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**BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
**CHURCH**  
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Christmas Day  
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Festival Choral Eucharist**  
**at 11 am**

December 25, 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.

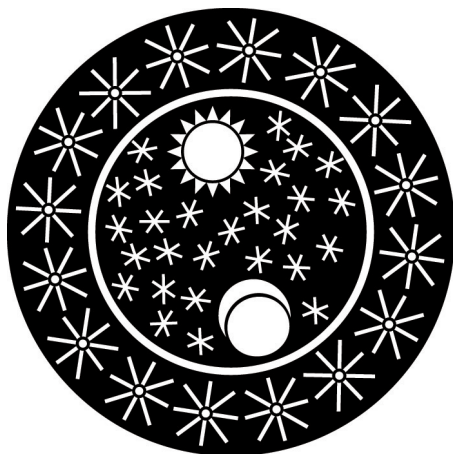
**What we are against**

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!**



**Prelude** *La Nativité* (from *Trois Poèmes Liturgiques*, Op. 2), Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*La Crèche* — The manger

*Les Anges* — The angels

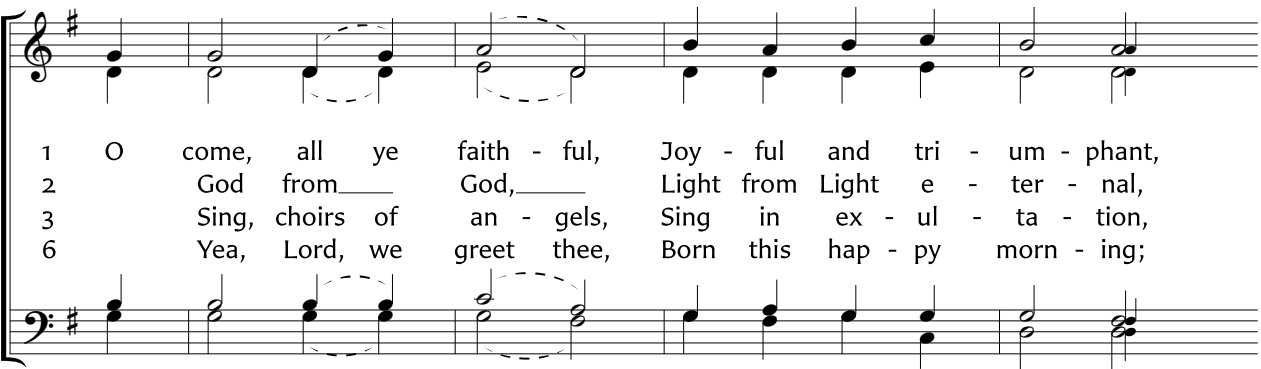
*Les Bergers* — The shepherds

*La Sainte Famille* — The Holy Family

*In a humble stable, on a quiet night Mary and Joseph await the birth of Christ the Savior. When the child is born, the heavenly host appears to the shepherds and sings of the wondrous birth at Bethlehem. The Shepherds come to the crèche and offer their most tender melodies in adoration of the Christ-child. The Holy Family dwells serenely in the peace of the Lord.*

*The people stand as the hymn begins.*

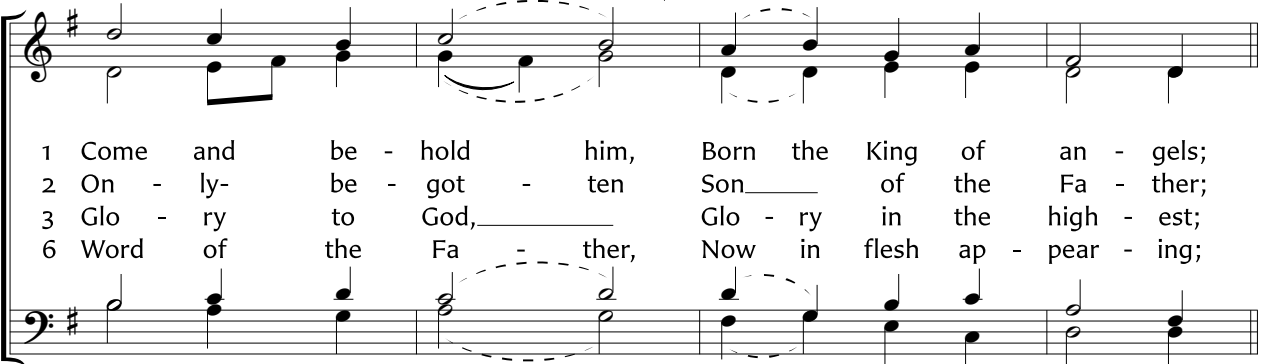
# Hymn 83 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)



