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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

May 17, 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 **O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Acts 1:6-14

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 221



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, — by
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne — thou
3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, — as
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, — all



thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while



death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with



vic - to - ry.
man - i - ty.
ter - ni - ty.
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Medieval Latin; sts. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885).
Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947).

The Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

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

Deacon Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ∴ We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today. Please visit stbarts.org/hello to let us know who you are!
- ∴ 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

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, written in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The second staff continues with a whole rest, a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The third staff has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The fourth staff has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The fifth staff has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are: "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 778 from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955).

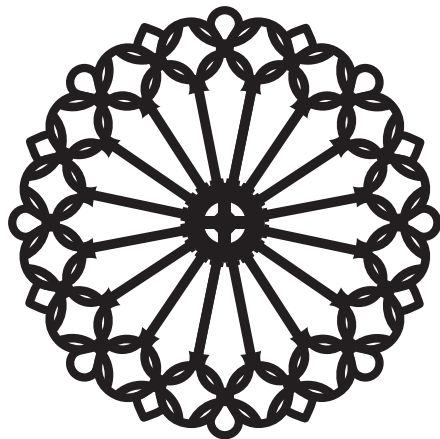
Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude



Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank

Lector Jonathan Payne

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey

Usher Vivian Roston

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

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We continue to hold in our prayers

Frank, Lynn, Anne, Christopher, Hernan, Patricia, Lawrence, Ken, Susan, Lillian, Philip, Lauren

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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
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, IN THE VESTRY ROOM



The Mosaic Society at St. Bart's

Since 1997, the Mosaic Society has honored those who have included St. Bart's in their estate plans. As we update our records and prepare for the Mosaic Society's annual celebration, we encourage those who have included St. Bart's in their long-term plans, but who may not be sure that we have record of them, to update us on their intentions. Please reach out to Susannah Wade Lewis at swadelewis@stbarts.org or 212-378-0278. We are grateful for your assistance.



Sunday, May 24, 2026 The Day of Pentecost

- ✦ **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**
The Anglican Communion & International Development
Robert W. Radtke, President & CEO of Episcopal Relief & Development, discusses the international nature of the Anglican Communion and the role the Communion plays in improving living conditions around the world.



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.

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

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.

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.

The Pentecost Story

SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT OUR 9 AM AND 11 AM SERVICES

Do you read or speak a language other than English? Can you do that in our Pentecost services? On Sunday, May 24 at our 9 am and 11 am services, we ask all who can to stand at their seat and read Acts 2:5–11 in a different language at the same time the lesson is read in English. Hearing all the languages at one time gives a powerful sense of that first Pentecost. Bring your own translation, print our translation packet from stbarts.org/pentecost, or pick up a copy from an usher at the Park Avenue doors as you enter the church. All languages, all readers welcome!

Blessing of the Pride Flag

SUNDAY, MAY 31, FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE

Following the final hymn of the 11 am service on May 31, all are invited to mark the beginning of Pride Month by gathering on the church steps for the Blessing of the Pride Flag.

Pizza & Postcarding to Protect Sensitive Locations

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 AT 6 PM IN ROOM 33

Join St. Bart's and the Interfaith Center of New York on Tuesday, June 2, from 6 to 8 pm for an evening of postcard writing, pizza, and conversation in support of the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (H.R. 1061 / S. 455). This federal legislation would prohibit immigration enforcement activities at places of worship, schools, hospitals, courthouses, and other sensitive locations. The evening will include a presentation from Eugene Nam, Chief Counsel & Head of Immigrant Rights at the Interfaith Center of New York. Learn more and register at stbarts.org/postcardingparty.

America at 250—Faith and Freedom: An Interfaith Study with Central Synagogue

TUESDAYS AT 6 PM IN PERSON

JUNE 9, 16 AT ST. BART'S

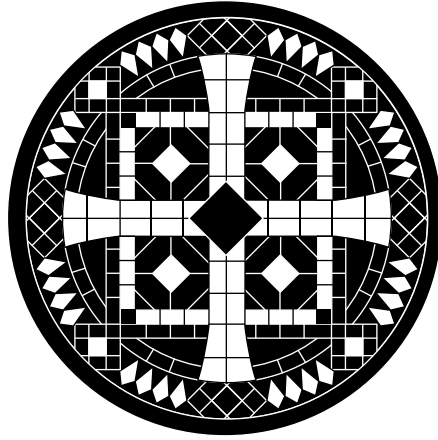
JUNE 23, 30 AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

250 years ago, our country was founded on the principles of freedom, such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly. Maintaining that freedom—for all our citizens—is a great, shared responsibility. Join the Reverend Meredith Ward and Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue for an engaging interfaith study on the themes of freedom and the responsibilities we hold, from the perspectives of our different faith traditions. Please register at stbarts.org/faithandfreedom.

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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