

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

**Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm** 

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!

## **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



Words: *Phos hilaron*, Greek (3rd cent.), para. Marty Haugen (b. 1950). Music: *Joyous Light*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950).

The people stand with the presider.

## **The Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the

evening table, breath over the deep waters.

All Amen.

## The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the

brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of

your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## The Ministry of the Word

#### **The Collect**

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

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** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Lector A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 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 Holy Gospel** Luke 18:9-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider 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."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

**The Sermon** The Reverend Zack Nyein, Senior Associate Rector and Pastor of Imagine Worship

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

## 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.





Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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 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.

Αll

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 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.

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 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.

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!



#### Interlude

The people stand.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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We lift up your hearts.
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.

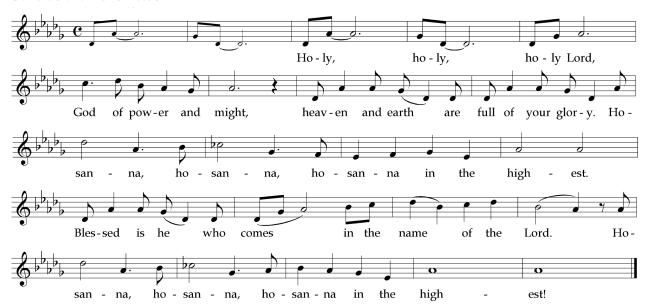
Presider It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, Relentless and Stubborn God, for you never

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,

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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 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, including children. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it. Wine is received by drinking from the common cup.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

The people stand.

## **The Prayer after Communion**

Presider

Let us pray.

All We thank vo

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. 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 517**

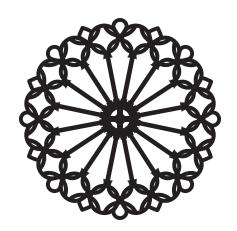


Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: *Brother James's Air*, J. L. Macbeth Bain (1860-1925).

## The Dismissal

Presider People Go on your way. Be grateful. Love boldly. Persevere. **Thanks be to God.** 

## Postlude



## **Service Participants**

**Presider and Preacher** The Reverend Zack Nyein

Chalicer Adelaide Kent

Lector Jonathan Payne

Altar Guild Luke Failla

**Usher** Susanne Vorster

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

**Director, Operations & Facilities** Charles Bryant

**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers

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



## 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

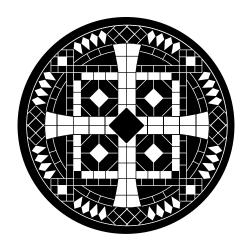
Join the Reverend Meredith Ward, Senior Associate Rector and the Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly, in London, for Art for Advent. This virtual-only event (via Zoom) will feature conversation and meditations on Advent themes using four objects from museums in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