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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
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The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost:
Pride Sunday

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

June 28, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022



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 chant.

Chant

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 **Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation, your mercy is always abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that having heard your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Romans 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey,

either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).
 Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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 Meredith E. Ward, Senior Associate Rector

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, in your kindness, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and for the whole world.

We pray, O God, for the Church: for this parish, for our Diocese, and for Christians of every kind in every place. May we grow in faith as we work for your kingdom and joyfully spread your good news.

People



Intercessor We pray, O God, for our nation and our city, and for all the nations and cities of the earth. Save us from the storms of hate and division; end our doubts and our fears; soothe us with harmony and peace.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for the poor, the sick, and all who plead for healing and relief, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May they obtain the wellness they seek.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

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

The people may offer their own petitions.

In the gentle comfort of your embrace, may they find rest for their souls.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We praise you, O God, for the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May we always give thanks for every treasure, and, above all, for the Treasure that is you.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Presider Welcoming God, giving space for creation to return your love: make us apostles of the open table, a place of hospitality to challenge the world with the gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, who offered himself to us.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider We pray to God also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People For failing to love others as you have loved us: God of grace,
forgive us.

Presider For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**

Presider For plundering the earth and abusing the planet: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**

Presider For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**

Presider For losing heart and abandoning hope: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**

Presider For all the ways we turn from you: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**

Presider We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**

Presider My friends, hear this good news: through Christ, God has put away your sin. God forgives you: forgive others; forgive yourself.
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 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 God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — God of pow'r and might,



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed is — the One who comes in the name of the Lord. —



Ho - san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody.

Presider God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry, our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, 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 May Christ, the broken bread, mend our wounded world.

People **May Christ, the outpoured cup, heal our hurting souls.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Holy Food for Holy People: here at this table, all are fed; here at this table, God's reign comes.

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 **Gracious God, you have welcomed us to this table and nourished us with your love in bread and wine. May this food strengthen us to embrace all people as your children and empower us to bring wholeness and hope to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ 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 609

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

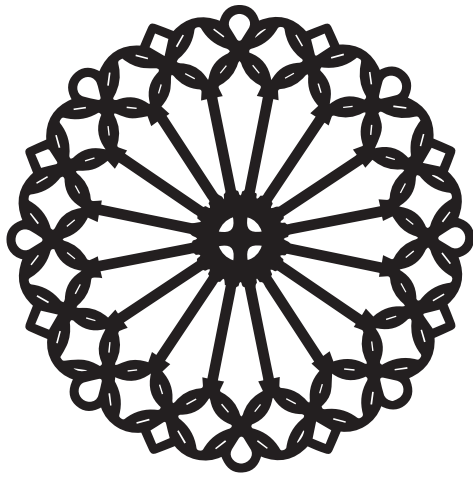
Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.
Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853).

The Dismissal

Presider
People

Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lector David Carson

Altar Guild Megan Krasney

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We continue to hold in our prayers

Lynn, Jose, Rebekah, Elizabeth, Berky, Antonio, Paraskevoula, Jose, Grace, Paul, William, Philip, Daranee, Melody, Nicole, Andrew, Davien, Shellie, Nyaisha, Makenna, Valeria

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

✦ Annual Pride Cookout and March

12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE

Join us on the Great Terrace for a festive celebration of Pride! At 2 pm, those registered will head out to meet our friends from across the Episcopal Diocese of New York to join the Pride march.

✦ Peace Book Club

1:30 PM VIA ZOOM

✦ Living Christ Sangha

3 PM VIA ZOOM



July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday after 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 Episcopal Church & The American Revolution

The Reverend Peter Thompson discusses the impact of the American Revolution on the development of the Episcopal Church



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.

Pride Sunday at St. Bart's

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Join us for Pride Sunday at St. Bart's as we welcome the Rev. Kelsey Davis, Episcopal priest, former professional soccer player and coach, and co-founder of Christian Athlete Circles, the first national LGBTQ+ affirming organization for Christian athletes. She recently co-authored *The Athlete Devotional: 40 Days of Spiritual Practice*. The Rev. Davis will preach at the 9 am and 11 am services and speak at The Forum at 10 am. Following the 11 am Choral Eucharist, join us on the Great Terrace for a festive Pride cookout. At approximately 2 pm, we will depart together to participate in the NYC Pride March. RSVP at stbarts.org/pridesunday.

