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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
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**The Second Sunday in Lent
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm**

March 1, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022



EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

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.

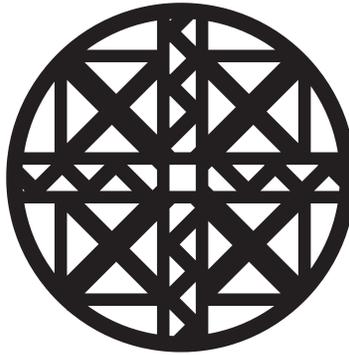
Welcome!

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Thank you for joining us today.

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Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening chant.

Chant

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night soon will fall.

Then stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Words: Taizé Community.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

All **To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Presider By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **Come Holy Spirit, to all baptized in your name, that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is, to what you have created it to be. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

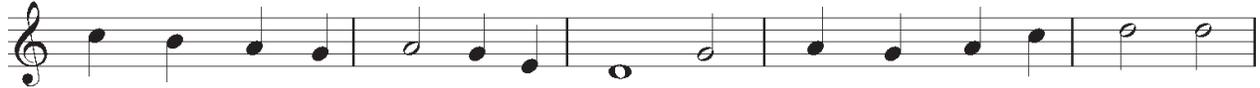
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymn 439



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835.
Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

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 We give you thanks and praise, O God, in this dry and weary land. You set a table for us in the wilderness and provide for all our needs. Even when we complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. When we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, ————— hea - ven and earth are

full, ————— full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —————

————— in the name of the Lord. ————— Ho - san - na

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

Presider We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, these people. By the power of your Spirit breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones. Make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

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 Savior of the World, broken for us:
People **by your wounds you make us whole.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation: food to satisfy all hunger, drink to quench all thirst.

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 Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 603

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936).
Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979).

The Dismissal

Presider May God go with you as you walk through the wilderness.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

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Lector Adelaide Kent

Usher Matthew Gibson

Altar Guild Megan Krasney

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

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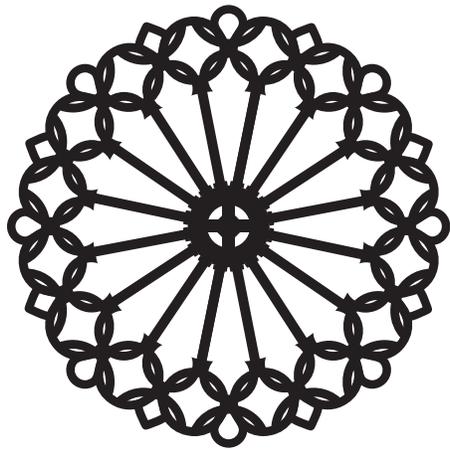
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We continue to hold in our prayers

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- ✦ **Coffee Hour**
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✦ **Pathfinders**
12:30 PM IN ROOM 33
- ✦ **Let My People Go: A Clergy Bible Study**
12:30 PM IN ROOM 32
- ✦ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM



March 8, 2026

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- ✦ **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](https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnyc)).
- ✦ **THE FORUM AT 10 AM**
Got Questions?
Peter, Zack, and Meredith reflect on the spiritual value of asking questions and address the questions shared this Lent on our community questions wall.



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.

Young Adults Lenten Bible Study

**THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 26 AT 5:30 PM
IN THE VESTRY ROOM**

This Bible Study led by young adults, for young adults, is designed to create a space to read God's Word and join in reflection together. Anyone ages 20-39 is welcome. Sign up at stbarts.org/20s30sBible.

Let My People Go: A Clergy Bible Study

**IN PERSON: SUNDAYS, FEB 22-MAR 22 AT 12:30 IN ROOM 32
ONLINE: WEDNESDAYS, FEB 25-MAR 25 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM**

The clergy of St. Bart's lead an exploration of the Book of Exodus with special attention to its Jewish origins, its connection to movements for social justice, and its resonances with the Easter story. Learn more at stbarts.org/exodusbiblestudy.

Pathfinders

**IN PERSON: SUNDAYS, FEB 22-MAY 10 AT 12:30 IN ROOM 33
ONLINE: WEDNESDAYS, FEB 25-MAY 13 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM**

Explore the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith in this welcoming, clergy-led course at St. Bart's. Together, we will dig into the Bible, prayer, church history, the liturgical year, and the sacraments, concluding with the opportunity for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at St. Bart's during Bishop Shin's visit on May 17, as well as an optional retreat. Learn more and register at stbarts.org/pathfinders.

Living Christ Sangha Lenten Series: Repenting from the Three Poisons

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 25-APRIL 1 AT 6 PM

This six week interfaith series will explore how Buddhist practices of repentance can enrich the season of Lent for Christians. Participants will take an in-depth look at the "three poisons," which are ignorance, greed, and anger. These poisons cause much damage to our lives and to society. As an antidote, we will explore repentance via practices to cultivate the "three medicines" of wisdom, generosity, and loving-kindness. Learn more and register at stbarts.org/lentensangha.

Imagine Worship at St. Bart's

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Imagine Worship is an immersive midweek service of holy communion, held in our luminous chapel, featuring original contemporary music, inclusive theology, and a casual vibe. A community meal follows each service.

Into the Night: A Lenten Retreat Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 9 AM-4 PM IN THE CHAPEL

In this day-long retreat led by the Reverend Meredith Ward and the Reverend Peter Thompson, we reflect on the essential question of our shared human destiny: how do we live in full knowledge that one day we will die? The retreat will include a viewing of the documentary *Into the Night: Portraits of Life and Death* by filmmaker and St. Bart's parishioner Helen Whitney. Register at stbarts.org/intotheneight.

A Choral Feast

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 11 AM

St. Bartholomew's Choir with orchestra offers J. S. Bach's Motet *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227.

Lenten Organ Recital

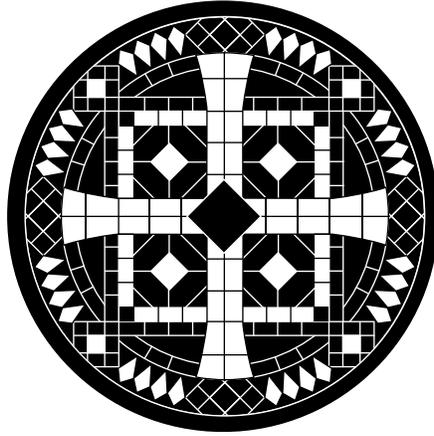
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 4 PM

Paolo Bordignon offers a 45-minute program including music of J. S. Bach on the day after the composer's birthday. No tickets needed, but a \$20 donation is suggested.

Join Episcopal Relief & Development in exploring "Holy Habits"

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