

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist in the Round at 9 am

October 26, 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.

The people stand.

#### **Hymn 693**



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

#### **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 Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting

forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Joel 2:23-32

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

the Lord calls.

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

The people stand as the music begins.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Words: based on Psalm 19:8-11. Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

#### The Holy Gospel Luke 18:9-14

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

Preacher Jesus told this parable to

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

**The Sermon** The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith, X Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

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

#### The Prayers of the People

Presider Good and Gracious God, you have promised to hear those who cry to you day and

night. Hear now our fervent prayers.

*Intercessor I* 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.



Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Intercessor II 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 those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

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

All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Intercessor III 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 those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

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

All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Intercessor I 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 those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor I 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.

All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Presider O God, the strength of those who humbly confess their sin and place their hope in you,

save us from vain displays of righteousness, and give us grace to keep faith with the true

humility of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

All We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us;

some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you. Amen.

Presider Through Christ, God has put away your sin. God forgives you: forgive others; forgive

yourself.

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**

2026 Pledge Campaign: Forward Together in Faith Caroline Naralasetty, Co-chair

## **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

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul, He doth himself impart, And for his cradle and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866). Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941). The people stand.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
People
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People
We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People Let us give our thanks and praise.

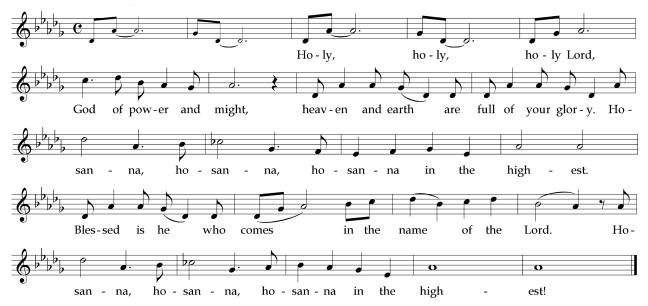
Presider It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, Relentless and Stubborn God, for you never

give up on any of us. When one sheep wanders off, you follow resolutely after. When one coin goes missing, you sweep the whole house until you have reason to rejoice. You welcome young and old, rich and poor, the arrogant and the humble, the greatest and the least. Sinners and doubters, complainers and fools—all alike have a place at your table.

You are only fully satisfied when everyone is present.

And so, grateful for your love—generous and extravagant, uncompromising and allencompassing—we bow before you and exclaim:

#### **Sanctus and Benedictus**



Music: from Mass for St. Bartholomew's, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Presider

Blessed indeed is Jesus, the Christ, who comes in your name. While we are still on the way, he heals us, delivering us from exclusion and shame. Frustrated by our petty divisions, he dares us to fight evil with good and urges us to treat others as we would like to be treated. In a tense and conflict-ridden world, strengthen us to be his disciples: to learn from his teachings; to emulate his example; to take up our cross and follow him.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

God of the living, Attentive and Compassionate One: we cry to you day and night for Christ's return, for the manifestation of your reign on earth. Do not delay long in hearing us: fill the hungry; grant justice to the oppressed; bridge the chasms that are fixed between us.

May this meal we now share be a foretaste of Paradise, of perfect unity with one another and with you. Send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine and upon all of us gathered here, that we may partake in Christ's Body and Blood and be Christ's Body in all that we say and do. Make this community a haven for the burdened and despairing and a beacon of your love and peace. Keep us longing for an end to falsehood and violence, and bless us with the endurance of the saints, who faced every kind of trial and still persevered.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the One who laid down his life for us, and who abides with you and the Spirit, Three in One and One in Three, forever and forevermore.

All AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

Αll

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 Here

Here is Bread and here is Wine, Heavenly Food and Saving Drink: nourishment alike for tax collectors and sinners, for enemies and friends, for you and for me.

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.

#### **Anthem** St. Bart's Singers

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Words: Antiphon at Second Vespers of Corpus Christi, tr. anon. Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968).

The people stand.

#### **The Prayer after Communion**

Presider Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into

yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be,

through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

#### The Blessing



Words: Traditional.

Music: African-American Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949).

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Go on your way. Be grateful. Love boldly. Persevere.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**



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

#### **Gun Violence: Faithful Response and Prevention**

The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith and the Reverend Hope A.J. Christensen, co-founders of Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence, discuss a faith-based approach to ending the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.

