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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
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The Third Sunday of Easter
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

April 19, 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!

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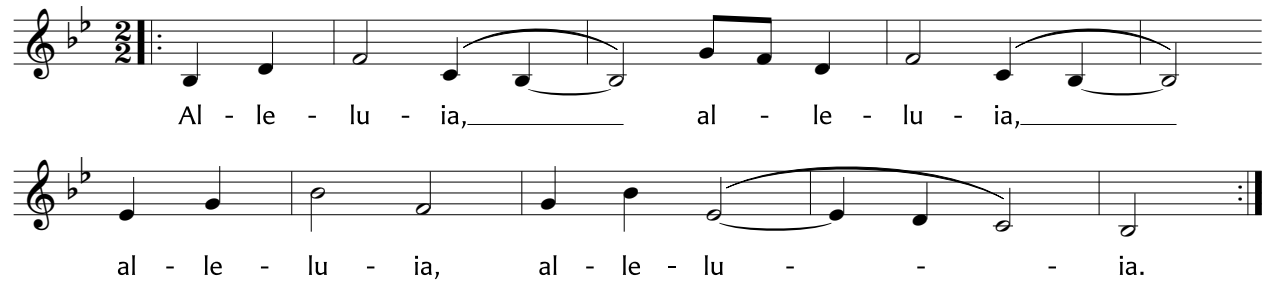
Thank you for joining us today.

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.

Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Opening Song



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *A Repeating Alleluia*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

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 **O God, whose greeting we miss and whose departure we delay: make our hearts burn with insight on our ordinary road; that, as we grasp you in the broken bread, we may also let you go, and return to speak your word of life in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953).
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

Intercessor In rising from the grave, you have raised us, too. Receive all who have died into the glory of heaven, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All **Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!**

Intercessor Easter is good news! Fill us with gladness and thanksgiving for the miracle of your resurrection and for all the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us, as we seek to share our joy with others. Strengthen us, as your Church, to proclaim faith in the midst of doubt and hope in the midst of despair.

All **Risen Christ, hear our prayer, alleluia!**

Presider Elusive God, companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unawares. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision, that, with wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news.

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!*

✚ *St. Bart's relies upon the generosity of the living to sustain its vibrant ministry. Whether you are a member or a visitor, your support makes a real difference to our community. To contribute, visit stbarts.org/give, scan the adjacent QR code, or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. We are grateful 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 Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Music: Communion Service, Op. 71, William Mathias (1934-1992).

Presider Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all God's children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey his command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage, in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all God's people living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end.

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 Be known to us, O Jesus,
People **in the breaking of the bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Bread of the Life and the Cup of Salvation: whoever eats this bread and drinks of this cup will live forever.

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 **Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 662

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847).
 Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Dismissal

Presider Go with faith in the resurrected Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Service Participants

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Lector David Howard

Altar Guild Megan Krasney

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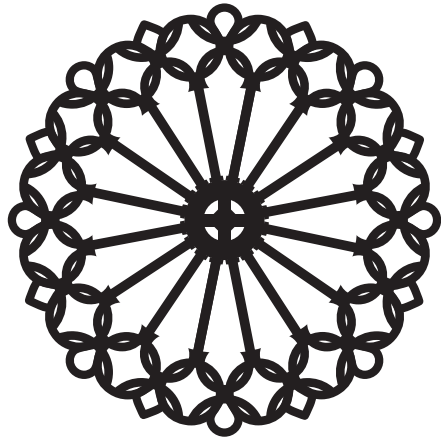
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We continue to hold in our prayers

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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
- ✦ **St. Tabitha's Guild**
12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, IN THE VESTRY ROOM



April 26, 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- ✦ **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**
Dispatch from London
The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St. James's Piccadilly, shares exciting news from our linked parish in London and reflects on the new Archbishop of Canterbury and other recent developments in the Church of England.



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.

Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community

**SUNDAYS 12:30 PM IN PERSON
WEDNESDAYS 7 PM ON ZOOM**

It's not too late to join our ongoing Pathfinders course for those new to St. Bart's, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith. Those who join now will be eligible to be baptized and officially confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at our annual bishop's visitation on May 17. Register at stbarts.org/pathfinders.

