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BARTHOLOMEW'S
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✧NEW YORK✧

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord

Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist at 11 am

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.

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.



Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground

A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church.

Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants.

We encourage you and your children to make full use of this space during worship.

Wiggles and giggles are welcome here. However, if at any point your child needs a little extra room to move and breathe, please feel free to step away from the sanctuary and return whenever you're ready.

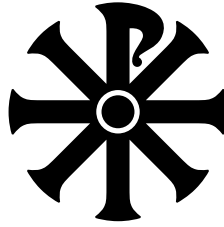
After the second lesson, all children are invited to the chapel for Wonder Church for kids. They will return during the announcements, in time for Holy Communion. A professionally-staffed nursery is available in the Children's Playroom on the basement level. An usher would be glad to guide you. Register for 2025-2026 at stbarts.org/kids.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

Sacramental Participation

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.



Prelude *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* (Christ our Lord came to the Jordan),
BWV 684, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

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 Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Ministry of the Word

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Music: Anglican chant by Henry Ley (1887-1962).

The Second 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.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Words: Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993).
Music: *Merle's Tune*, Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025).

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 Peter D. Thompson, Vicar and Interim Rector

The people remain seated as the candidates and their sponsors join the clergy in the chancel.

The Presentation of the Candidates

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate who is able to answer for herself is presented by her sponsors.

Sponsors I present Alessia Elysee to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The candidate who is unable to answer for himself is presented by his parents and godparents.

Sponsors I present Leonardo Calabrese to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

The presider asks the following questions of the candidate who can speak for herself and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate who is a child.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors I do.

The people stand. The presider asks the following question of the whole congregation.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers for the Candidates

Presider Let us now pray together for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Baptism

A priest baptizes each candidate.

Priest I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

A priest marks each candidate with the sign of the cross using the chrism, a special oil blessed by the bishop.

Presider You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

A priest presents each candidate with a candle.

Priest Receive this candle and be as a light of Christ to all the world.

All **Amen.**

The people stand. The presider then prays for the newly baptized.

Presider Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sins, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

The presider invites the whole congregation to offer their welcome of the newly baptized.

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

During the singing of the hymn, the clergy sprinkle the people with holy water as a reminder of baptism.

Hymn 296



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more._____
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death._____
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life._____
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows._____
Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;_____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life._____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God._____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood._____
and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy._____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ._____
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One._____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:_____
1-3
Final Ending
lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

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!*



Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide for ever flowing
By the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and woship ever,
All the happy, golden day.

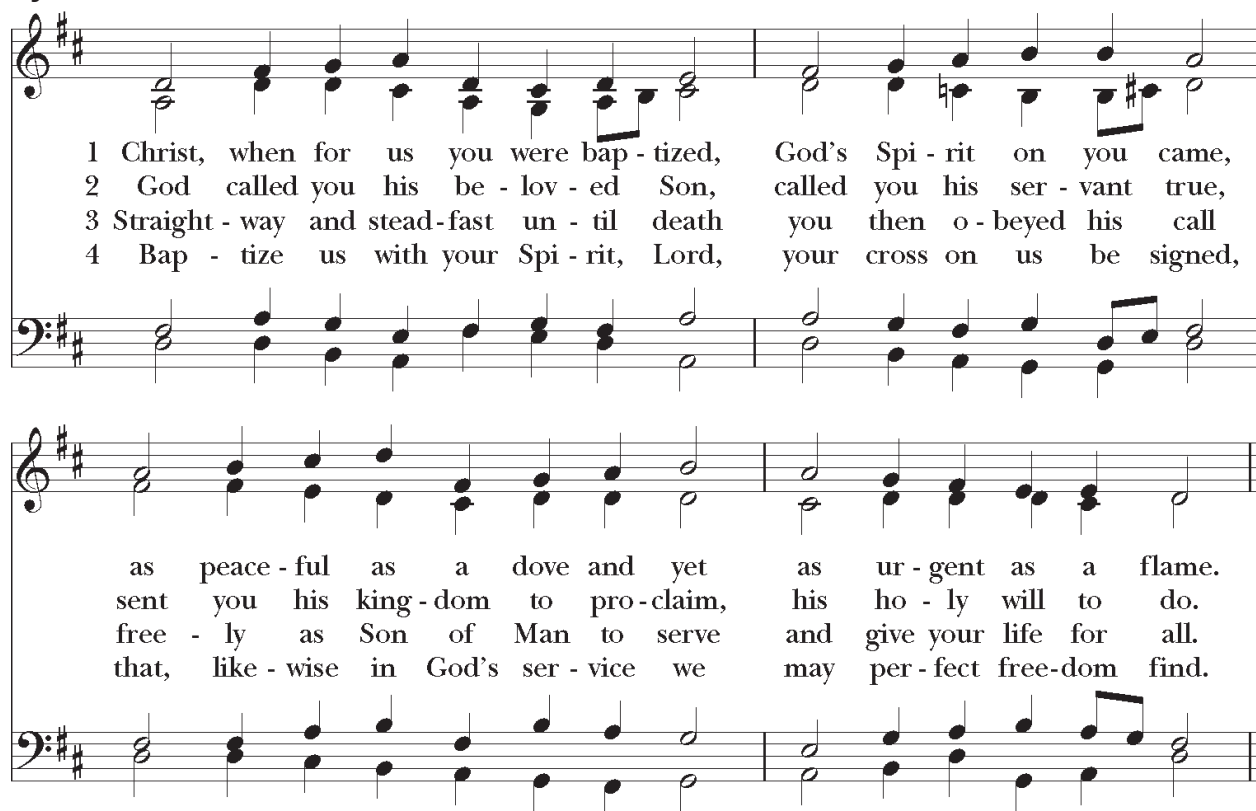
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God. Amen.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899).

