. They will return during the announcements, in time for Holy Communion. A professionally-staffed nursery is available in the Children's Playroom on the basement level. An usher would be glad to guide you. Register for 2025-2026 at stbarts.org/kids.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

Sacramental Participation

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.

Prelude Prélude et Cantilène, Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in excelsis St. Bartholomew's Choir

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A-flat*, J.H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Amos 8:4-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

Music: Anglican chant by, James Turle (1802-1882).

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lector A reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 591



1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry,
2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall,



our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;



the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
from sale and prof - a - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion a - flame with faith, and free,



take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
from sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

Words: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936).

Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

Deacon Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Good and Gracious God, you have promised to hear those who cry to you day and night. Hear now our fervent prayers.

Protector of the persecuted, you call us to work for justice and to care for the oppressed. Open our eyes to the reality of suffering within this city and throughout the globe. Make us attentive to others' needs. Guide us as we hold the powerful to account and plead for the liberation of the poor.

Intercessor Good and Gracious God,
People **Hear our fervent prayer.**

Intercessor Healer of brokenness and disease, you wash away our sadness and our pain. Bind the wounds of all who are injured in body, mind, or spirit, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Heal, too, the wounds of our world: end violence, soothe bitterness, and make us well.

Intercessor Good and Gracious God,
People **Hear our fervent prayer.**

Intercessor Keeper of Paradise, no one is ever fully dead to you. Send your angels to those who are dying and to those who have died, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Receive them into your glorious inheritance, and comfort those who mourn.

Intercessor Good and Gracious God,
People **Hear our fervent prayer.**

Intercessor Source of all blessings, you have entrusted us with gifts beyond measure. We thank you for the Church of God throughout the world, for this remarkable community, in which we have each found a place, for food and shelter, for our family and our friends, and for every one of your gifts, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us as we strive to be good stewards of St. Bartholomew's, our church home. In this time of transition, grant us the strength and perseverance to move forward together in faith, confident in what the future holds.

Intercessor Good and Gracious God,
People **Hear our fervent prayer.**

Presider God of unexpected judgement, finding grace in the devious and compromised: free us from the certainty of having you in our grip that a better wealth may flow through our open hands; through Jesus Christ, the Currency of Life.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord 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!



Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Laudate pueri Dominum,
laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc
nunc et usque in saeculum.

A solis ortu usque et ad occasum,
laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus,
et super coelos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster,
qui in altis habitat.
Et humilia respicit in coelo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem
et de stercore erigens pauperem:
Ut collocet eum
cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem
in domo, matrem filiorum laetantem.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O praise the Lord, ye children,
praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from henceforth now and for ever.

From the rising of the sun even unto its setting,
the name of the Lord is praiseworthy.

The Lord is high above all nations,
his glory is above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
who dwells on high,
and yet he considers the lowly in heaven and on earth?

Lifting up the needy from the dust,
and raising the poor from the dungheap,
so that he may place him
with the princes of his people.

Who makes the sterile woman
to dwell in her house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 113.

Music: from *Psalmody vespertina Volans* (1684), Agostino Steffani (1654-1728).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 469



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
Music: St. Helena, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Communion Service in A-flat, J. H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. You may receive either or both, as you prefer. 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.*

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Music: from *Communion Service in A-flat*, J. H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*.
Music: *Adoro te*, arr. Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drowned in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1634).
Music: *Litany to the Holy Spirit*, Peter Hurford (1930-2019).

