

***SAINT*
BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
*NEW YORK***

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

**Contemplative Eucharist
at 5 pm**

March 29, 2026



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.

Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening chant.

The Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Plainsong, Mode I, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (1947-2025).

The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

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

Presider Together, let us pray.
All **True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 104



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



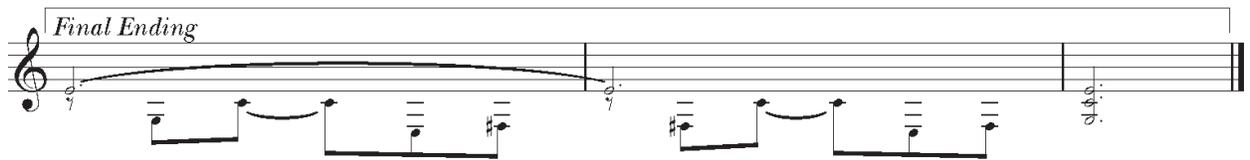
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



Words: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017).
 Music: *Andújar*, David Hurd (b. 1950).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

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

Presider When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon in Residence

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand with the presider.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Christ our Savior, by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world: save us and help us, we pray.

On the night before you died, you gathered with your friends for a meal. Kneeling before them, you washed their feet; breaking bread, you offered them your body; sharing a cup, you gave them your blood. Inspire your Church to be as humble and as generous as you.

People Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World,
save us and help us, we pray.

Intercessor Wrongly imprisoned on false charges, you suffered injustice at the hands of the powers-that-be. Rid our institutions of all prejudice and corruption, that equality and fairness may reign supreme.

People Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World,
save us and help us, we pray.

Intercessor Taunted and mocked by a vicious crowd, you endured horrifying ridicule and abuse. Stand in solidarity with victims of harassment and assault, that they may be protected from further harm and know your loving care.

People Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World,
save us and help us, we pray.

Intercessor In the Garden of Gethsemane, you pled with God for your pain to cease. Hear the pleas of all who are currently experiencing pain, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World,
save us and help us, we pray.

Intercessor On the cross, you breathed your last, and, on the eve of the Sabbath, your body was laid to rest in a tomb. We pray for those who are dying and those who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

May they rest in everlasting peace.

People Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World,
save us and help us, we pray.

Presider Christ our Savior, Redeemer of the World: you followed the necessary path and were broken on our behalf. May we neither cling to our pain where it is futile, nor refuse to embrace the cost when it is required of us: that in losing our selves for your sake, we may be brought to new life.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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



Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

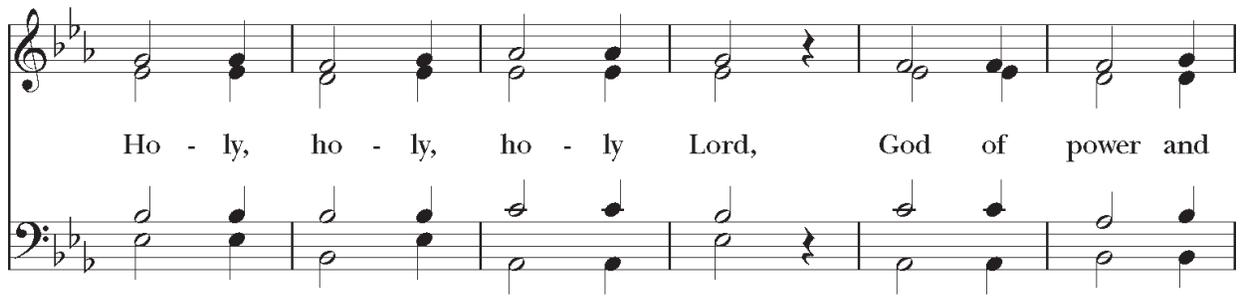
Presider May God be with you
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**

