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

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

January 11, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 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.

Welcome!

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Thank you for joining us today.

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Prelude

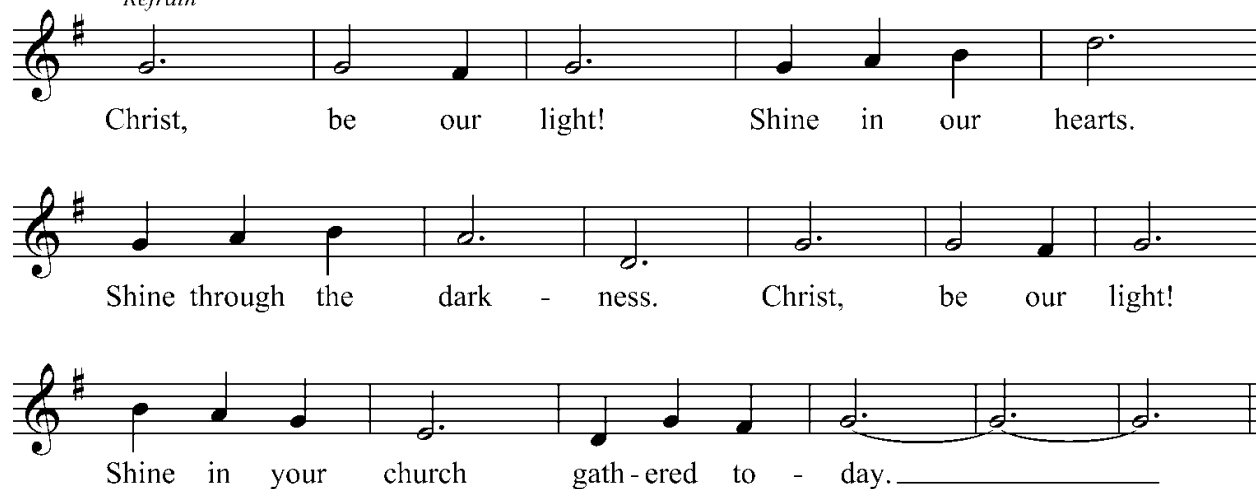
The people remain seated for the opening hymn.

Hymn



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

Words and Music: *Christ, be our light*, Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

The people stand with the presider.

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!
People	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.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.
All **God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

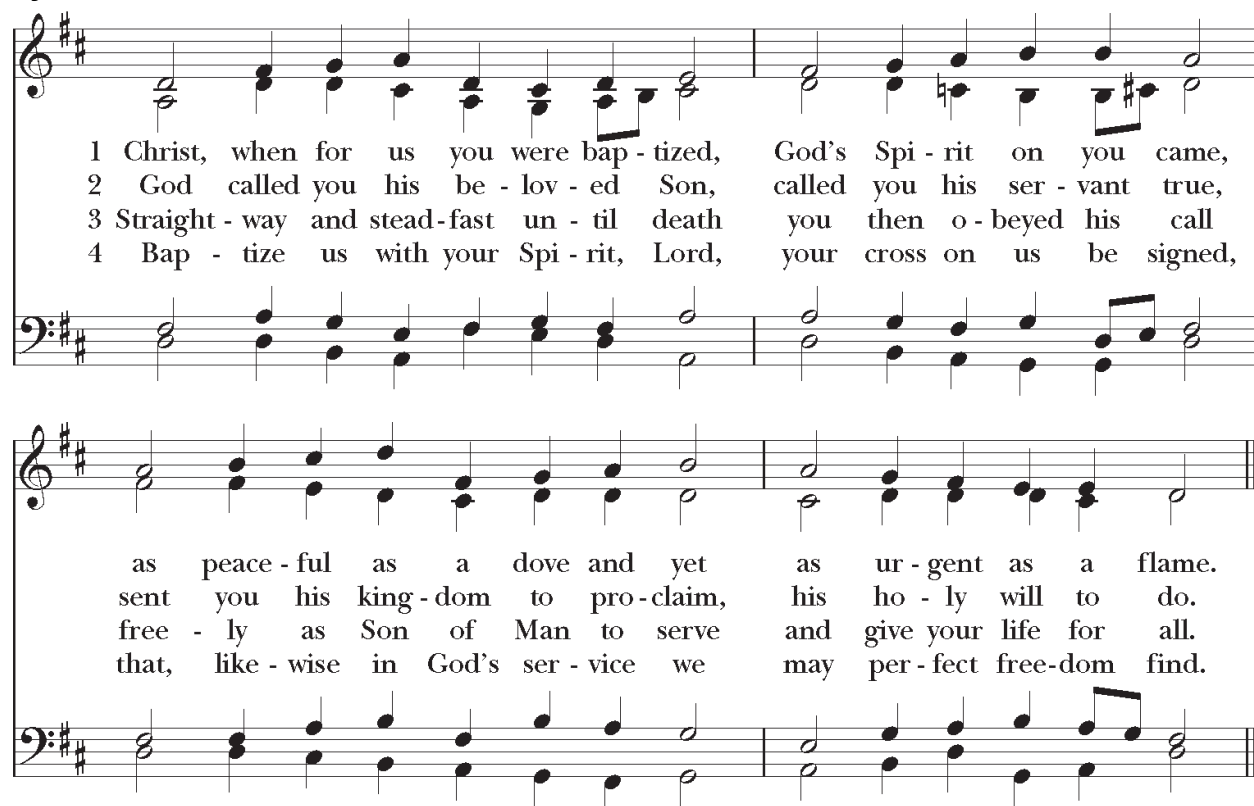
The Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