Bookstore Sale

St. Bart's Bookstore is having a summer sale! Come by for discounted books, gifts, and jewelry. The Bookstore is open Monday–Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Questions? Contact Kimberly Tellus at ktellus@stbarts.org.

EfM at St. Bart's

Do you want to... Live into your faith more fully? Explore the big, meaning-making questions and seek answers for yourself? Pull the Bible's teaching forward to today? Translate faith into action? Listen and respond to God's call? EfM may be for you. To learn more, download our one page program overview at stbarts.org/efm and/or email Liza Page Nelson (mentorlizapage@gmail.com), a St. Bart's EfM Mentors and Diocesan Coordinator for EfM.

On Mindful Democracy

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 1–29, 7–8 PM VIA ZOOM

Clay Williams of Living Christ Sangha and the Reverend Peter Thompson lead discussion on Jeremy David Engels' book *On Mindful Democracy* about how mindfulness can inform the current political moment. Register at stbarts.org/mindfuldemocracy.

Living Christ Sangha Special Talk

**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026, 3-5 PM, ROOM 32
IN THE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

"In the Footsteps of the Buddha and Thich Nhat Hanh." Dharma Teacher Shantum Seth will discuss the spiritual aspects of pilgrimage based on tours he leads of famous Buddhist sites in India and Asia. He will also discuss his experiences studying and traveling with Thich Nhat Hanh, and he will offer a Q&A period to conclude his talk. Shantum was ordained by Thich Nhat Hanh in 2001 and has led Buddhist pilgrimages across India and Asia since 1988. He teaches internationally. All are welcome.

Say Goodbye to Canon Stephanie!

SUNDAY, JULY 12–SUNDAY, JULY 19

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, our Canon in Residence, is departing to become the Priest-in-Charge of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, CA. On Sunday, July 12, at our 9 am and 11 am services, she will be preaching her final sermon as a member of the St. Bart's clergy team. On Thursday, July 16 at 7 pm, Canon Stephanie says farewell to Imagine Worship. On Sunday, July 19, Canon Stephanie presides at her final services at 9 am and 11 am. At The Forum, she will also celebrate and reflect on her tenure at St. Bart's. A festive coffee hour follows the 11 am Choral Eucharist.

St. Bart's Summer Social

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 6-8 PM IN ROOM 33

Join other members of the St. Bart's community for a casual gathering in Room 33 and on its terrace in the Community House at St. Bart's. All are welcome! Please register at stbarts.org/summersocial.

FREE Find Your Voice Camp

2 SESSIONS: JULY 20-23 & AUGUST 3-6, 2-5:30 PM

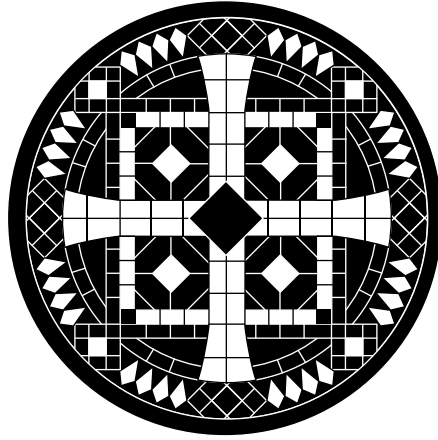
Join us for a four-day exploration of the musical instrument we carry with us every single day: the voice! Children ages 6-12, find your voice this summer at St. Bart's and catch a glimpse of what it's like to be a Chorister at St. Bart's—no musical experience required! Choristers director, Alexander Pattavina teaches musical skills such as ensemble singing and reading music. Take one-on-one voice lessons with expert singers from St. Bartholomew's Choir. Experience the amazing building of St. Bartholomew's Church with a fun scavenger hunt. All sorts of fun and games—both musical and non-musical—as well as arts and crafts. Learn more and register at stbarts.org/summercamps.

FREE Creative Arts Camp

JULY 27-30, 3-5 PM

Join us for an epic adventure! This year's theme is "Compassion Camp!" Through storytelling, art, music, and drama, kids ages 3-11 will learn what it means to be good neighbors and show compassion towards ourselves, our families, our community, and the planet! Children of all faiths and none are welcome to this free and inclusive experience. Space is limited. Register today at stbarts.org/summercamps.





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