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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Choral Eucharist at 11 am

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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!

CONNECT WITH US



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.

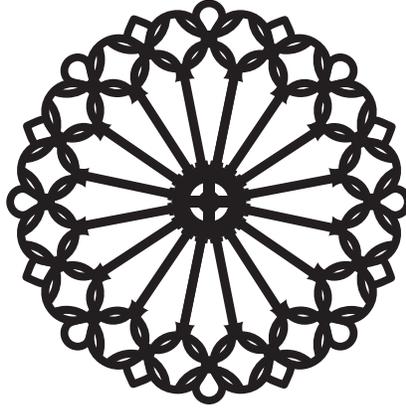
After the second lesson, all children are invited to the chapel for Wonder Church for kids. They will return during the announcements, in time for Holy Communion. A professionally-staffed nursery is available in the Children's Playroom on the basement level. An usher would be glad to guide you. Register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



A Choral Feast

Several Sundays throughout the year are designated *A Choral Feast* and focus on a specific theme, composer, or a major choral work.

This morning's service includes Johann Sebastian Bach's Motet, *Jesu, meine Freude* (Jesus, my joy), BWV 227.

The longest and most musically complex of Bach's motets, it is set in eleven movements. It is named after Johann Franck's 1653 chorale and includes the six stanzas of the hymn as its odd-numbered movements. The text of the even-numbered movements is taken from the Epistle to the Romans 8 (verses 1-2 and 9-10) appointed for this Fifth Sunday in Lent. Bach set both texts complementing each other in a structure of symmetries on multiple layers. The translation below is by Michael Marissen and Daniel R. Melamed, from BachCantataTexts.org, their work on historically informed translations, with annotations.

Jesu, meine Freude is one of few works by Bach for five vocal parts. The date of the work is uncertain. Unique in its complex symmetrical structure juxtaposing hymn and biblical texts, and with movements featuring a variety of styles and vocal textures, the motet has been regarded as one of Bach's greatest achievements in the genre.

In 1927, it became the first of his motets to be recorded.

The work's instrumental component has seen a range of approaches, from unaccompanied singing to performances taking into account Bach's practice of supporting vocal forces with basso continuo and instruments doubling the vocal lines (*colla parte*).

The people remain seated as the motet begins.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

1. Jesu, meine Freude,
Meines Herzens Weide,
Jesu, meine Zier,
Ach wie lang, ach lange
Ist dem Herzen bange
Und verlangt nach dir!
Gottes Lamm, mein Bräutigam,
Ausser dir soll mir auf Erden
Nichts sonst Liebers werden.

1. Jesus, my joy,
My heart's pasture,
Jesus, my adornment,
Ah, how long, ah, long
My heart is anxious,
And longs for you.
Lamb of God, my bridegroom,
Besides you, nothing else on earth
Shall be more dear to me.

2. Es ist nun nichts Verdammliches an denen,
die in Christo Jesu sind, die nicht nach dem
Fleische wandeln, sondern nach dem Geist.

2. There is now [with the gospel of salvation]
nothing [eternally] condemnable against those
who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according
to the flesh but according to the spirit.

The people stand as the procession enters.

3. Unter deinem Schirmen
Bin ich vor den Stürmen
Aller Feinde frei.
Lass den Satan wittern,
Lass den Feind erbittern,
Mir steht Jesus bei.
Ob es itzt gleich kracht und blitzt,
Ob gleich Sünd und Hölle schrecken:
Jesus will mich decken.

3. Under your protection
I am free from the assaults
Of all enemies.
Let Satan bluster,
Let the enemy provoke;
Jesus stands by me.
Should [thunder and lightning] right now crack and flash,
Should sin and hell right now terrorize,
Jesus will cover me [with his protective wings].

Music: from *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Opening Sentence

Presider If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Motet (continued) St. Bartholomew's Choir

4. Denn das Gesetz des Geistes, der da lebendig macht in Christo Jesu, hat mich frei gemacht von dem Gesetz der Sünde und des Todes.

5. Trotz dem alten Drachen,
Trotz des Todes Rachen,
Trotz der Furcht darzu!
Tobe, Welt, undspringe,
Ich steh hier und singe
In gar sicherer Ruh.
Gottes Macht hält mich in acht;
Erd und Abgrund muss verstummen,
Ob sie noch so brummen.

4. For the law of the [Holy] Spirit who makes [believers] alive in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and of death.

5. Defy [Satan,] the ancient dragon;
Defy Death's maw;
Defy the fear of them.
Rant, world, and spring [into a rage];
I stand here and sing
In utterly secure peace.
God's power holds me in mind [by faith for salvation];
Earth and abyss must fall silent,
However much they rumble.