Faith and Film

MONDAYS, APRIL 13-MAY 18 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM

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: *Wake Up, Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery* (2025). Learn more at stbarts.org/faithandfilm.

St. Bart's Players Auditions

APRIL 21 AND 22 AT 7 PM

The St. Bart's Players is announcing auditions for its upcoming production of *Almost, Maine* by John Ciani. More information at stbartsplayers.org.

Get Your Game On

MONDAY, MAY 4 AT 7 PM IN ROOM 33

Back by popular demand! Please join the St. Bart's Players for a night of games and competitive fun. Whether you're a strategy mastermind or just looking to blow off some steam, we've got a seat for you. Featuring Jackbox, classic board games and more! All are welcome! RSVP by April 26 to Reese Klemm at reeseklemm@gmail.com.

St. Bartholomew's Choir in Concert

TUESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:30 PM

Stepping out from behind the choir stalls, St. Bartholomew's professional choir presents an evening of beloved concert repertoire: Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Francis Poulenc's *Gloria*, and music of Samuel Barber. The choir is joined by organist Alexander Pattavina, harpist Frances Duffy and percussionist Maya Gunji, under the direction of Paolo Bordignon. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

People of the Book (Swap): The Future is Peace

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 6-8 PM
AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE PAVILION**

Join our friends at Central Synagogue for a book swap and keynote conversation with Maoz Inon and Aziz Abu Sarah, co-authors of the forthcoming *The Future Is Peace: A Shared Journey Across the Holy Land*. Both Inon and Sarah are peace activists who have lost family in the conflict and have chosen to come together to embark on a journey through Israel, Palestine, and beyond in search of unity and mutual humanity. Guests are expected to contribute a book (or two, or three!) for the book swap. Learn more and register at stbarts.org/bookswap.

Pilgrims and Pathfinders Retreat

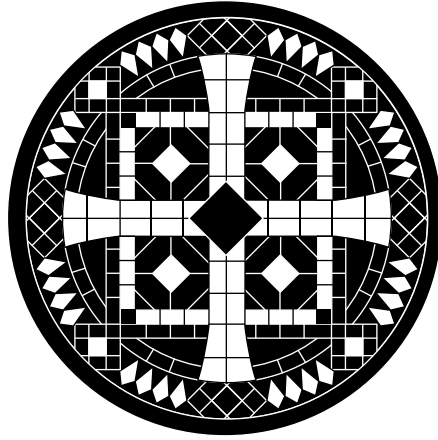
**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 6 PM-8 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 9 AM - 4 PM**

This retreat is offers a chance to enjoy a weekend on campus connecting with St. Bart's community and growing together in faith. The retreat is open to all, and we especially hope that our virtual members, Easter pilgrims, and Pathfinders Class participants will attend. Together, we'll break bread, gather for discussion panels, and worship. Offerings include a guided tour of the church, organ demonstration, and a festive reception with St. Bart's clergy. This year's guest facilitator is Sister Monica Clare, Episcopal priest, nun, author of the recent memoir, *A Change of Habit*, and TikTok sensation through her channel [@nunsenseforthepeople](https://www.instagram.com/nunsenseforthepeople). She is the superior at the Community of St. John the Baptist in Mendham, NJ. The suggested donation is \$50. Register at stbarts.org/pilgrimsandpathfinders.

Law Day Evensong & St. Ives Guild Dinner

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 4 PM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE (1047 AMSTERDAM AVENUE)

Bishop Matthew F. Heyd leads the evensong service to celebrate Law Day and the work of attorneys. After a post-service reception, members of the St. Ives Guild, their guests, and anyone interested in attending are invited to V & T Pizzeria (1024 Amsterdam Avenue) for conversation over pizza, salad, and nonalcoholic drinks. (Alcoholic drinks are available for an additional cost.) Cost is \$35 per person; Preregistration is requested by Friday, May 15 at stbarts.org/lawday.



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