SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
St. Francis Sunday

Choral Eucharist and the Blessing of the Animals at 11 am

October 4, 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!

CONNECT WITH US

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.

Tour St. Bart's
Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.

ST. BART'S
KIDS

Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground
A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church. Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants. We encourage you to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

After the second lesson, all children are invited to the chapel for Wonder Church for kids. They will return during the announcements, in time for Holy Communion. A professionally-staffed nursery is available in the Children's Playroom on the basement level. An usher would be glad to guide you. Register for 2026-2027 at **stbarts.org/kids**.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers
St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

Sacramental Participation
All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.

Prelude Song of Sunshine, Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 400



Words: St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 1623.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Kyrie



Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 5:1–7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Music: Anglican chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

The Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b–14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Children in grades K–5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 593



Words: James Quinn (1919-2010), 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 21:33–46

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

Deacon Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon 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

The people remain seated for the invitation to the blessing of the animals.

The Blessing of the Animals

Presider God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

The people are invited to bring their pets (or photos) to be blessed.

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).
Music: Eleanor Daley (b. 1955).

Hymn 405



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895).
Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686.

Hymn



Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931–2020).
Music: *Tenderness*, Colin Gibson (b. 1933).

The people stand.

The Prayer over the Animals

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: Let your blessing be forever upon these and all animals. May our love and care for them reflect your compassion and safekeeping of all creation. Grant them health, peace, and safety, and strengthen us to love and care for them following the good example of Francis of Assisi, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another: hear the prayers we offer, and grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

We pray for our parish, St. Barthlomew's, and for the entire Body of the Church. Merge our personal interests into the community's needs. Mold us into faithful members who work tirelessly for the good of the whole.

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:

People **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of our nation, our state, and our city, and for all who are running for elected office. Guide us in our efforts to be responsible citizens. Remind us also of our responsibilities to you.

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:

People **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer: the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked; the stranger, the prisoner, and the sick; the victims of violence and persecution. We include in our prayers…and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Rouse us from complacency and indifference, that we may attend to their needs.

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:

People **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We pray for the dying and those who have died, including…and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Bring them to that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, neither sorrow nor crying, but the peace that passes all understanding.

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:

People **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We offer thanks for the blessings of our lives, including…and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Teach us to make prudent use of all you have provided. Inspire us to give generously from what we have received.

O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:

People **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Presider God, our beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving rule.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord 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.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

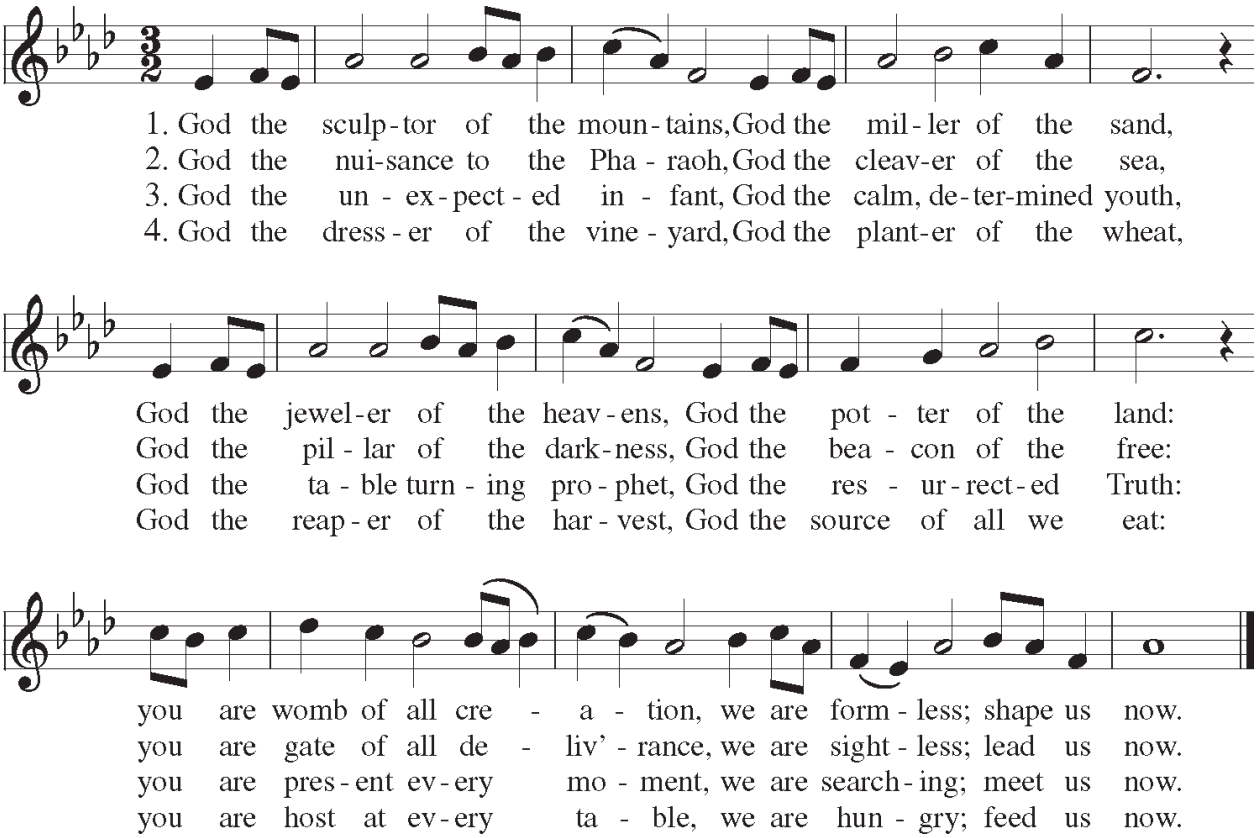
Vinea mea electa,
ego te plantavi:
quomodo conversa
es in amaritudinem,
ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres.
Sepivi te et lapides elegi ex te
et ædificavi turrim.

