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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

May 3, 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.

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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 **Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 51



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (1923-2019), alt.
Music: Decatur Place, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003).

The Holy Gospel John 14:1-14

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

Presider Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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 Peter D. Thompson, Vicar and Interim Rector

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

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: from *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



1. Christ be my lead - er by night and by day;
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
dark - ness, nor doubt - ing, nor sin and its strain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024).
Music: *Slane*, traditional Irish melody.

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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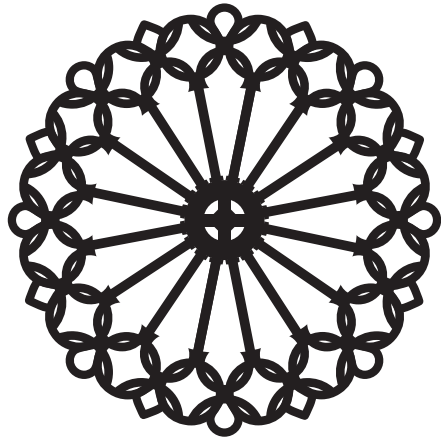
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We continue to hold in our prayers

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- ✦ **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



May 10, 2026 The Sixth 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).
- ✦ **MOTHER'S DAY AT ST. BART'S**
On May 10 we'll have carnations (courtesy of Superior Florist) to distribute to mothers and mother figures. Bring your mom, grandmother, aunt or favorite mother figure to church next Sunday!
- ✦ **THE FORUM AT 10 AM**
On Mindful Democracy
As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Jeremy David Engels of Penn State University draws on the teachings of mindfulness to respond to the current political moment.



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 THROUGH 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 VIA 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. 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. 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 Michael Hey, pianist Patrick Kreeger, harpist Frances Duffy and percussionist Maya Gunji, under the direction of Paolo Bordignon. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

Saturday Mornings @ St. Bart's

MAY 9-JUNE 27, 10-11 AM VIA ZOOM

Our next book to discuss on Saturday mornings will be Hanna Reichel's *For Such A Time As This: An Emergency Devotional*. A limited number of copies of the book are available at St. Bart's Bookstore. Learn more at stbarts.org/saturdaymornings.

St. Bart's Players Membership Event

MONDAY, MAY 11, 7-9 PM, ST. BART'S COMMUNITY HOUSE

At the St. Bart's Players, we are nothing without our community. Whether you've been with us for a long time or are seeking to join our group, this event is for you. It's a great way to learn more about us, meet fellow Players and have a fun evening with friends who share common interests. There will be light refreshments, and you are welcome to sing your favorite songs, accompanied by the wonderful Ian Scaduto on piano. RSVP by May 7: Tracey Altman at traceyaltman@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

FRI, MAY 15, 6 PM-8 PM • SAT, MAY 16, 9 AM-4 PM

This retreat offers a chance to enjoy a weekend on campus connecting with St. Bart's community and growing together in faith. 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. The suggested donation is \$50. Register at stbarts.org/pilgrimsandpathfinders.

Rites of Christian Initiation

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 11 AM

The Rites of Confirmation and Reception will be offered at the 11 am Choral Eucharist on May 17, during the visitation of the Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York. These rites are open to baptized adults who wish to publicly affirm their faith and formally join the Episcopal Church. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Reverend Zack Nyein at znyein@stbarts.org.

Law Day Evensong & Dinner

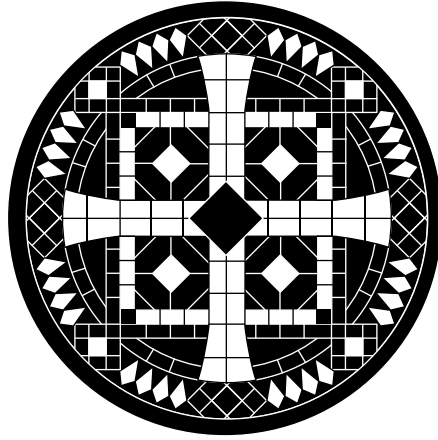
SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 4 PM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE (1047 AMSTERDAM AVENUE)

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.

Imagine Worship at St. Bart's

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Pray your way into the weekend with Imagine Worship at St. Bart's. This joyful, relaxed, and intimate service of Holy Eucharist features original contemporary music and a warm community atmosphere. Come early to rehearse with the pickup choir at 6 pm, and stay afterward for food and fellowship. All are welcome!



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