SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

October 18, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

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**.

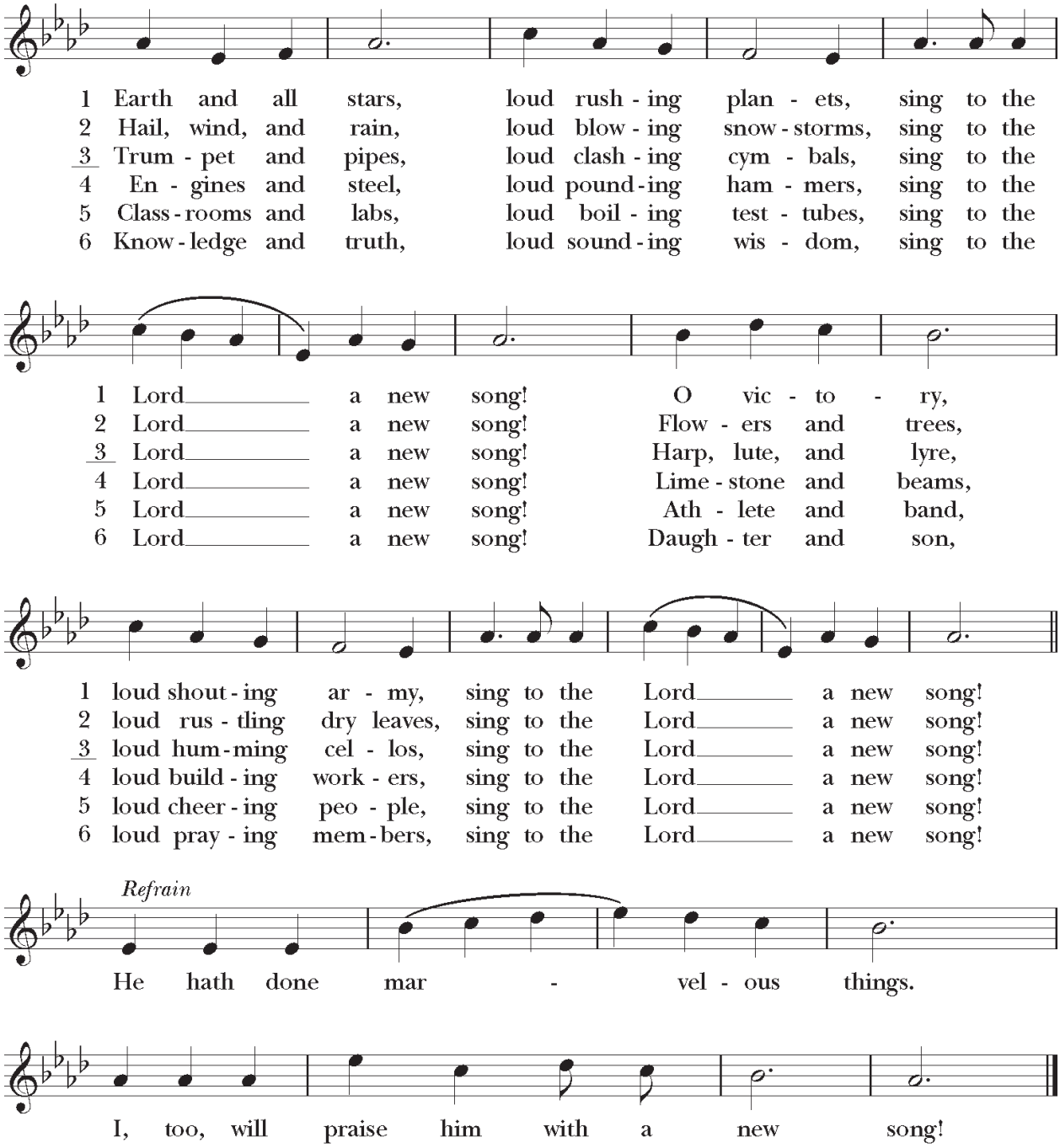
St. Bartholomew's Choristers
St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (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 St. Bride, assisted by angels, Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 412



Words: Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009).
Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (1922-1987).

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.**

Gloria St. Bartholomew's Choir

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A*, Amy Beach (1867-1944).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 45:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Music: Anglican chant by David Hurd (b. 1950).