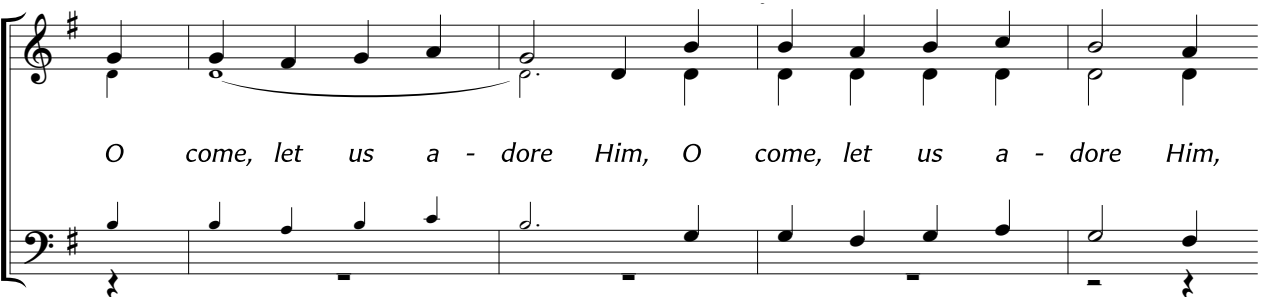
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



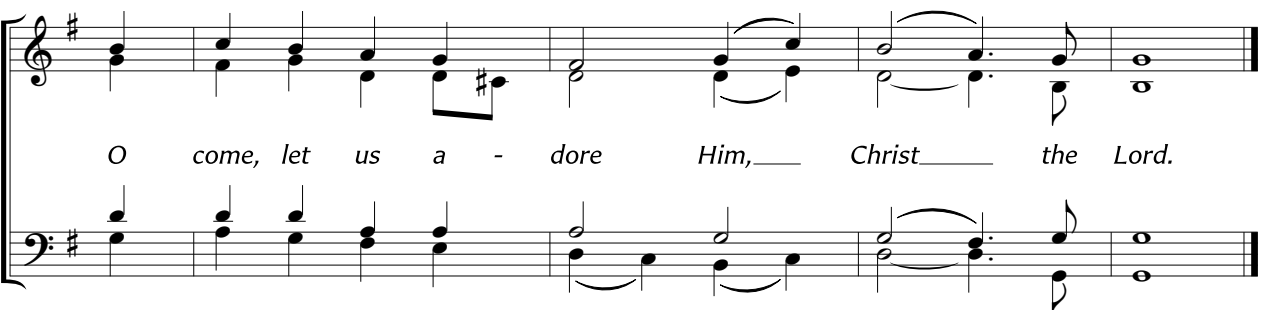
1 O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 6 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;



1 Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels;  
 2 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est;  
 6 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others.  
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786), descant by David Willcocks (1919-2015).

## The Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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** The Combined Choirs  
Holly Thomas, Margaret Bergmark-Williams, Wendy Gilles, soloists

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, you take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us.  For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
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Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

## The Ministry of the Word

### The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be  
born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your  
children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### The First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.  
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who  
brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your  
sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of  
the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has  
comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the  
eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.  
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Resonet in laudibus  
cum jucundis plausibus  
Sion cum fidelibus:  
apparuit quem genuit Maria.

Sunt impleta quae praedixit Gabriel.  
Eya, eya, Virgo Deum genuit  
quod divina voluit clementia.

Hodie apparuit in Israel:  
Ex Maria Virgine est natus Rex.

Let praises resound  
with joyous acclaim:  
To Sion's faithful  
the child born of Mary has appeared.

What Gabriel foretold has been fulfilled.  
Eia, A Virgin bore God,  
As the divine mercy willed.

Today He has appeared in Israel:  
From the Virgin Mary is born a King.

Words: Anonymous, 14th century.  
Music: Jacob Handl (1550-1591).

## The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4

*Lector* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

## Hymn 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
peat the sound - ing joy,  
as the curse is found,  
won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

### The Holy Gospel John 1:1-14

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*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 Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon in Residence

*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* God of wonder, on this sacred morning we remember how you became one of us. Come among us once more. Astonish us with your good news, and be born in our hearts, we pray.

Prince of Peace, you disarm the forces of violence. End all war and hatred, and unite every people and nation.

*People* God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Child of the Stable, you appear among the poor and the excluded. Reveal yourself to us in the forgotten and the dismissed.

God of wonder,

*People* **be born in our hearts, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Word made Flesh, you sanctify our bodies with your presence. Teach us to treat all human bodies with care and respect.

God of wonder,

*People* **be born in our hearts, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Vulnerable Savior, you know what it means to suffer and be in need. Comfort those who yearn for your healing.

God of wonder,

*People* **be born in our hearts, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Delight of the Angels, you travel the distance between heaven and earth. Bring all who have died to the glories of your eternal home.