You are my chosen vine
and by my hand you were planted;
how then have you become bitter?
You crucified me and set Barabbas free.
I guarded you with a hedge,
I removed the stones from around you,
I built a tower to watch over you.

Words: Matin Responsory for Good Friday.
Music: from *Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence*, Francis Poulenc (1899-1963).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 746 from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954).
Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (1934-2012).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

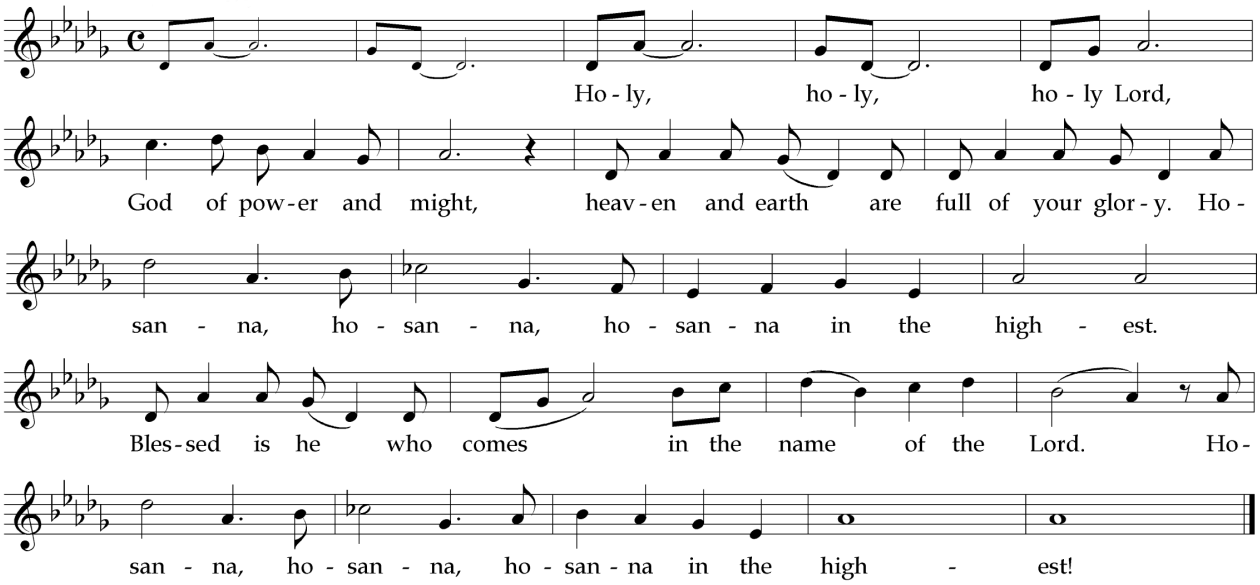
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

