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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

July 12, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022



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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.

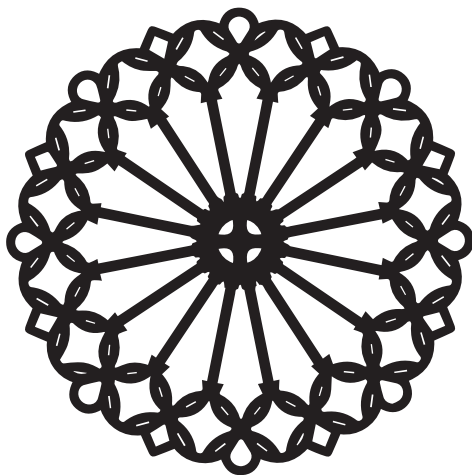
Welcome!

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Thank you for joining us today.

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Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening 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 **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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 302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Presider Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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, Priest-in-Charge

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



In your kind - ness, hear our prayer.

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.

People May we always give thanks for every treasure, and, above all, for the Treasure that is you.
In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Presider Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly.

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

1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,
now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Words: John Cawood (1775-1852), alt.

Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Dismissal

Presider

Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Altar Guild Megan Krasney

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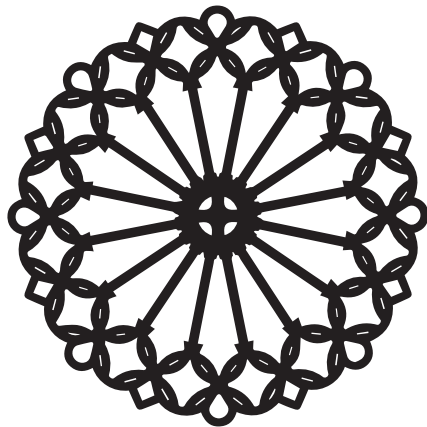
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Nyaisha, Makenna, Valeria, Shelby, Chris, Bosco

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

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- ✧ **Coffee Hour**
12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE
- ✧ **Mini Forum: Grace Wilson**
12:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL
- ✧ **Peace Book Club**
1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM

**NEXT
SUNDAY
AT
ST. BART'S**

**July 19, 2026
The Eighth 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**
Lessons Learned
As she prepares to leave for San Francisco, the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers shares some of the lessons she has learned over her eight years at St. Bart's.

**WEEKDAYS
AT
ST. BART'S**

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.

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.

Celebrating the Ministry of 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.

Mini Forum: Grace Wilson

SUNDAY, JULY 12 AT 12:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Longtime St. Bart's member Grace Wilson shares her reflections on Pride Month and the power of the St. Bart's community.

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 6-11, 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.

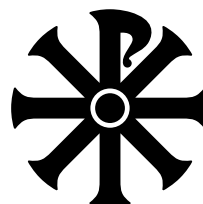
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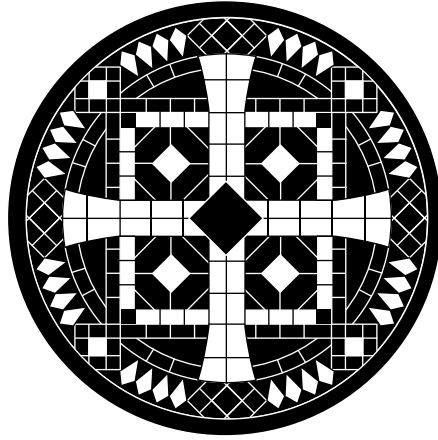
JULY 27-30, 3-5 PM

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.

Now Driving: The USA

Albert DeGrasse, husband of the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, has begun his year-long tour of the United States, spending 365 days playing 365 courses in all 50 states. To learn more, visit nowdrivingtheusa.com.





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