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

Hymn 121



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Deacon Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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 John F. Wirenius, Deacon

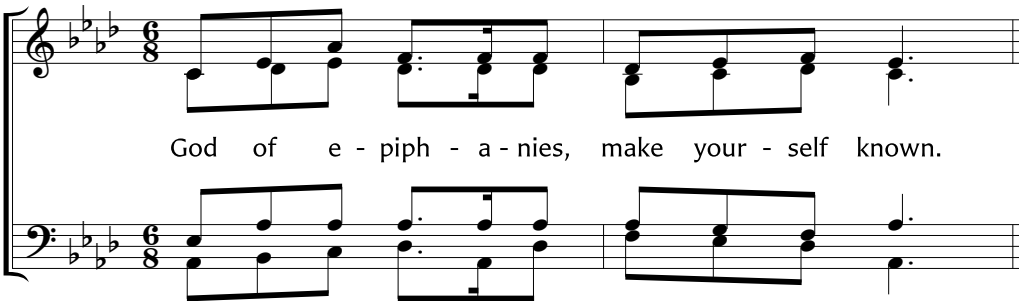
An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor 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.

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



God of e - piph - a - nies, make your - self known.

Intercessor 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.

All **God of epiphanies, make yourself known.**

Intercessor 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.

All **God of epiphanies, make yourself known.**

Intercessor 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.

All **God of epiphanies, make yourself known.**

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

The people may add their own petitions.

All **God of epiphanies, make yourself known.**

Intercessor 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.

All **God of epiphanies, make yourself known.**

Presider Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to plant your justice on the earth, 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!



Interlude

The people stand.

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 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



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the High - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

People **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 mountain-top, 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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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 to us.

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 **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 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 448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Service Participants

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Preacher The Reverend John F. Wirenius

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Ushers Akash Lodh

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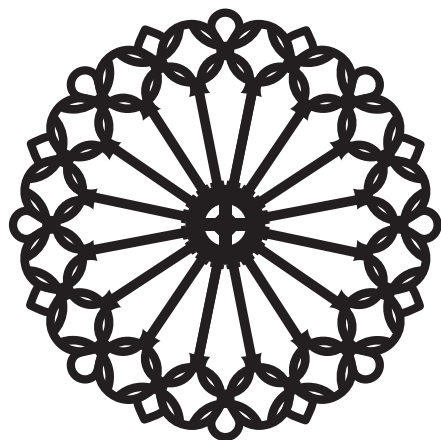
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We continue to hold in our prayers:

Dave, Christopher, John, Pamela, Matthew, Robert, Channing, Ernestine, Alison, Roseann, Ekaterina, Jeanie, Vladzimir, Nancy

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

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✧ **Coffee Hour**

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

✧ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

✧ **Peace Book Club**

1:20 PM IN VIA ZOOM

✧ **Living Christ Sangha**

3 PM IN ROOM 33

**NEXT
SUNDAY
AT
ST. BART'S**

January 18, 2026

**Commemorating the Life and Witness of the Reverend
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

✧ **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**

The Triple Evils Revisited: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Enduring Moral Vision

The Reverend Gabby Cudjoe Wilkes, D.Min., and the Reverend Andrew Wilkes, Ph.D., Co-Pastors of Double Love Experience Church in Brooklyn, lead a conversation on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s critique of the "triple evils" of poverty, racism, and militarism, drawing on their recent books *Psalms for Black Lives* and *Plenty Good Room*.

**WEEKDAYS
AT
ST. BART'S**

**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.

Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 28, VIA ZOOM

The Saturday morning discussion group turns to Walter Bruegemann's *The Prophetic Imagination*. Newcomers welcome. Register at stbarts.org/saturdaymornings.

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.

Commemorating the Life and Witness of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 11 AM

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Gabby Cudjoe Wilke, D.Min., and the Reverend Andrew Wilkes, Ph.D., Co-Pastors of Double Love Experience Church in Brooklyn, who will offer a message for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday at the 11 am service of Choral Eucharist.

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

The King's Singers, Live in Concert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:30 PM

From mystical forests to stormy seas, The King's Singers will take us on a journey through landscapes and ages, with a program celebrating much-loved British composers. We're excited to welcome the acclaimed a capella group, with their trademark sound and humor, back to New York! Purchase tickets at mmpaf.org.

Annual Parish Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 10 AM

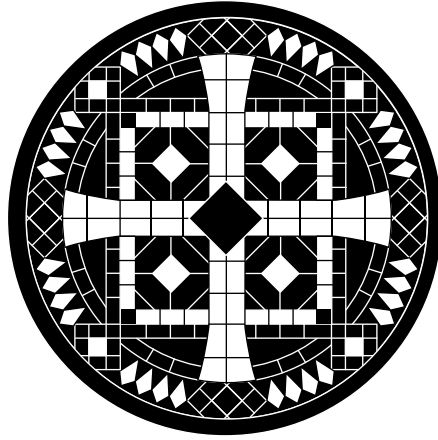
In accordance with the Church's Bylaws, the Vestry has set the time and place for the annual parish meeting and election of Vestry officers. These will take place on Sunday, February 8 at 10 am in the nave of the church. All are invited to attend. Only qualified voters are eligible to vote. Visit stbarts.org/annualmeeting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

Imagine Worship

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

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

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