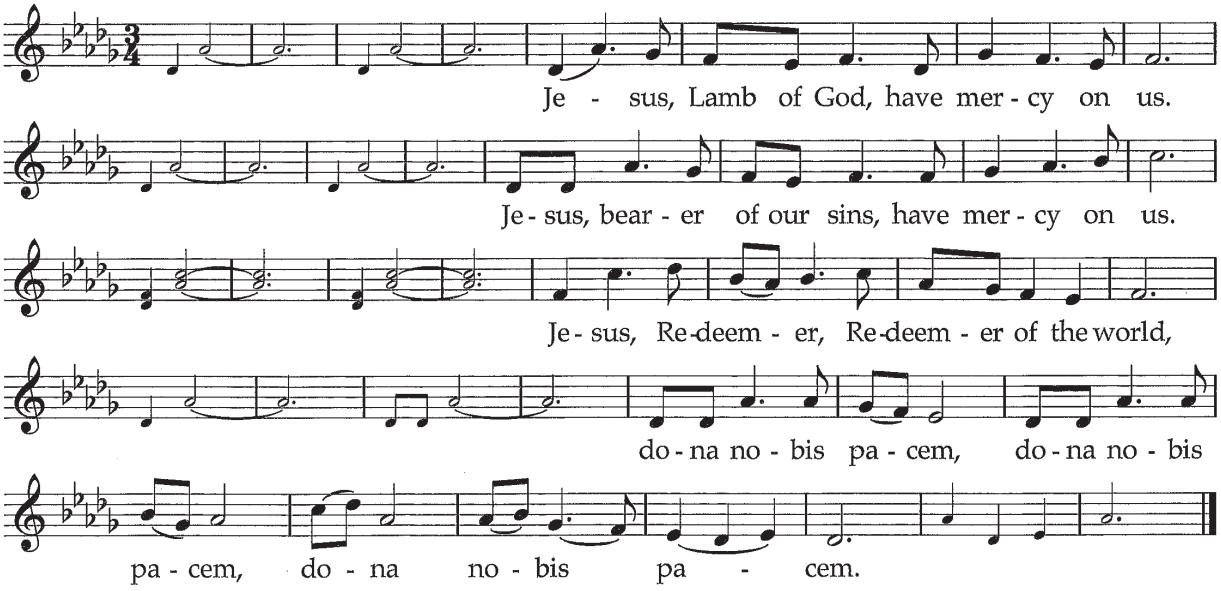
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. You may receive either or both, as you prefer. 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.*

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir



Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633).
Music: from *Five Mystical Songs*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Seigneur, je vous en prie,
que la force brûlante et douce de votre amour
absorbe mon âme
et la retire de tout ce qui est sous le ciel.
Afin que je meure par amour de votre amour
puisque vous avez daigné mourir
par amour de mon amour.

Lord, I pray Thee,
let the burning and gentle force of Thy love
pervade my soul
and withdraw it from all that is beneath Heaven.
That I might die through love of Thy love,
since Thou didst deign to die
through love of my love.

Words: attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226).
Music: from *Quatre petites prières de Saint François d'Assise*, Francis Poulenc (1899-1963).

The people stand.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 598



Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.
Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Allegro, from Organ Concerto in F Major, HWV 295,
"The Cuckoo and the nightingale", George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The flowers on the high altar of the Church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Bentsen Winn by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

Join us immediately after the service for coffee and other refreshments.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank
Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius
Subdeacon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward
Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, The Reverend Zack Nyein

Lectors Henry Johnston, Jovie Roth
Intercessor Mary Anna Smith

Verger Henry Johnston
Crucifers Charlotte Lamb, Tim Martin
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MEET US AFTER CHURCH

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at **stbarts.org/sunday.**

- **Art Farm at Wonder Church**
  DURING THE 11 AM SERVCIE, IN THE CHAPEL
- **Coffee Hour**
  12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
  12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- ***Flood* Documentary Screening**
  1 PM IN THE CHAPEL
- **Living Christ Sangha**
  3 PM VIA ZOOM



Welcome Loriel Merritt

Loriel Merritt has joined St. Bart's as Associate for Community Engagement. In this role, she will help newcomers feel at home at St. Bart's and help connect everyone to the life of the parish. Most recently, Loriel served as Parish Administrator at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family in Park Forest, Illinois. Her background spans communications and community engagement across nonprofit, educational, and religious institutions. Originally from the Chicago area, Loriel is passionate about bringing people together and serving her community. Outside of work, she enjoys creating art, traveling, cooking, and trying new foods. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome! You can reach Loriel at **lmerritt@stbarts.org**.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