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

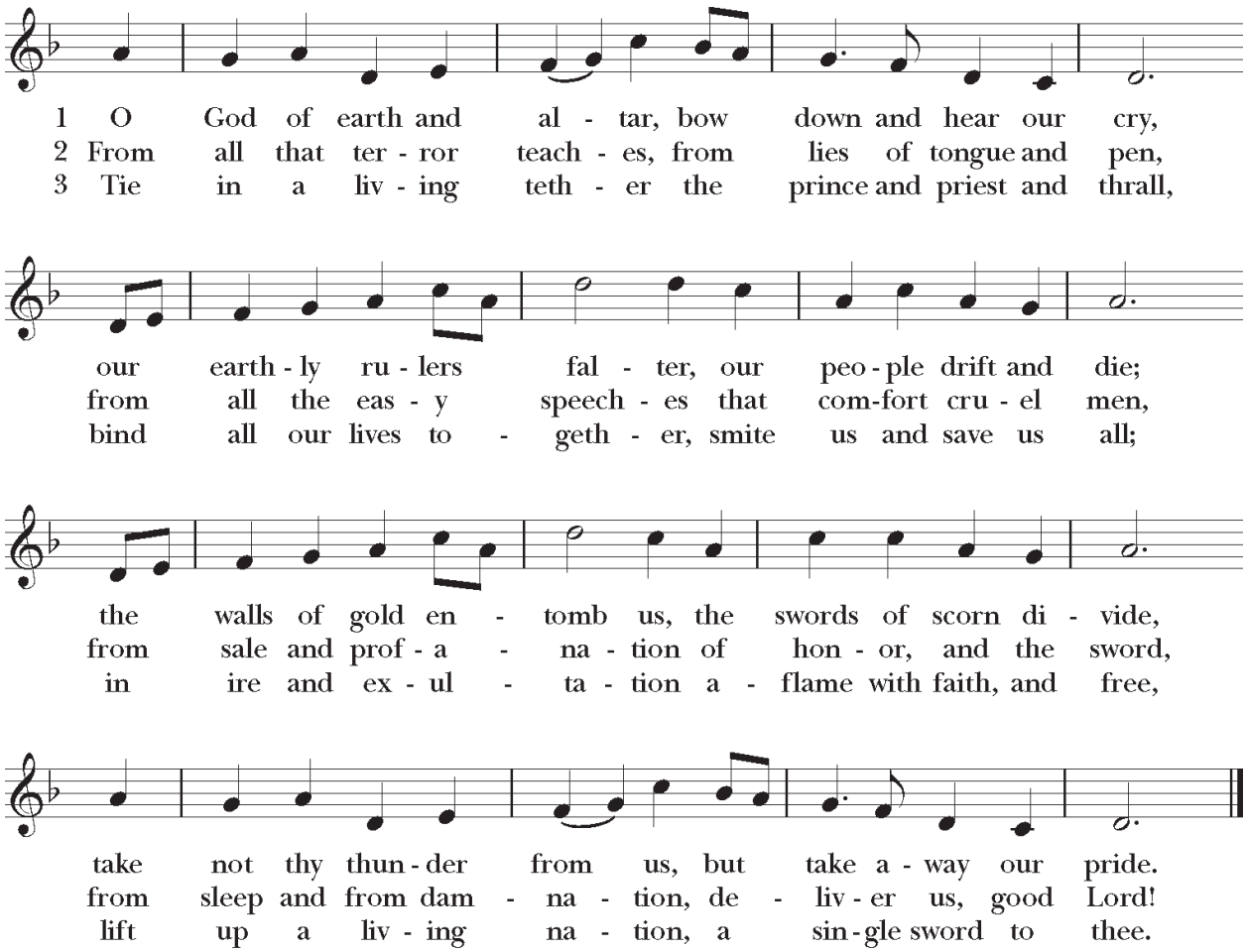
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 591



Words: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936).
Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

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

Deacon The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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. Bartholomew'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 Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

Introducing the 2027 Pledge Campaign: *Meeting This Moment as One*

Rachel Farrar and Vivian Roston, Co-chairs

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.