Music: from *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Music: Anglican chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

The Second Lesson Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.

Motet (continued) St. Bartholomew's Choir

6. Ihr aber seid nicht fleischlich, sondern geistlich,
so anders Gottes Geist in euch wohnt.
Wer aber Christi Geist nicht hat, der ist nicht sein.

The people stand.

7. Weg mit allen Schätzen!
Du bist mein Ergötzen,
Jesu, meine Lust!
Weg ihr eitlen Ehren,
Ich mag euch nicht hören,
Bleibt mir unbewusst!
Elend, Not, Kreuz, Schmach und Tod
Soll mich, ob ich viel muss leiden,
Nicht von Jesu scheiden.

6. You [believers in Christ], though, are not fleshly-minded but spiritually-minded, if it be that God's spirit dwells in you. Whoever, though, does not have Christ's spirit, he [that person] is not his [God's/Christ's].

7. Away with all treasures;
You are my delectation,
Jesus, my delight.
Away, you vain honors,
I do not want to listen to you;
Remain unknown to me.
Misery, distress, cross-bearing, humiliation, and death
Shall not, however much I must suffer,
Separate me from Jesus.

Music: from *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Holy Gospel John 11:1-45

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

Deacon Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 Meredith E. Ward, Senior Associate Rector

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of signs and wonders: in the dryness of desert, in the darkness of night, under noon-time's hot sun, you reveal your power and your grace. Open our eyes and bring us new life as we come to you in prayer.

We pray for the Church, for all who believe in your Son. Revive us in this time of challenge and change. Help us to follow the wind of the Spirit, wherever it may lead.

All God of signs and wonders,
reveal your power and grace.

Intercessor We pray for the world, which Jesus came to save. Strengthen it to withstand the temptations of the devil. May peace and compassion prevail in the face of conflict and greed.

All God of signs and wonders,
reveal your power and grace.

Intercessor We pray for those in need of healing, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Free us from all ailments of body, mind, or spirit, and free our society from prejudice and fear.

All God of signs and wonders,
reveal your power and grace.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Raise them to the glories of heaven, and console those who mourn.

All God of signs and wonders,
reveal your power and grace.

Intercessor We praise you for the signs and wonders we ourselves have seen, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

May we be a grateful people; may our songs of thanksgiving never cease.

All God of signs and wonders,
reveal your power and grace.

Presider God of signs and wonders, source of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary; your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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



Motet (continued) St. Bartholomew's Choir

8. So aber Christus in euch ist, so ist der Leib zwar tot um der Sünde willen; der Geist aber ist das Leben um der Gerechtigkeit willen.

9. Gute Nacht, o Wesen,
Das die Welt erlesen,
Mir gefällt du nicht.
Gute Nacht, ihr Sünden,
Bleibet weit dahinten,
Kommt nicht mehr ans Licht!
Gute Nacht, du Stolz und Pracht!
Dir sei ganz, du Lasterleben,
Gute Nacht gegeben.

8. If, though, Christ is in you, then the body is indeed dead on account of sin; the [believers'] spirit, though, is [imperishable] life on account of the righteousness [of Christ, imputed to believers].

9. Good night, oh [corrupted] essence
That the world has chosen;
You do not please me.
Good night, you sins;
Remain far behind;
Come no more into the light.
Good night, you pride and splendor;
To you, you life of vice, be altogether
Bid good night.

Music: from *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 505

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

Words: Johann Niedling (1602-1668); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt.
Music: *O heiliger Geist*, melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750);
arr. Alastair Cassels-Brown (1927-2001).

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

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.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Please note that during Lent the word "Alleluia" is not said.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Motet (conclusion) St. Bartholomew's Choir

10. So nun der Geist des, der Jesum von den Toten auferwecket hat, in euch wohnt, so wird auch derselbige, der Christum von den Toten auferwecket hat, eure sterbliche Leiber lebendig machen um des willen, dass sein Geist in euch wohnt.

11. Weicht, ihr Trauergeister,
Denn mein Freudenmeister,
Jesus, tritt herein.
Denen, die Gott lieben,
Muss auch ihr Betrüben
Lauter Zucker sein.
Duld ich schon hier Spott und Hohn,
Dennoch bleibst du auch im Leide,
Jesu, meine Freude.

10. If now the spirit of him [God] who has raised Jesus up from the dead dwells in you, then this same one who has raised Christ up from the dead will make your mortal bodies alive, on account of the fact that his spirit dwells in you.

