

Epiphany Sunday

Holy Eucharist in the Round at 9 am

January 4, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022



We invite you to make this place yours.

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!

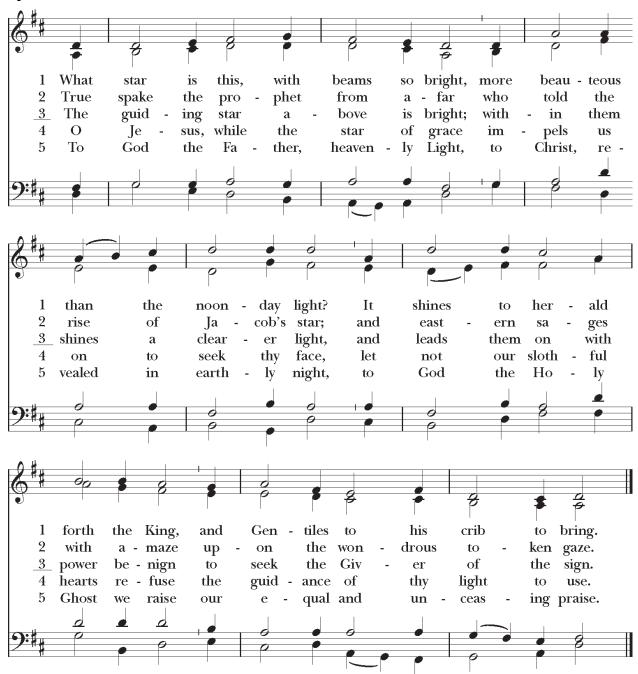
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Thank you for joining us today.If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.

The people stand.

Hymn 124



Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from *Trier MS*., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Arise, shine, for our Light has come!
People And the glory of God has risen upon us.

Presider Lift up your eyes and look! See and be radiant!

Presider From east and west we have traveled;

People from south and north we have gathered together.

Presider Our hearts thrill and rejoice, People and we proclaim God's praise.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

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

Together, let us pray.

All Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery: visit our rest with

disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom

bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and

frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

The people stand as the music begins.

Gospel Acclamation



A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you.

Words: Isaiah 60:1.

Music: Ruth Cunningham (b. 1956).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from

the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector, St. James's Piccadilly

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

The Prayers of the People

Presider God of epiphanies: in sudden moments of sacred insight, you burst through the heavens

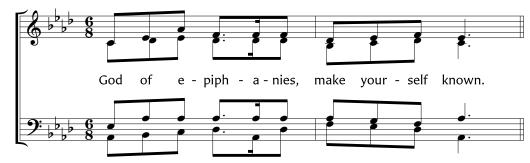
to reveal yourself on earth. Shine your light into our hearts, and make yourself known to

us, we pray.

Intercessor I In Bethlehem of Judea, you appeared to travelers from the East, transcending the

boundaries of nationality, religion, and race. Make yourself known to outsiders of every kind, and teach us to build bridges with people of different backgrounds and life

experiences.



All

Intercessor II

Over the river Jordan, you appeared like a dove, announcing your love for all to hear.

Make yourself known in this and every land. Descend like a dove into our world's strife,

and transform its discord into a love that resembles yours.

People

God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Intercessor III

By the sea of Galilee, you appeared to your disciples, urging them to follow you. Make yourself known to the Church throughout the world. Empower us to pursue the mission you have asked us to fulfill. Inspire us to fish for people, even in the face of difficulty and

fear.

People

God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Intercessor I

High on a mountain, you appeared to large crowds, proclaiming the blessedness of those who hunger and thirst. Make yourself known to all who are suffering or in need, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Intercessor II

Dazzling and transfigured, you appeared with Moses and Elijah, bridging the gap between the living and the dead. Make yourself known to the departed, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Intercessor III

Like a great light in the midst of deep darkness, you have appeared among us, again and again. Hear now our prayers of thanksgiving for all the ways in which you have made yourself known in our lives, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Presider

God of epiphanies, the source of all insight, your coming was revealed to the nations not among men of power but on a woman's lap: give us grace to seek you where you may be found, that the wisdom of this world may be humbled and discover your unexpected joy, through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ** We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today.

 Please visit **stbarts.org/hello** to let us know who you are!
- ** Many are surprised to learn that St. Bart's does not have a large endowment. We rely on the generosity of members and visitors alike to sustain our ministries for the future. Visit **stbarts.org/give** or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. Thank you for your support!