MEETING THIS MOMENT AS ONE · 2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

We depend on one another, and St. Bart's depends on you! Please make a pledge towards the 2027 pledge campaign, *Meeting This Moment as One*. Pledges made by Sunday, November 8 will be blessed in services on Sunday, November 15 and recognized in service leaflets on that day.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

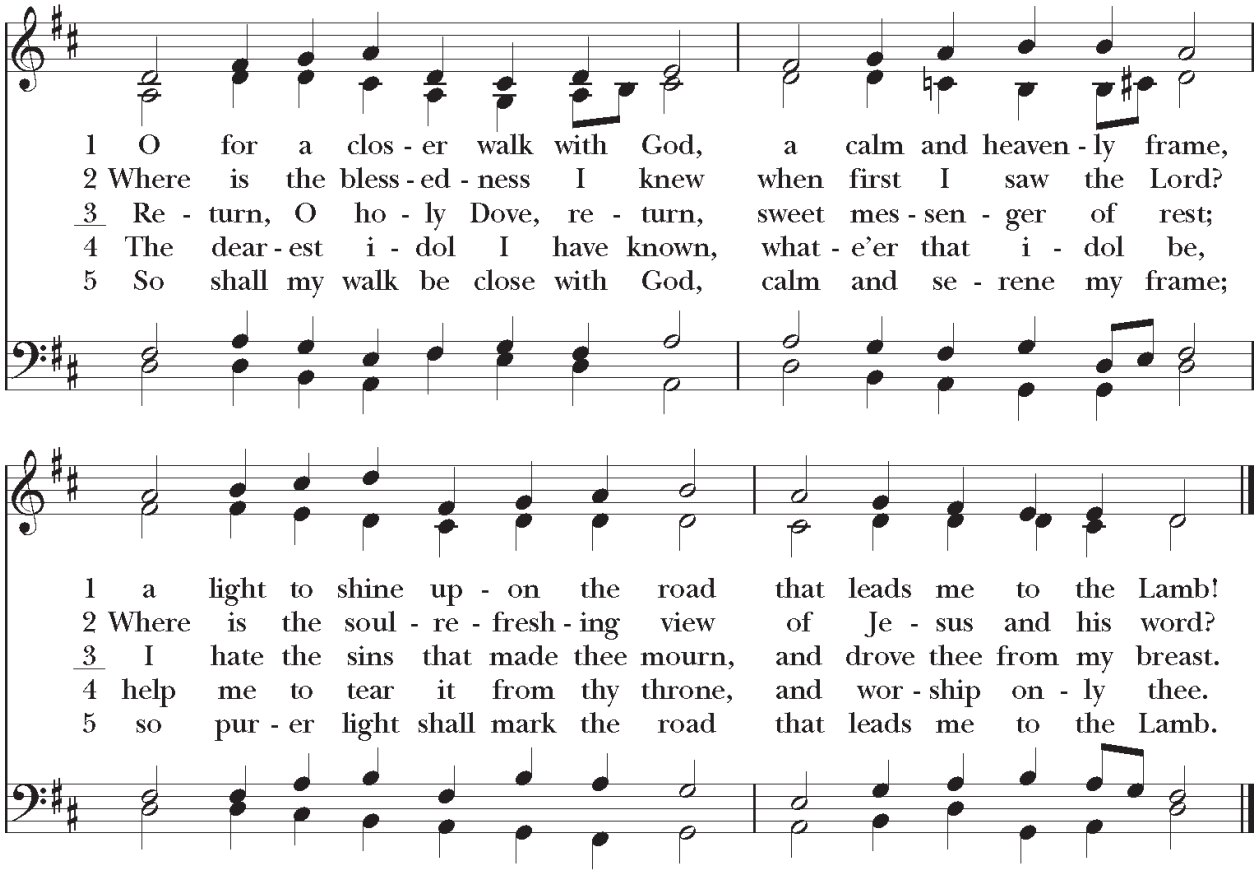
Laetentur caeli, et exultet terra.
Iubilate montes laudem,
quia Dominus noster veniet,
et pauperum suorum miserebitur.
Orietur in diebus tuis
justicia et abundantia paucis,
et pauperum suorum miserebitur.

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad.
Let the mountains offer up praise,
because our Lord will come,
and he will show mercy on his poor.
In your days
let justice and abundance arise for the select,
and he will have mercy on his poor.

Words: Isaiah 49:13 and Psalm 71:7.
Music: William Byrd (1539/40-1623).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 684



Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), alt.
Music: *Caithness*, from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906.

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 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of, hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A*, Amy Beach (1867-1944).

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

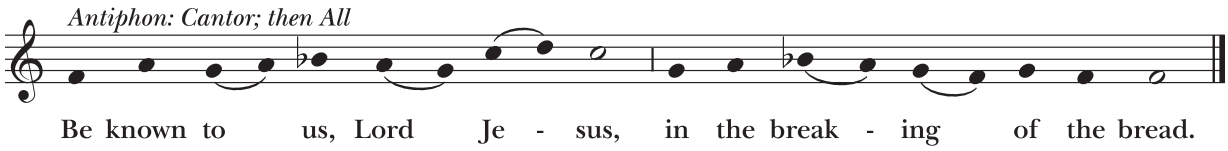
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.*

Anthem



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas,
Quae sub his figuris vere latitas:
Tibi se cor meum totum subiicit
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.

Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur,
Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius:
Nil hoc verbo veritatis verius.

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,
Oro fiat illud quod tam sitio:
Ut te revelata cernens facie,
Visu sim beatus tuae gloriae.
Amen.

I adore you devotedly, hidden God,
you who are truly concealed behind these symbols:
to you my heart entirely subjects itself
for contemplation of you utterly overcomes it.

Sight, touch, taste fail before you,
yet there is faith from a sure voice alone.
I believe whatever spoke the Son of God:
nothing is more true than this word.

Jesus, whom hidden I now discern,
I pray that it be done as I so thirst:
that with face revealed I may see you,
and may be blessed by the sight of your glory.
Amen.

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274).
Music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951).

The people stand.

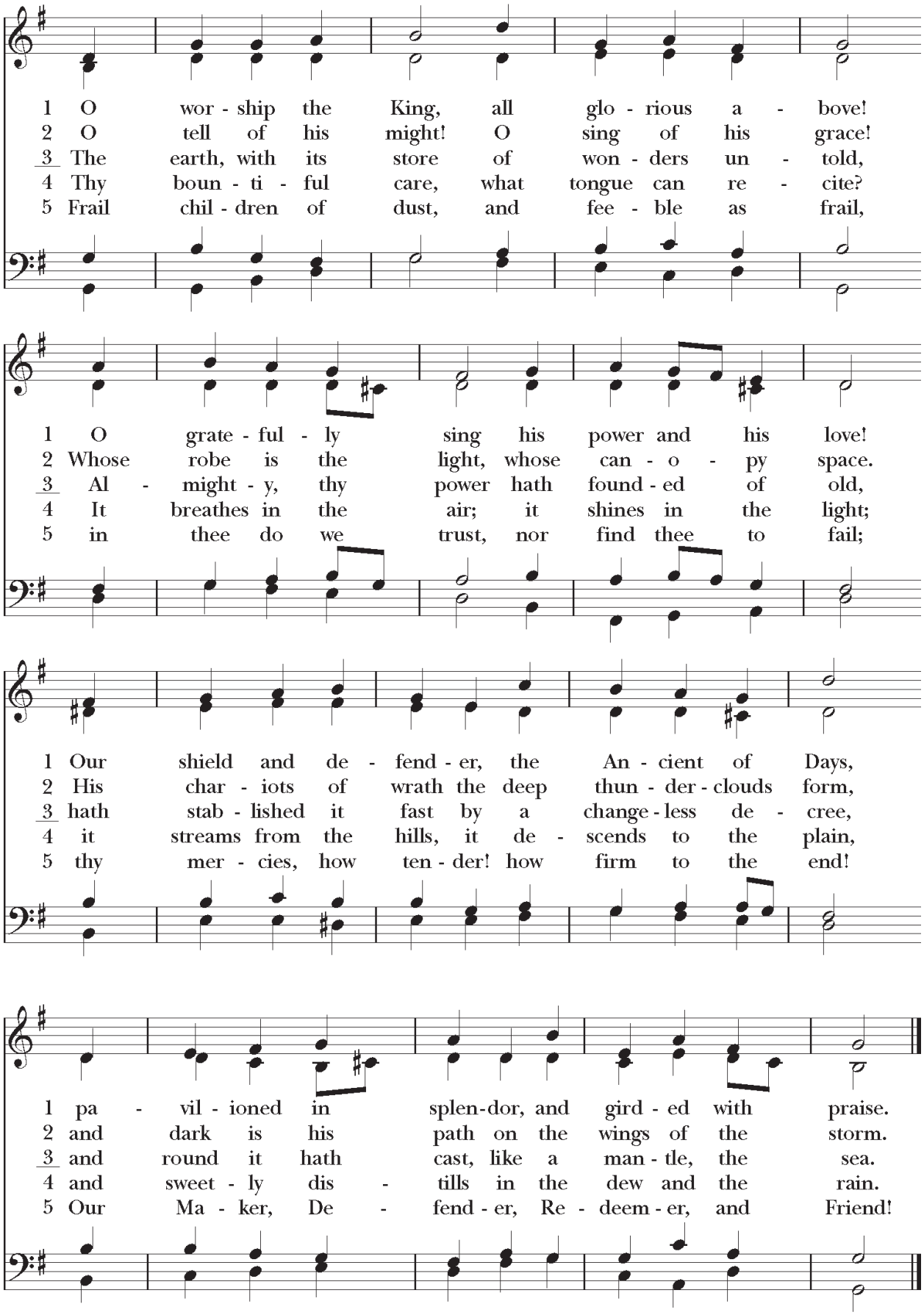
The Prayer After Communion

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 388



Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838).
Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 Zack Nyein
Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Deacon The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank
Subdeacon The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

Lectors Charlotte Lamb, Henry Leopando
Intercessor Mariel Glover

Verger Charlotte Lamb
Crucifers Henry Johnston, Mary Thompson
Acolytes Sarah Bessey, Kate Getzendanner, Sebastian Roche, Mary Scandell
Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Rita De Rosa
Ushers Monica Tanjala, David Hilder, Akash Lodh, Allison May, Katy Nelson, Elaine Olaoye, Bill Rowe, Becky Smith, Dave Smith, Paul Tollefson, Wil Yates

St. Bartholomew's Choir
St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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We continue to hold in our prayers
Alessandra, Gary, Rejini, Abe, James, Daria, Ann, Joshua, Sharnice, Deepa, Brenna

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MEET US AFTER CHURCH

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

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

- **Coffee Hour**
  12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- **Open House New York**
  DOCENT-LED TOURS AT 12:30, 2, & 3 PM
- **Faith in Action Team Meeting**
  12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- **St. Tabitha's Guild**
  12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- **A History of Christianity: From Pentecost to the Reformation**
  1 PM IN ROOM 33
- **Living Christ Sangha**
  3 PM VIA ZOOM

MEETING THIS MOMENT AS ONE · 2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The 2027 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's

The 2027 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's, "Meeting This Moment as One," launches today! We are so pleased to announce Pledge Campaign Co-Chairs, Rachel Farrar and Vivian Roston. Please make your pledge online at **stbarts.org/pledge2027**.

