

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

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm
July 19, 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.

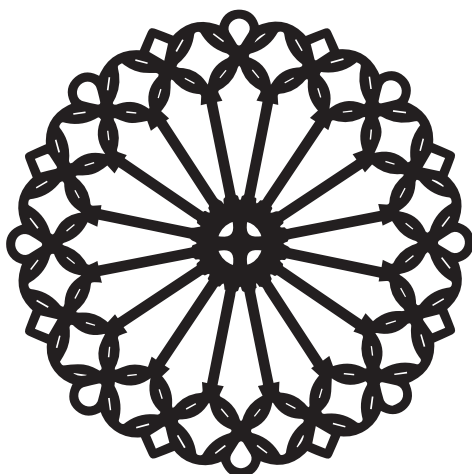
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Thank you for joining us today.

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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 **O God for whom we long as a woman in labor longs for her delivery: give us courage to wait, strength to push, and discernment to know the right time; that we may bring into the world your joyful peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Romans 8:12-25

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 290

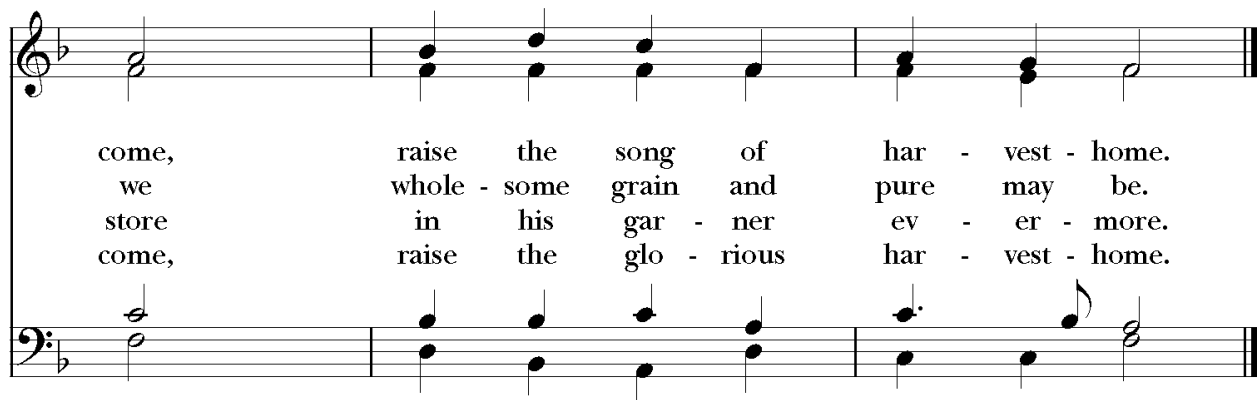


1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,



Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: *St. George's*, Windsor, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Presider Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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 Zack Nyein, Senior Associate Rector and Pastor of Imagine Worship

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.

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 Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified.

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. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears
2. The reign of God can - not be found In
3. The reign of God is like a pearl On
4. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May,
5. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From
6. The reign of God is come in Christ; The

weeds a - long with wheat; The good and bad are
far - off, for - eign land Till in fa - mil - iar
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; From deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.
face and place We find it close at hand.
pre - cious pearl, Go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, The reign of God is here!

Words: Delores Dufner (b. 1939).

Music: McKee, African-American traditional, adapt. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Service Participants

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Chalicer Sarah Bessey

Lector David Howard

Altar Guild Megan Krasney

Usher Akash Lodh

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

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We continue to hold in our prayers

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✧ **Festive Coffee Hour: Celebrating the Ministry of
the Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers**

12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE

✧ **Living Christ Sangha**

3 PM VIA ZOOM

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

**July 26, 2026
The Ninth 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**

Drawing and Christianity in the Art of Willem de Kooning

Dr. Charlotte Healy, St. Bart's parishioner and co-curator of the exhibition *Willem de Kooning Drawing* (currently on view at the Art Institute of Chicago), gives an overview of the exhibition and explores de Kooning's provocative engagement with the sacred.

**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.

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.

A Celebration of the Life of Mary Coit

SATURDAY, JULY 25 AT 11 AM

A memorial service for St. Bart's parishioner Mary Coit will be held at St. Bart's on July 25, 2026 at 11 am. All are welcome to attend.

20s/30s Ice Cream Social

SATURDAY, JULY 25 AT 4 PM IN ROOM 33

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to cool off and catch up over ice cream sundaes. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. Just bring your appetite for dessert and conversation! Newcomers are welcome. Email 20s30s@stbarts.org to RSVP.

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.

St. Bart's Summer Social

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 6-8 PM, 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. All are welcome!

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.

Bookstore Sale

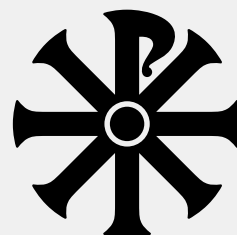
St. Bart's Bookstore is having a summer sale! Come by for \$2 books, gifts, and jewelry. The Bookstore is open Sunday through Friday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

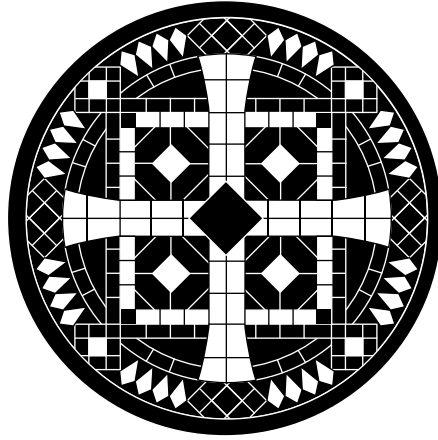
This week: We celebrate Canon Stephanie Spellers' ministry with a 50% off sale on all of her books stocked in the bookstore. Questions? Contact Kimberly Tellus at ktellus@stbarts.org.

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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