Anthem St. Bart's Singers

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed; there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus! every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Dix*, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872). arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019). The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Diff 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 thank and praise you, O God, radiant and resplendent, beauty so old and

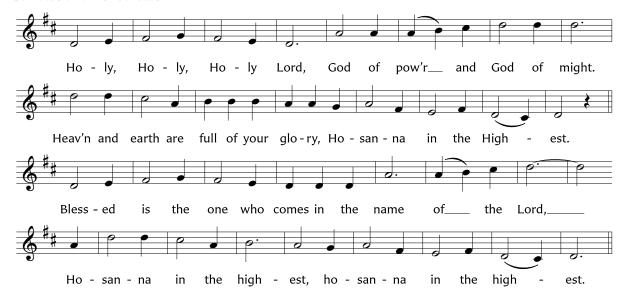
so new. You live forever in light we cannot see—brightness too dazzling for our eyes. And

yet glimpses of your glory still manage to break into our troubled world.

Basking in every fragment, each ray that you send, we join with the angels of heaven to

sing the everlasting hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Presider

Blessed indeed is Jesus, who entered our gloom and despair. He shared our flesh and blood and became like us in every respect. Born a tiny infant, he grew in strength and wisdom until, in time, he claimed his mission: to fish for people—to teach, to preach, and to heal. From his earliest days to his last, multitudes attested to his greatness: rulers came to pay their respects; prophets deferred to his standing; Moses and Elijah appeared alongside him. Christ is still our guiding Lamp, our bright Morning Star. We adore your Beloved Child, in whom you are well-pleased.

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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Open the heavens, O God, and send down your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts of bread and wine we offer, that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. By that same Spirit, who anointed Jesus at the river Jordan, anoint us to be your Church: a joyous community, united across difference, free of anger and violence, full of love and affection, devoted to the outcast and the poor. May Christ come quickly to usher in the dawn of justice and peace and to gather us with the people of every race and nation on that holy mountaintop, where we will see you face to face.

Confident in the glory about to be revealed, we make our prayer through Christ who, with

you and the Spirit, shines forever in brilliance that never fades.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 for all the broken, who sit in the shadow of death.

People May the light of Christ shine into every darkness.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God: more precious than gold, more fragrant than incense, more soothing than myrrh. Christ, who has received our gifts, now gives himself

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

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).

Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

All

God of all holiness, in this temple we have seen and tasted your salvation. Send us now in peace to proclaim your revelation to every people and share your light with all the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 109





6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968).

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon People

Postlude



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

Starlight: Exploring the Epiphany in Art

The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St. James's Piccadilly in London, explores the role of the star in the story of the Magi's visit to Bethlehem and how that star has been depicted in art.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Peter D. Thompson **Preacher** The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine **Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius **Chalicer** David Carson **Lector** Sutton Blanchard Intercessors Karen Jennemann, Scott Willick, Sarah Bessey **Ushers** Leslie Levy, Frank Mugabi

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We continue to hold in our prayers:

Linda, Joan, Dave, Christopher, John, Pamela, Matthew, Robert, Channing, Ernestine, Alison, Roseann

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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
- **\$\display:** Epiphany Pool Party for Children, Youth, and Families 12:30-2:30 PM
- * Twelfth Night Celebration

5 PM IN THE CHAPEL



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.



January 11, 2026

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

- ## 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).
- THE FORUM AT 10 AM
 From Augustine to Sarah Mullally: The Archbishops of Canterbury and our
 Anglican DNA

As Bishop Sarah Mullally prepares to become the next Archbishop of Canterbury, the Reverend Canon Chuck Robertson, Ph.D., Canon & Senior Advisor to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, reflects on the role Archbishops of Canterbury have played within the Anglican tradition.



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.

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.**

Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 28, VIA ZOOMThe Saturday morning discussion group turns to Walter Bruegemann's *The Prophetic Imagination*. Newcomers

welcome. Register at **stbarts.org/saturdaymornings**.

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, or visit 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**.



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** 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.**

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

Annual Parish Meeting

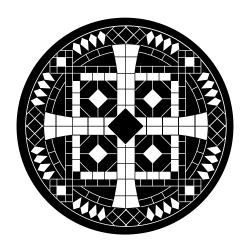
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 10 AM

In accordance with the Church's Bylaws, the Vestry has set the time and place for the annual parish meeting and election of Vestry officers. These will take place on Sunday, February 8 at 10 am in the nave of the church. All are invited to attend. Only qualified voters are eligible to vote. Click here for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Liz Gillespie in the Office of the Rector: **Igillespie@stbarts.org** or 212-378-0263.

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.**

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