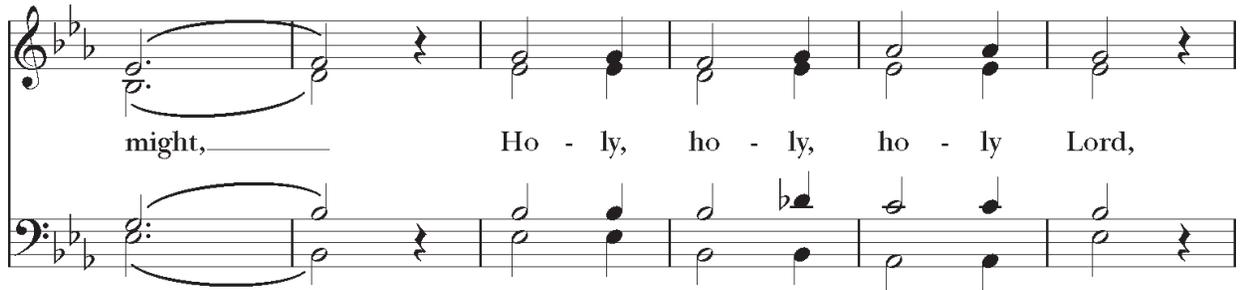
Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is our joy and destiny to praise you, O God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space, and in meek obedience Christ surrendered to cruel nails. With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs. Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people. And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your everlasting praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus



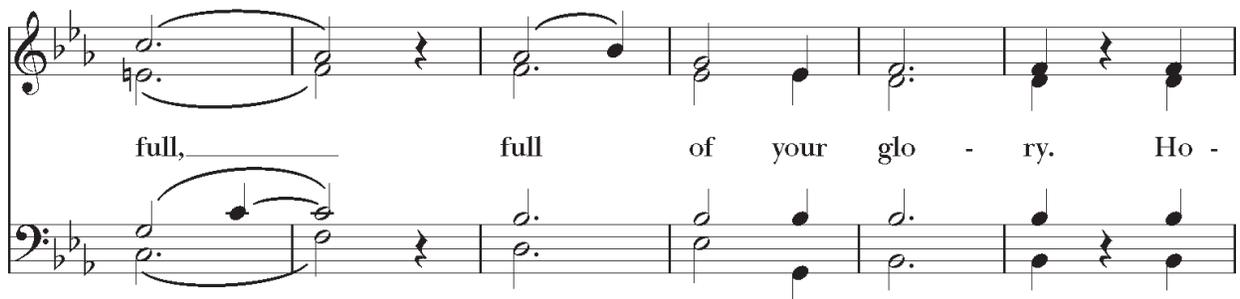
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



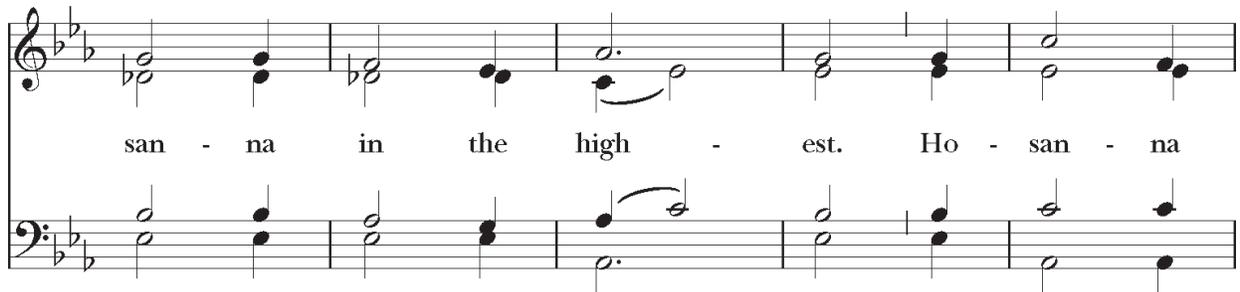
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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.

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

Presider

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be Christ's crucified and risen body. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

People

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

Presider

Humble God, Jesus did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love. As you highly exalted your Son who became a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness, or grieve those they have cherished, or bend the knee to one who does not honor them. Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, almighty God, now and forever.