God of wonder,

*People* **be born in our hearts, we pray.**

*Presider* God of wonder, you arrive in our lives in ways we can neither anticipate nor fully understand: may we so marvel at the mystery of your Incarnation that we neither reject it without thinking nor accept it without being transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth changes everything.

*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!



### Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today:  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from woe and sin,  
When we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel,  
This blessed Babe was born,  
And laid within a manger,  
Upon that holy morn;  
The which his mother, Mary,  
Did nothing take in scorn.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath oped the heav'nly door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly,  
Let your songs of gladness ring;  
In a stable lies the Holy,  
In a manger rests the King;  
See, in Mary's arms reposing,  
Christ by highest heav'n adored;  
Come, your circle round him closing,  
Pious hearts that love the Lord.

The first Nowell the angels did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station  
Robes the child your hearts adore:  
He, the Lord of all salvation,  
Shares your want, is weak and poor:  
Oxen, round about behold them;  
Rafters naked, cold and bare,  
See the shepherds, God has told them  
That the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry,  
This one child your model make;  
Christmas holly, leaf and berry,  
All be prized for his dear sake;  
Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender,  
Come, ye spirits, keen and bold;  
All in all your homage render,  
Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining,  
And the Wisemen haste from far:  
Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining:  
For you all has risen the star.  
Let us bring our poor oblations,  
Thanks and love and faith and praise:  
Come, ye people, come, ye nations,  
All in all draw nigh to gaze.

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one, and calls you all,  
To gain his everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save!

The people stand as the hymn begins.

# Hymn 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.  
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

## 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
give us peace.

Music: from *Mass at the Crèche*, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

**Carol** St. Bartholomew's Choir

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.

Words: Robert Herrick (1591–1634).  
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945).

*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**

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. The nobler part  
Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.  
What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?

# Hymn 87



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Noël Étanger, Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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**Subdeacon** The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

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**Verger** Tivaun Cooper

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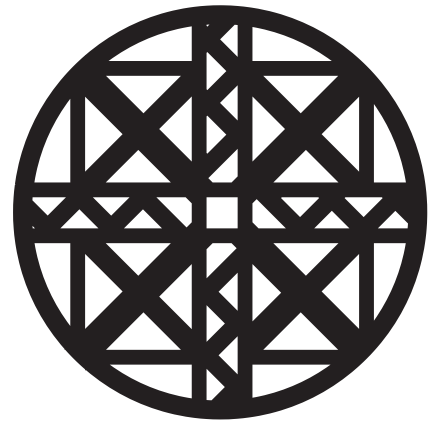
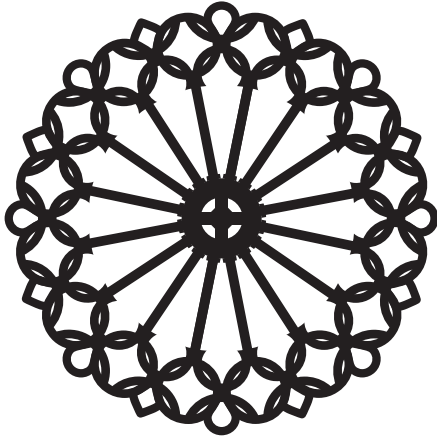
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Thank you for the spectacular music.*

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from her loving family*

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*In Memory of my parents  
Jeanne-Mann and Ron*

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*Given with prayers for the blossoming  
of more buds of peace in the hearts of  
leaders around the world*

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but see no longer*

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*In Memory of Pauline Watona*

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and Ms. Susan Ades**  
*In Memory of Peter, Helen,  
and Eric Zeisler*



Listing as of  
December 14, 2025



## Tree of Gifts

St. Tabitha's Guild at St. Bart's is sponsoring a Tree of Gifts for the 2025 holiday season. The tree, located in the narthex through January 4, features their handmade needlecrafts for Advent and Christmas. Your donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves are also welcome and can be placed on the tree. All items will be donated to Crossroads Community Services, Inc. and the Coalition for the Homeless.



## December 28, 2025 The Holy Innocents

✧ **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](https://stbarts.org/worship/livestream)), via YouTube or Facebook Live (@[@stbartsnyc](https://www.instagram.com/stbartsnyc)).

✧ **RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW: CONVERSATION WITH CLERGY**

The Forum will not meet on Sunday, December 28. Instead, please join Peter and Meredith for an informal conversation about the year that is past and the year that is coming. An in-person only conversation will be held at 10 am in the Great Hall and then a Zoom conversation will be held at 1 pm. Registration for the Zoom conversation is available at [stbarts.org/conversation](https://stbarts.org/conversation).