The people stand.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider

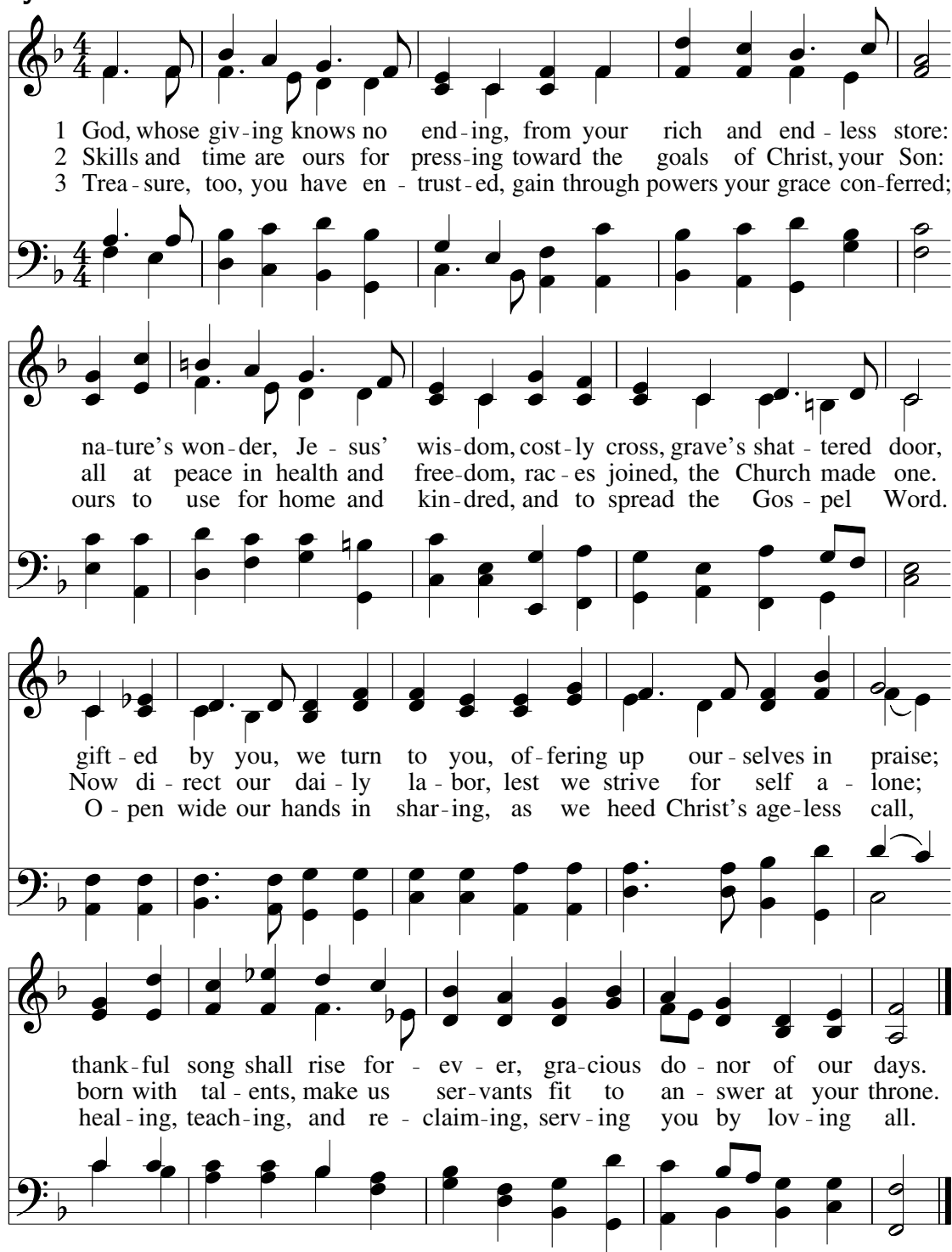
Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through powers your grace con-ferred;

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the Church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the Gos-pel Word.

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

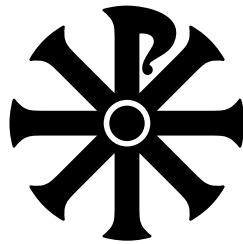
thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

words: ROBERT L. EDWARDS (1915-2006).
 Music: Rustington, C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918).

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Marche sur un thème de Handel*, Op. 15 No. 2, Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)



Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

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

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Deacon The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank

Subdeacon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

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St. Bartholomew' Choir

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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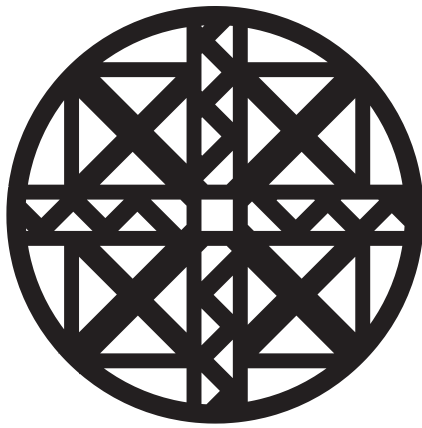
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Drayer family, John, Cullen, Henry, Lyubov, Cara, Joan, Celeste

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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
- ✧ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✧ **Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith**
12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

PARISH NEWS

Rector Search Update

Please sign up soon for a Rector Search Roundtable. These small group conversations invite you to reflect on life at St. Bart's and the qualities we seek in our next rector. Capacity is limited, but spaces are still available in Roundtables through October 8. **Sign up for in-person roundtables at St. Bart's through stbarts.org/rectorsearch.** Zoom roundtables are still reserved for online members who live far away.