October 11, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- **JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM**
  OR 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**
  Eleanor Roosevelt's Nightly Prayer: The Religious Life of the First Lady of the World
  Author Donn Mitchell examines the ways in which Eleanor Roosevelt's faith informed her work and her life.
- **CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITY HOURS**
  9:45 am–12:45 pm: Nursery Care in Children's Playroom
  10 am: Kids' Club for Grades K-5 in Room 33
  10 am: Youth at the Center for Grades 6-12 in Room 32

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.

Art Farm at Wonder Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 11 AM
Wonder Church for Kids will be visited by the New York Art Farm this week in celebration of St. Francis Sunday! Children and families are invited to join us during the sermon at the 11 am Choral Eucharist for a special program with live animals in the chapel.

Screening of Flood

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1–2:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL
Attend a free screening of the recent PBS documentary in which filmmaker Katy Scoggin visits her evangelical father and reconnects with him across many lines of difference. Scoggin will also speak at The Forum at 10 am.

Feels Like Home

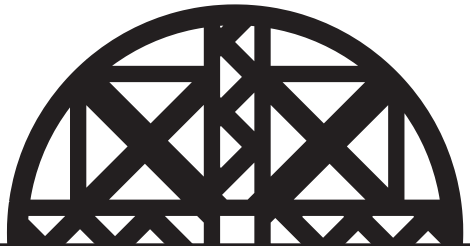
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL
Mezzo-soprano Wendy Gilles joins Parthenia Viol Consort, a modern string quartet, pianist Lana Norris, and guest vocalists for Feels Like Home, an eclectic program that spans more than 400 years, moving from Renaissance masters Byrd and Gibbons to Kate Bush, Joni Mitchell, Randy Newman, The Beatles, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, and others, exploring themes of home, family, and love. Tickets: **mmpaf.org.**

Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 11 AM
The St. Bartholomew's Choir leads a service of Choral Morning Prayer, returning to the Sunday morning liturgy that was most often used in the first 150 years of St. Bart's history. Holy communion will follow.

Faith in Action Team Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
Anyone interested in the intersection of faith and social justice is invited to join the next Faith in Action Team Meeting following the 11 am service. We will be discussing opportunities across the parish, city, and diocese to address current social concerns.



A History of Christianity: From Pentecost to the Reformation

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 22, 1-2:30 PM
Dr. Robin Brooks Ishler offers a sweeping account of the first 1,600 years of Christian history, examining the social, political, and intellectual forces that shaped the development of Christian institutions and the Church's efforts to address the foundational theological questions at its core. In doing so, the course explores the Church's relationship to the state, power, identity, and authority as it surveys the political and religious drama of Late Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the early modern period. Taught in an engaging seminar style, the course encourages discussion, debate, and respectful dialog, with the aim of inviting participants to learn from each other as they reflect upon the Christian past. Register at **stbarts.org/history**.

Newcomer Reception

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 12:30 PM
Anyone new to St. Bart's in the last year is invited to a reception with the clergy. Learn more about the parish and how you can be involved in the life of our vibrant community of faith and belonging. For details and an invitation, please email Loriel Merritt, Associate for Community Engagement, at **lmerritt@stbarts.org**.

Explore Class for Newcomers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1–15 AT 12:30 PM, ROOM 33
WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 4–18 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM
Explore is for anyone new to St. Bart's or The Episcopal Church and interested in learning more. This three-week series provides an overview of Christian belief and practice, through a progressive and open-minded lens. No question is off the table, and all are welcome. A light lunch is offered. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore**.

Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's

SEPTEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 21, 10 AM, VIA ZOOM
Our Saturday morning book group reconvenes to explore the first encyclical of Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* (May 2026). The book is available at the St. Bart's Bookstore. Sign up at **stbarts.org/saturdaymornings.**

Listening Sessions

Join the Rev. Peter Thompson, Priest-in-Charge, for a conversation about St. Bart's and its future. These small-group Listening Sessions, with up to six participants, will take place throughout September and October, with both in-person and virtual options available. Each session will last approximately one hour. Sign up at **stbarts.org/listening.**

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