Members of the St. Barnabas Guild, an outreach program encouraging personal communication between parishioners about their lives at St. Bart's, will be available for conversations with any interested parishioners during the campaign. To connect with a guild member (in person, via Zoom, or by phone), please contact Susannah Lewis at **swadelewis@stbarts.org**. Celebration Sunday for the 2027 Pledge Campaign is Sunday, November 15.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

October 25, 2026

The Twenty-Second 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**
  From Kanuga to Federal Plaza:
  A Year of Reporting on the Life and Witness of the Episcopal Church
  Caleb Maglaya Galaraga, St. Bart's parishioner and a reporter for The Living Church, shares his unique perspective as a journalist who covers The Episcopal Church.
- **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.

Faith in Action Team Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 12:30 PM, 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 15, 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**.

A Choral Feast: Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's *Mass in C*, Op. 169

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 11 AM

Services designated A Choral Feast celebrate a composer, theme, or major choral work and offer the opportunity to engage with larger-scale sacred choral repertoire in its original context of worship. Next Sunday at 11 am, St. Bartholomew's Choir offers Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's *Mass in C*, Op. 169 with chamber orchestra and organ.

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**.

The St. Bart's Players premieres *Bright Star*

OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 1, AT THE Y THEATRE (14 ST.)

Steve Martin and Edie Brickell's *Bright Star* is a sweeping, deeply emotional tale of love, redemption, and hope set against the rich backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The story follows literary editor Alice Murphy and a young soldier just home from World War II. Propelled by an intoxicating, Grammy-nominated bluegrass and folk score, this uplifting journey proves that the truth always has a way of finding its light. Tickets and information: **stbartsplayers.org**.

Youth Nightwatch at the Cathedral

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Nightwatch is an evening spent in the world's largest Gothic Cathedral immersed in a faith-based program to deepen your spiritual connection with God. During the evening, we experience community building, workshops, exploration of the Cathedral through interactive activities, candlelight meditation, music, writing, and a labyrinth walk. Participants stay overnight sleeping in the undercroft of the Cathedral. Sign up to attend with St. Bart's Youth at the Center at **stbarts.org/youthnightwatch**.

Explore Class for Newcomers

SUNDAYS, 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.**

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The Vestry of St. Bart's

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Kari Parks, Robert Radtke, Robert Sweeney, Mary Kate Wold

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