11. Make way, you [evil] spirits [instigators] of mourning,
Because my joymaster,
Jesus, steps in [to our midst].
To those who love God,
Even their grieving
Has to be pure [healing/sweetening] sugar.
If, yes, here [on earth] I endure scorn and derision,
Nonetheless, even in [my] suffering you remain,
Jesus, my joy.

Music: from Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 227, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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 688

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46.
 Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685- 1750).

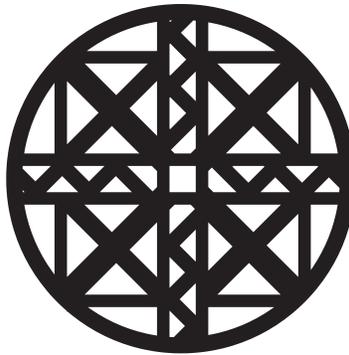
The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Con moto maestoso*, (Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65), Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

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

Service Participants

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Preacher The Reverend Meredith Ward

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Subdeacon The Reverend Zack Nyein

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St. Bartholomew's Choir

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We continue to hold in our prayers

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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
- ✦ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**
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
- ✦ **St. Tabitha's Guild**
12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✦ **Peace Book Club**
1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✦ **Lenten Organ Recital: Paolo Bordignon**
4 PM IN THE CHURCH

**EASTER
FLOWERS
& MUSIC
AT
ST. BART'S**

Easter Flowers and Music at St. Bart's

As Easter approaches, you may wish to remember loved ones and offer thanksgiving for special blessings by making a gift to St. Bart's Easter Flowers and Music. Our Easter Vigil and Easter Day service leaflets will include a listing of these tributes. To dedicate a gift of flowers and music, please visit stbarts.org/eastergift, or contact Susannah Wade Lewis in the Development Office (swadelewis@stbarts.org). Please submit your tribute gift **by end of day today, March 22**, to ensure inclusion in the leaflets.

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

March 29, 2026

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- ✦ **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).
- ✦ **10:15 AM AND 12:15 PM—PALM SUNDAY FÊTE FOR ALL AGES**
Come to the Great Hall on Palm Sunday after the 9 am and 11 am services for coffee, tea, and hot cross buns, plus palm cross making (instructions provided).

**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 FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

Livestream Hosts Needed

As we approach Holy Week, we are looking for more livestream hosts to help us welcome the online members of our community. To help, email Veronica Shea (vhsea@stbarts.org).

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. Suggested donation: \$20.

Imagine Worship: Faith on Pointe

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: 6 PM SYMPOSIUM, 7 PM WORSHIP

Imagine Worship is thrilled to welcome the Reverend Julie Hoplamazian, Episcopal priest and founder of Faith on Pointe, a ministry at the intersection of ballet and theology that teaches ballet as a spiritual practice. She will offer a symposium in the church at 6 pm and preach at the 7 pm Imagine Worship Eucharist. All are welcome—you don't have to be a dancer to participate in this exploration of movement and spirituality! Learn more at stbarts.org/dance.

Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 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.

Easter Vigil Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Whether you're a whiz in the kitchen, or a savvy foodie, we'd be grateful for your contribution to the annual Easter Vigil Festive Reception, immediately following the 7 pm Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4. Please contact Paul Rodriguez at prodriguez@stbarts.org to sign up.



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**FROM
SHADOWS
TO
GLORY**
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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

9 am & 11 am The Liturgy of the Palms, The Passion Gospel & Choral Eucharist (with Wonder Church for Kids at 11 am)

5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

HOLY TUESDAY

MARCH 31

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Light and Darkness

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm Stations in the City: Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

7:15 pm-Midnight The Night Watch

8-9:15 pm Imagine Worship Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3

12 pm The Three Hours: The Seven Last Words

6 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

SATURDAY

APRIL 4

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

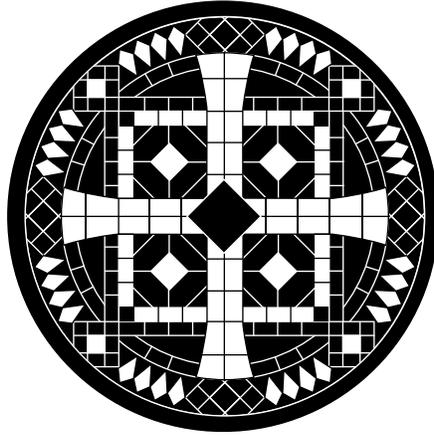
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

9 am & 11 am Festival Eucharist (with Wonder Church at 11 am)

5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

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