## Weekday offerings to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

**HOLY EUCHARIST** • TUESDAY-THURSDAY 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 AND FRIDAY, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM  
AND TUESDAY - THURSDAY, 8 AM - 4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

### A Concert to Usher in the New Year

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 11 PM**

Ring in the new year with a fun and festive concert with Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina, in recital at 11 pm, followed by a champagne reception at the stroke of midnight. No tickets needed but a \$20 donation is suggested.

### A Choral Feast: *Messe de Noël*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 11 AM**

"A Choral Feast" presents the opportunity to experience great sacred choral repertoire within their original context of a worship service. On Sunday, January 4, St. Bartholomew's Choir presents Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Messe de Noël* with chamber orchestra. Learn more at [stbarts.org/choralfeast](https://stbarts.org/choralfeast).

### Epiphany Pool Party for Children, Youth, and Families

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 12:30-2:30 PM**

All children, youth, and their families are invited to celebrate Epiphany with a pool party! We'll begin with a traditional 5-minute "Blessing of the Waters," before enjoying Epiphany-themed pool games and fun. Pizza, crafts and other activities will be offered in the nearby Children's Playroom, and free-swim times will be designated for each age group. Register in advance at [stbarts.org/poolparty](https://stbarts.org/poolparty).

### Twelfth Night Celebration

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 5 PM**

Celebrate the arrival of the Magi with an intimate service in our candlelit chapel at 5 pm, followed by a hearty dinner and King Cake for dessert. Space is limited and RSVPs are required. There is no charge for the chapel service. Dinner is \$30, or \$35 for reservations received after January 2. RSVP at [stbarts.org/twelfthnight](https://stbarts.org/twelfthnight).

### Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 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 you or your children, please contact Curry Brinson, Associate for Community Engagement, at [cbrinson@stbarts.org](mailto:cbrinson@stbarts.org), or visit [stbarts.org/baptism](https://stbarts.org/baptism).

### Grievance and Grace: A Journey into Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

**TUESDAYS, JAN 13-FEB 3, 7-8:30 PM VIA ZOOM**

How do we live in community after harm has been done? Explore the concepts of revenge, retaliation, and grace in Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* with St. Bart's parishioner and classical actor Esther Williamson. Experience with Shakespeare is not required. Please register at [stbarts.org/tempest](https://stbarts.org/tempest).

### Pop-Up Immigration Legal Clinic: Volunteers and Support Needed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 9:30 AM-2 PM**

St. Bart's Migrant Welcome Committee is partnering with the Diocese of New York, El Barrio Angels, and NYLAG to host a pop-up clinic helping asylum seekers apply for work authorization, now subject to a new \$550 federal fee. We are seeking volunteers, interpreters, and donors to help make this clinic possible. Visit [stbarts.org/popup](https://stbarts.org/popup) for complete details.

### This We Believe: Finding God through Interfaith Conversation

**TUESDAYS, JAN 27-FEB 10, 6:15-7:15 PM, IN PERSON**

The Reverend Meredith Ward and Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue facilitate a three-week series to learn how our different faiths understand God and community in challenging times and how people of faith can find common ground. Using texts from different moments in history, we will explore how those teachings speak to our lives today. Participation in all three sessions is requested. Registration is required at [stbarts.org/interfaith](https://stbarts.org/interfaith).

**January 27:** Antiquity Era meets at Central Synagogue

**February 3:** Enlightenment Era meets at St. Bart's

**February 10:** Post-Holocaust Era meets at St. Bart's

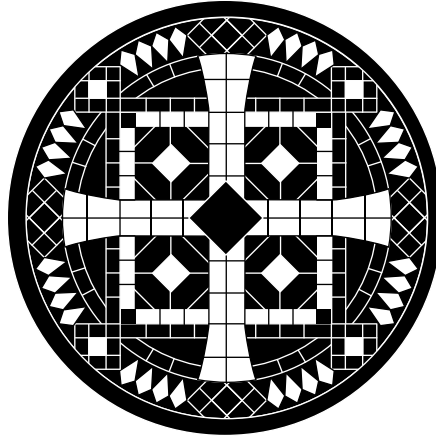
### St. Bart's Census

The 2025 St. Bart's Census is still open. If you consider St. Bart's your church, please complete the questionnaire to help us update our records and learn more about our congregation. The deadline has been extended to January 6, 2026. Take the census at [stbarts.org/census](https://stbarts.org/census).

### Christmas Week Schedule

St. Bart's will be closed on Friday, December 26, Thursday, January 1, and Friday, January 2. Our 12:05 pm midday services of Holy Eucharist, Wednesday Bible Study, and Thursday evening Imagine Worship service will pause after Christmas and resume the week of January 4.

❖ SEE ALL UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT [STBARTS.ORG/NEWYEAR](https://stbarts.org/newyear) ❖



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