Music: *In Happy Voices*, 1865, Robert Lowry (1826-1899), arr. William Hawley (b. 1950).

The people stand as the hymn 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 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;
Glory be to thee, O Lord, Most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from *Communion Service in D*, Alec Wyton (1921-2007).

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music: from *Communion Service in D*, Alec Wyton (1921-2007).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praeseptum:
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

We celebrate a day sanctified by three miracles:
today a star led the Magi to the manger;
today wine was made from water at the marriage feast;
today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the Jordan
so that he might save us. Alleluia.

Words: Antiphon at Second Vespers on the Feast of the Epiphany.
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb,
He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Words: from *Songs of Innocence* (1789), William Blake (1757-1827).
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987).

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

Hymn 135



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
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Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

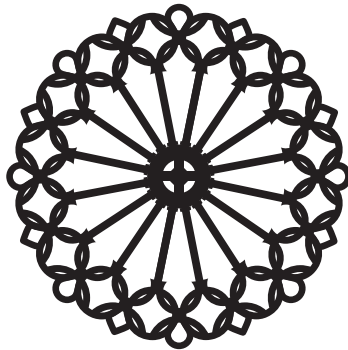
The Dismissal

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



The flowers on the altar of the Church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Caroline A. Davis by her daughters and grandchildren.



Join us in Welcoming the Newly Baptized!



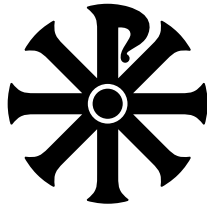
Leonardo Calabrese

We are thrilled to be baptizing Leonardo (Leo) at St. Bart's! Katie and Michele, Leo's parents, were married at the church in 2024. Katie has sung as a member of St. Bartholomew's Choir weekly since 2022. Thank you to everyone at St. Bart's for their warm and welcoming community. We also want to thank the choir for their beautiful music and taking such good care of Katie while Leo was still growing!



Alessia Devi Elysee

My name is Alessia, and I come to baptism after a season of listening, reflection, and unexpected grace. Being part of this community has brought stillness, clarity, and a sense of being gently guided. St. Bartholomew's has become a spiritual home where faith feels both reverent and open. Today marks a beginning, one I enter with gratitude, humility, and hope.



Coffee and Refreshments in the Great Hall

Join us immediately after the service for coffee and other refreshments.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Subdeacon The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank

Lectors Charlotte Lamb, Avi McMorro

Intercessor Lucy Martin Gianino

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Megan Krasney

Verger Charlotte Lamb

Crucifers Henry Johnston, Tim Martin

Acolytes Tivaun Cooper, Jack Hoekstra, Henry Leopando, Barbara Neale

Ushers Percy Preston, Daniele Campbell, Rena Crisp, Brooks Ishler, Bob Kiely, Sean McMorro, Sompon Oerlemans, Becky Smith, Sally Sockwell, Linda Tejpaul, Lisa Wolfe

St. Bartholomew's Choir

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

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Manager, Broadcast & Production Studio Niko Bakulich

Livestream Producers Chloe Pitkoff, Thatcher Pitkoff, Charles White

Livestream Host Patricia Clagett

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant

Facilities Anthony Thomas

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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**MEET US
AFTER
CHURCH**

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

✧ **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

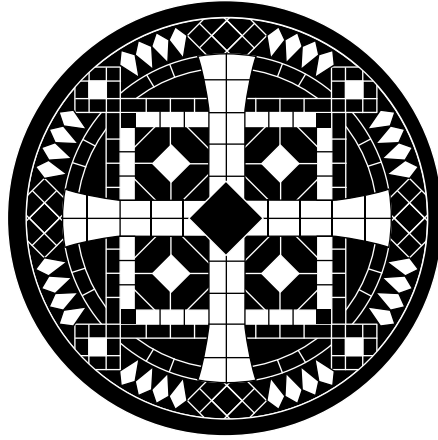
In accordance with the Church's Bylaws, the Vestry has set the time and place for the annual parish meeting and election of Vestry officers. These will take place on Sunday, February 8 at 10 am in the nave of the church. All are invited to attend. Only qualified voters are eligible to vote. Visit stbarts.org/annualmeeting 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.

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



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