## **Service Participants**

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

Preacher The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith

**Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Hope A.J. Christensen, The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

**Lector** Sutton Blanchard

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#### We continue to hold in our prayers

Sabrina, Jolly, Jim, Glenn, Virginia, Joanne, Norma

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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

- **Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith**1 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- 20s/30s October Brunch
  MEET AT 12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- \*\* Peace Book Club
  1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- **Living Christ Sangha** 3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM



## The 2026 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's

The 2026 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's, "Forward Together in Faith," enters its second week today. Please make your pledge online at **stbarts.org/pledge**. The Development Partners Program, an outreach program encouraging personal communication between parishioners about their lives at St. Bart's, will be happening during the campaign. If you would like to schedule a meeting (in person; via Zoom; or by phone) with a Development Partner, please contact Susannah Wade Lewis at **swadelewis@stbarts.org**. Celebration Sunday for the 2026 Pledge Campaign is Sunday, November 16.



## November 2, 2025

## **All Saints' Sunday**

- # THE FORUM AT 10 AM Running & Faith

The Reverend Canon Andrew Mullins and the Reverend Peter Thompson talk about the connections they see between their experiences as runners and their lives as people of faith.



# 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

## St. Bart's Players present A New Brain

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, Y14 THEATER, 344 EAST 14TH ST

The St. Bart's Players present *A New Brain*, the musical created by Tony-Award winners William Finn and James Lapine (*Falsettos*). A life-affirming show about the healing power of love and art, drawing inspiration from Finn's own brush with mortality, it's funny, relatable and ultimately touching. Tickets are available online at: **our.show/sbpanewbrain.** 

### **Explore Class for Newcomers**

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 16, & 23 AT 12:30 PM, ROOM 33

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. A light lunch is offered. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore**.

## A Choral Feast: Fauré's Requiem

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 11 AM**

Several Sundays throughout the year are designated *A Choral Feast* and celebrate a specific theme, composer, or a major choral work. On the Sunday after All Saints' Sunday (known in some contexts as Remembrance Sunday), we remember all who have died over the course of the past year as St. Bartholomew's Choir offers Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem*, Op. 48 with chamber orchestra. Learn more at **stbarts.org/choralfeast.** 

## One Script, Two Worlds: Coexistence Through Language with Aravrit

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 6-7:15PM IN PERSON AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

Join our partners at Central Synagogue for an evening with Liron Lavi Turkenich, founder and creator of Aravrit, an experimental writing system that merges Hebrew and Arabic. She will discuss the challenges and reactions from the public to this new script and share some inspiring stories, with a workshop. Register **stbarts.org/onescript.** 

#### **The Creative Heart**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9-10:30 AM, 1275 YORK AVENUE

The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank, Assisting Priest at St. Bart's and Chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, invites the St. Bart's community to the inaugural event in a series about the role that spirituality and the arts can play in cancer care. The event will feature Will Schwalbe, author of *The End of Your Life Book Club*, and Chef JJ Johnson. To register, visit **msk.org/creativeheart**. For help with registering, contact Liz Gillespie (lqillespie@stbarts.org).

## Tour of "Sing a New Song: The Psalms in Medieval Art and Life"

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 3:30PM AT THE MORGAN LIBRARY, 225 MADISON AVENUE AT 36TH STREET

Join the Reverend Meredith Ward for a guided tour of *Sing a New Song: The Psalms in Medieval Art and Life.* The exhibition traces the impact of the Psalms in medieval Europe from the sixth to the sixteenth century. Limited to 18 people. Registration and a \$20 admission fee is required—please contact the Reverend Meredith Ward at **mward@stbarts.org** to ask about financial assistance. Register at **stbarts.org/psalmstour**.

## **Requiem & Revelation**

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 8 PM

The American Symphony Orchestra presents Peter Cornelius's *Stabat Mater* and Luigi Cherubini's *Requiem in C Minor* with the Bard Festival Chorale under the direction of Leon Botstein. A pre-concert talk is offered at 7 pm. For tickets, visit **mmpaf.org.** 

#### **Art for Advent**

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 1:30-2:30PM VIA ZOOM

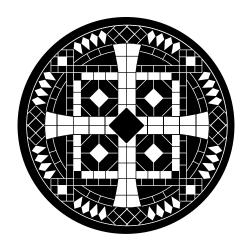
Join the Reverend Meredith Ward, Senior Associate Rector and the Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly, in London, for Art for Advent. This virtual-only event (via Zoom) will feature conversation and meditations on Advent themes using four objects from museums in London and New York. Register at **stbarts.org/artforadvent.** 

## Lawyering in Faith: Navigating Ethical and Professional Complexities

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 6:30 PM, ROOM 33

In today's diverse and pluralistic society, what happens when a lawyer's personal faith or beliefs conflict with a client's interests or legal obligations? St. Ives' Guild at St. Bart's and The Episcopal Diocese of New York jointly present an interactive program to discuss this thorny, timely, ethical dilemma. Panelists include Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng, Alice Yurke, and J. Patrick Hornbeck II. \$40 per person, dinner included: **stbarts.org/lawyeringinfaith.** 





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