On the same page, you will also find a link to the Parish Survey, which remains open through October 2. Thank you to all who have already completed the survey! Apologies to all who've faced technology glitches with the survey app and our website. **If you haven't yet completed your Parish Survey, please do so soon.** Your anonymous responses will help shape the Parish Profile and Community Ministry Portfolio, key documents that guide candidates as they discern a possible call to St. Bart's. All members—adults and youth, in person and online—are encouraged to participate. Questions? Contact rectorsearch@stbarts.org.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

September 28, 2025

The Sixteenth 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**
Encountering the World Church: Re-thinking Global Mission
The Reverend Canon Dr. Duncan Dormor, General Secretary of the United Society Partners in the Gospel, unpacks the complex connection between imperialism and mission work and imagines how the Church can more productively connect across cultures and contexts today.

WEEKDAYS AT ST. BART'S

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

SEE OUR COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF FALL PROGRAMMING AT STBARTS.ORG/FALL

Imagine Worship this Fall

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

Pray your way into the weekend with an informal service of Holy Eucharist including soulful music and timely preaching in a warm community atmosphere. Stay afterward for food, conversation, and connection. Learn more at stbarts.org/imagine.

Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 14–NOV. 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.

We Believe

TUESDAYS, SEPT. 16–OCT. 28, 7–8 PM, VIA ZOOM

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when a group of bishops gathered to codify what Christians believe. Today, the Nicene Creed remains the central statement of our faith. In this series of classes, the Reverend Meredith Ward facilitates discussion on Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters* (available in the bookstore) to explore what the Nicene Creed says and what it means for us today. Register at stbarts.org/webelieve.

Caregivers Support Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 4 PM, VIA ZOOM

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom beginning on Wednesday, September 24. This group is for people who are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia. It is a safe and confidential space to find support and navigate the challenges of caring for those with memory loss. Registration is required at stbarts.org/caregivers.

Installation of the XII Dean of the Cathedral

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 10:30 AM,
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

Celebrate the installation of the 12th Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Very Reverend Winnie Varghese. The service is offered in person and over livestream. The service will begin on September 27 at 10:30am. Learn more and RSVP at stjohndivine.org.

The Island Club (LGBTQ+ and Allies)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6–9 PM

Kick off fall with St. Bart's LGBTQ+ Community and the Island Club! Join friends and allies for a festive happy hour at the Inside Park Restaurant at St. Bart's (the church, not the Island!) People of all faiths and none are welcome to participate in this inclusive event. RSVP at stbarts.org/islandclub.

The Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, AT 11 AM

We recognize St. Francis of Assisi and the whole of God's good creation with the Blessing of the Animals at our 11 am service of Holy Eucharist. Bring your pet (or a photo) to be blessed by the clergy.

Roosevelt Island Outing

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10:30 AM,
ROOSEVELT ISLAND VISITOR'S CENTER**

Join Scott Willick and Karen Jennemann on a tour of Roosevelt Island, led by a local historian, visiting the Cornell Tech Campus, Southpoint Park, FDR Hope Memorial, the eerie Smallpox Hospital, FDR Four Freedoms Park, and the Strecker Laboratory. The tour will last 1.5 hours and is complimentary. If time permits, stay for lunch at a local reasonable restaurant and to further explore the northern "sights" of the island with Scott and Karen. Limited to 18 people. Register at stbarts.org/rooseveltisland.

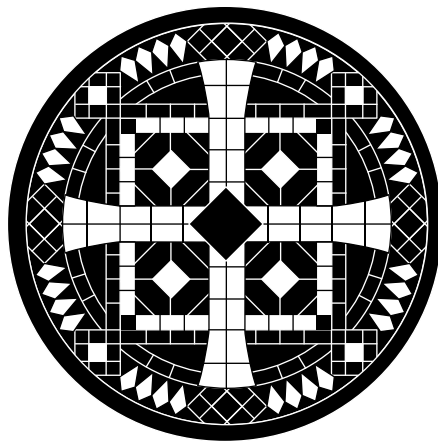
Music Opportunities for Children

St. Bart's is proud to offer two free programs that help children grow through music:

St. Bartholomew's Choristers (ages 8+): A free musical education that teaches lifelong skills and values such as self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, dedication, and spirituality—all through singing at the Sunday 11 am service.

Little Voices (ages 5–8): A fun, playful introduction to music where kids sing songs, play games, explore instruments, and create art, all while developing an appreciation for sacred music. Learn more at stbarts.org/choristers.





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