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 the Table

Presider Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it. Wine is received by drinking from the common cup.*
- *If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of the cross, we thank you for giving yourself to us in the sacred mystery of this communion. May we who have been nourished by the sacrifice of Christ offer ourselves in sacrifice for the good of the world. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

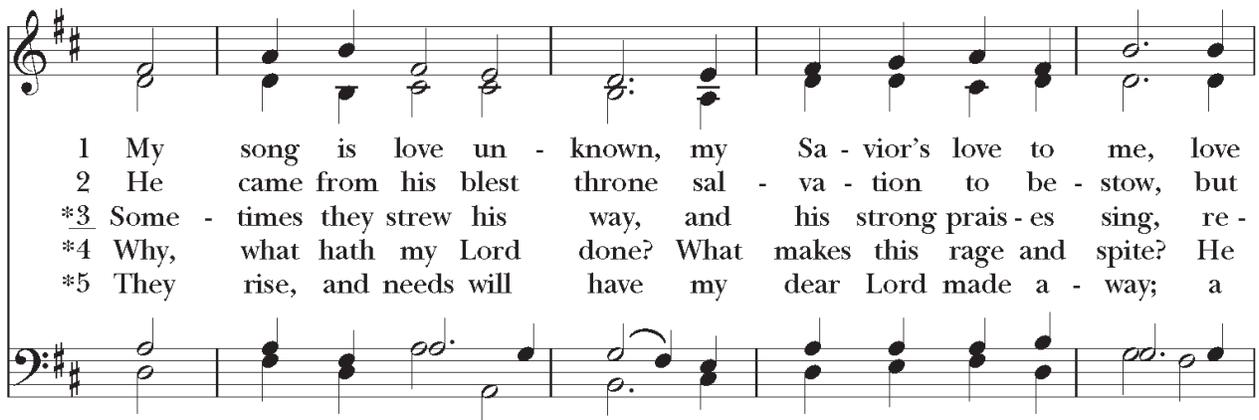
All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.

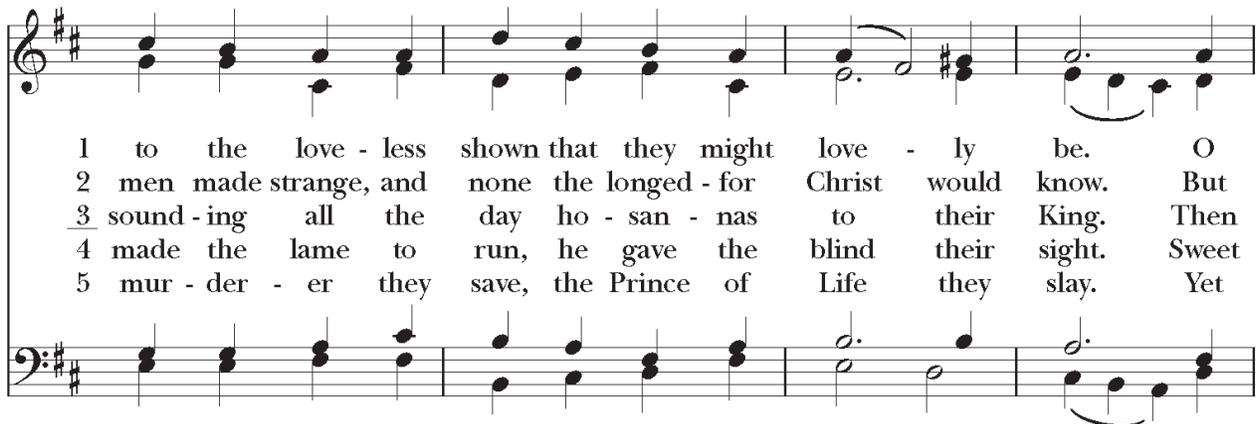
All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Blessing

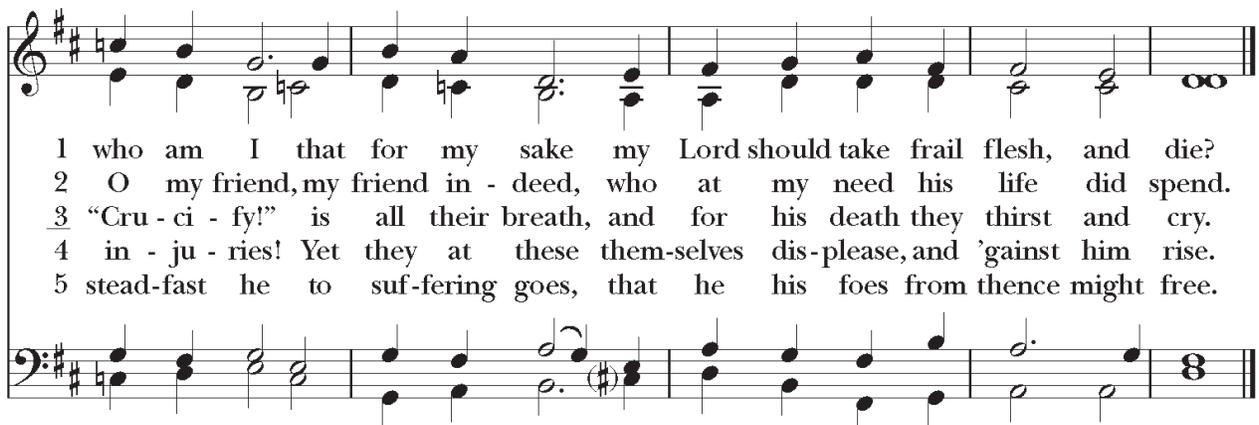
Hymn 458



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

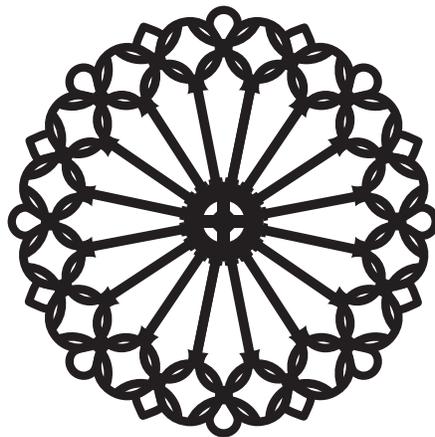
Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
 Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962).

Dismissal

Presider Go with the mind of Christ, and empty yourselves for others.

People **Hosanna! Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Lector Adelaide Kent

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We continue to hold in our prayers

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- ✦ **Palm Sunday Fête for all ages**
10 AM AND 12:15 PM PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON IN THE VESTRY ROOM



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. 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). All gifts received after Sunday, March 22 will be listed in service leaflets on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12.



April 5, 2026 Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection

- ✦ **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)).



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
- 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.

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.

Apple Hill String Quartet

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AT 2:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

The Apple Hill String Quartet, ensemble-in-residence at the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music in Nelson, NH, returns to perform their annual spring concert in the chapel. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

Faith and Film

MONDAYS, APRIL 13-MAY 18 AT 7 PM

The Reverend Peter Thompson leads discussion on the role that faith plays in contemporary film, with a particular focus on films made in the last five years. April 13: *Eternity* (2025); April 20: *Heretic* (2024); April 27: *Sinners* (2025); May 4: *The Testament of Ann Lee* (2025); May 11: *Train Dreams* (2025); May 18: *Women Talking* (2022). Learn more at stbarts.org/faithandfilm.



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TO
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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

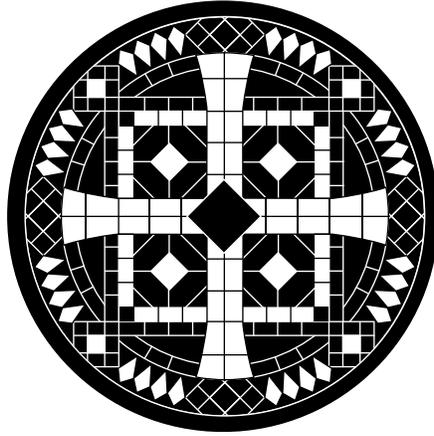
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

9 am & 11 am Festival Eucharist (with Wonder Church for Kids at 11 am)
5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

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TO SEE OUR COMPLETE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK





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