SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Celebration Sunday

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

November 15, 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**.
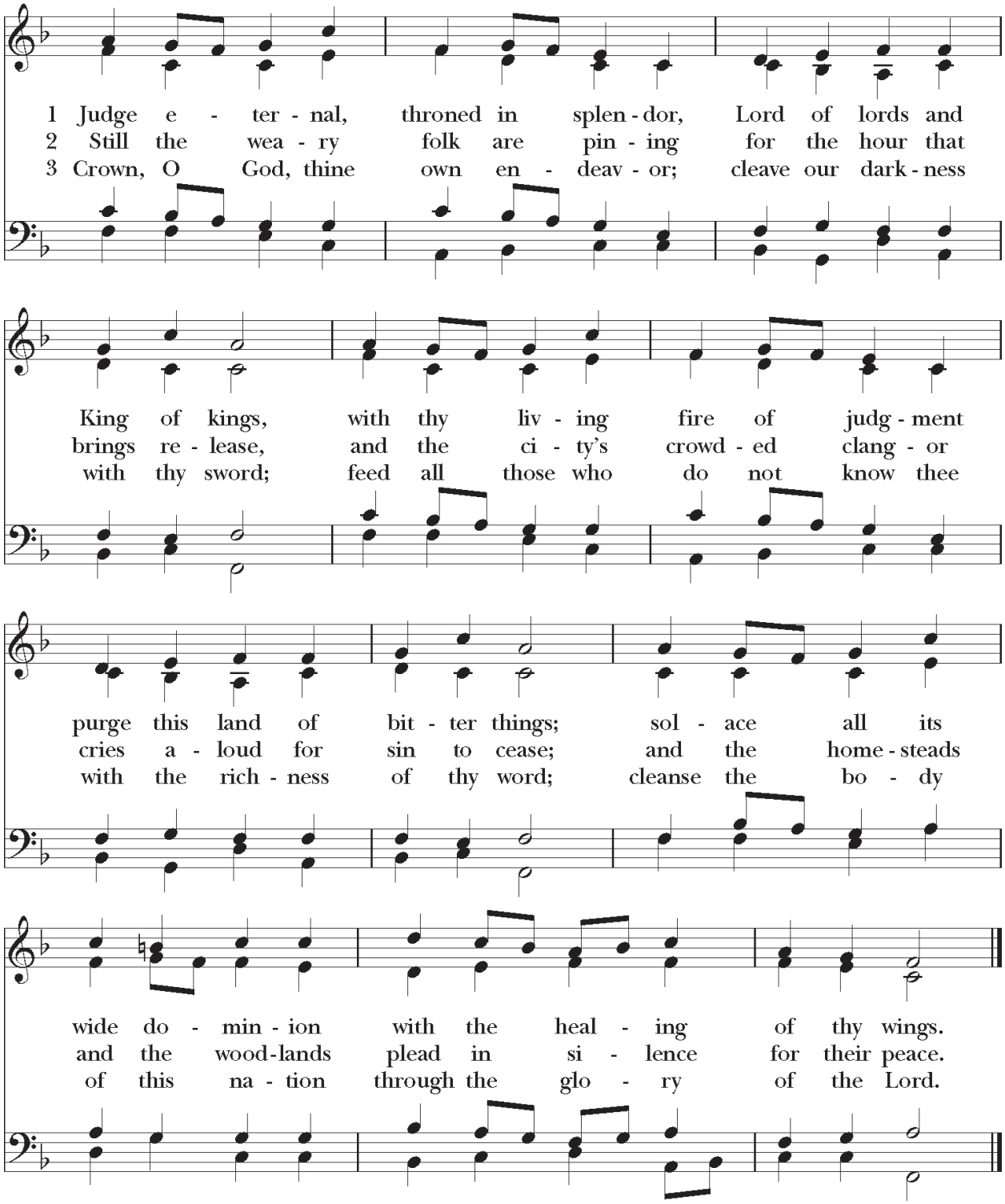
St. Bartholomew's Choristers
St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (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 Dolcezza (Three Quiet Pieces), Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 596



Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.
Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gotteligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693.
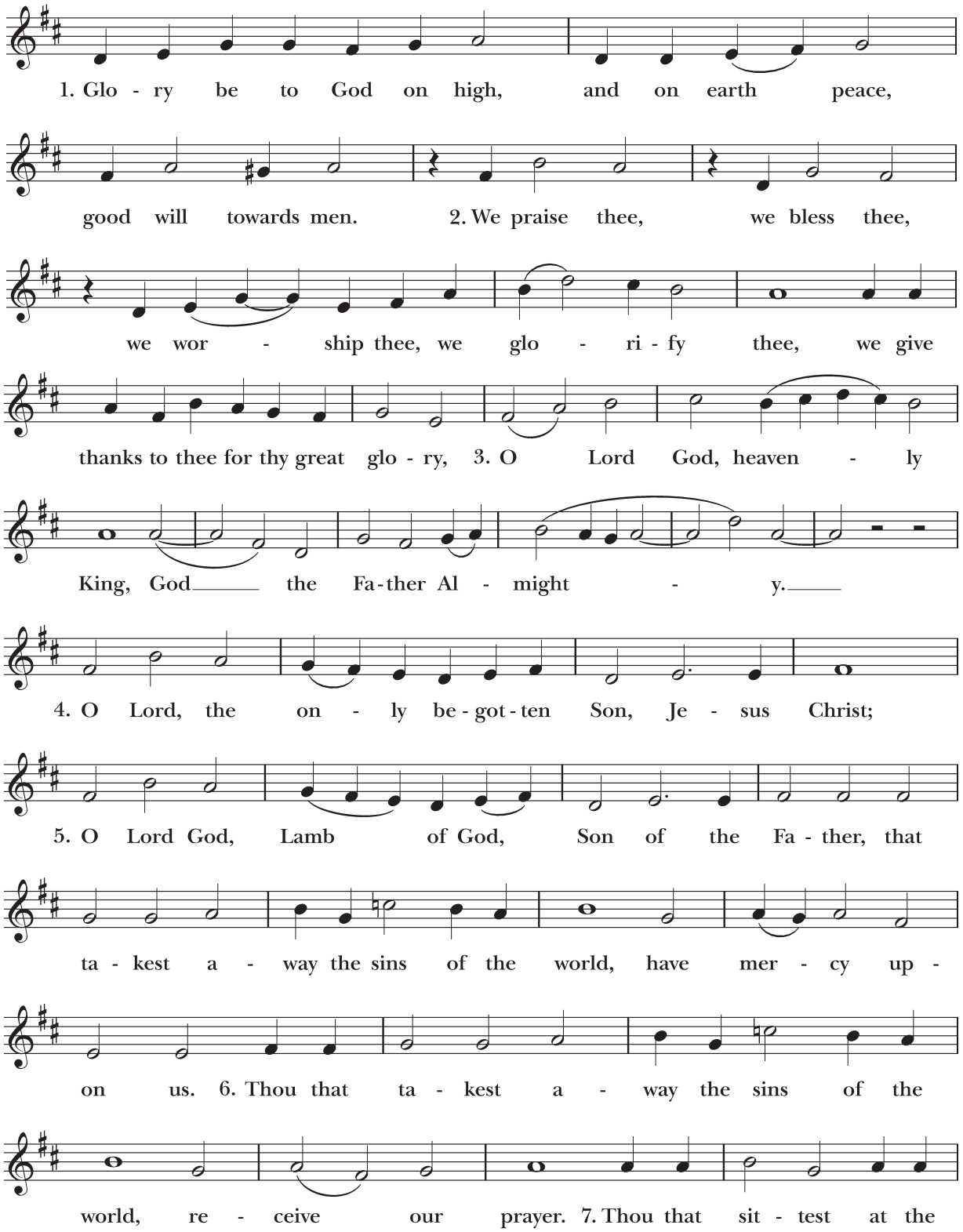
The Opening Acclamation

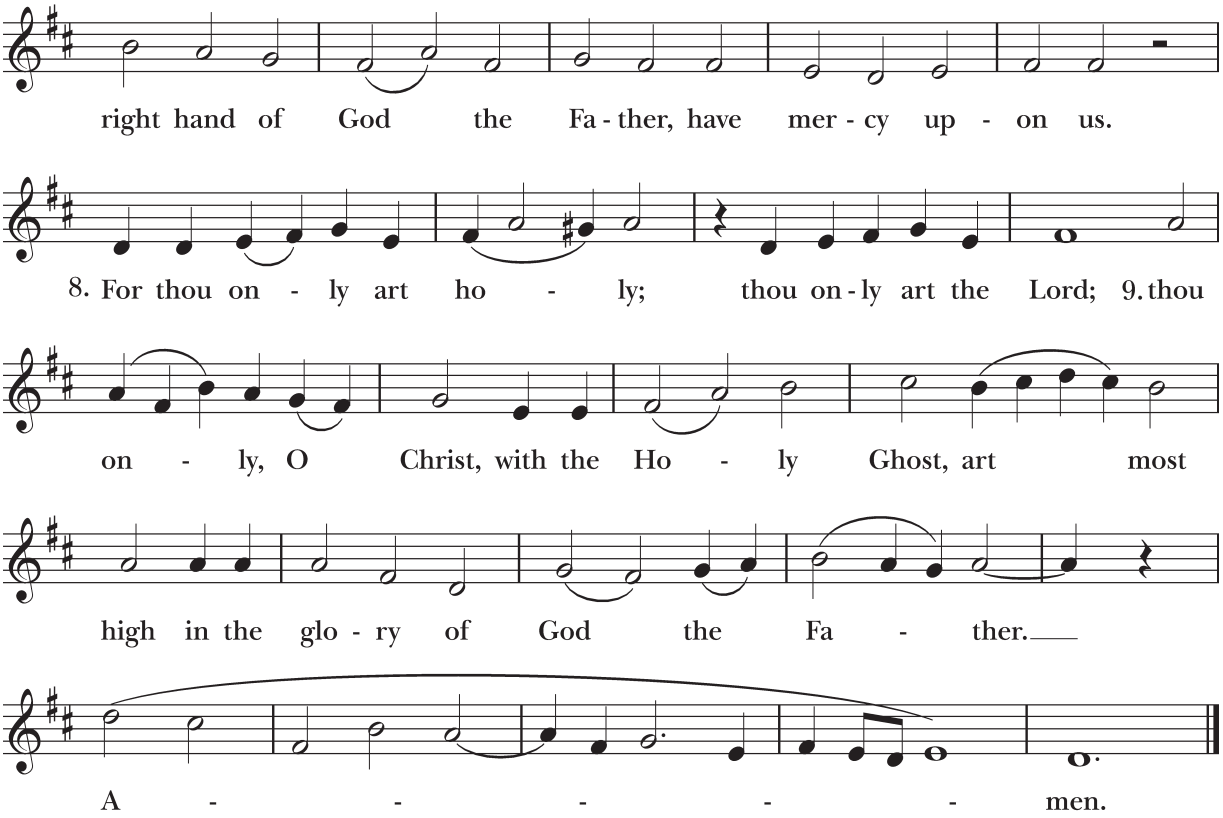
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 in excelsis





Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Presider Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Lord, thou hast been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made,
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction;
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
and as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep;
and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up;
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure,
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee;
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Music: Anglican chant by John Bertalot (1931-2026).

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.
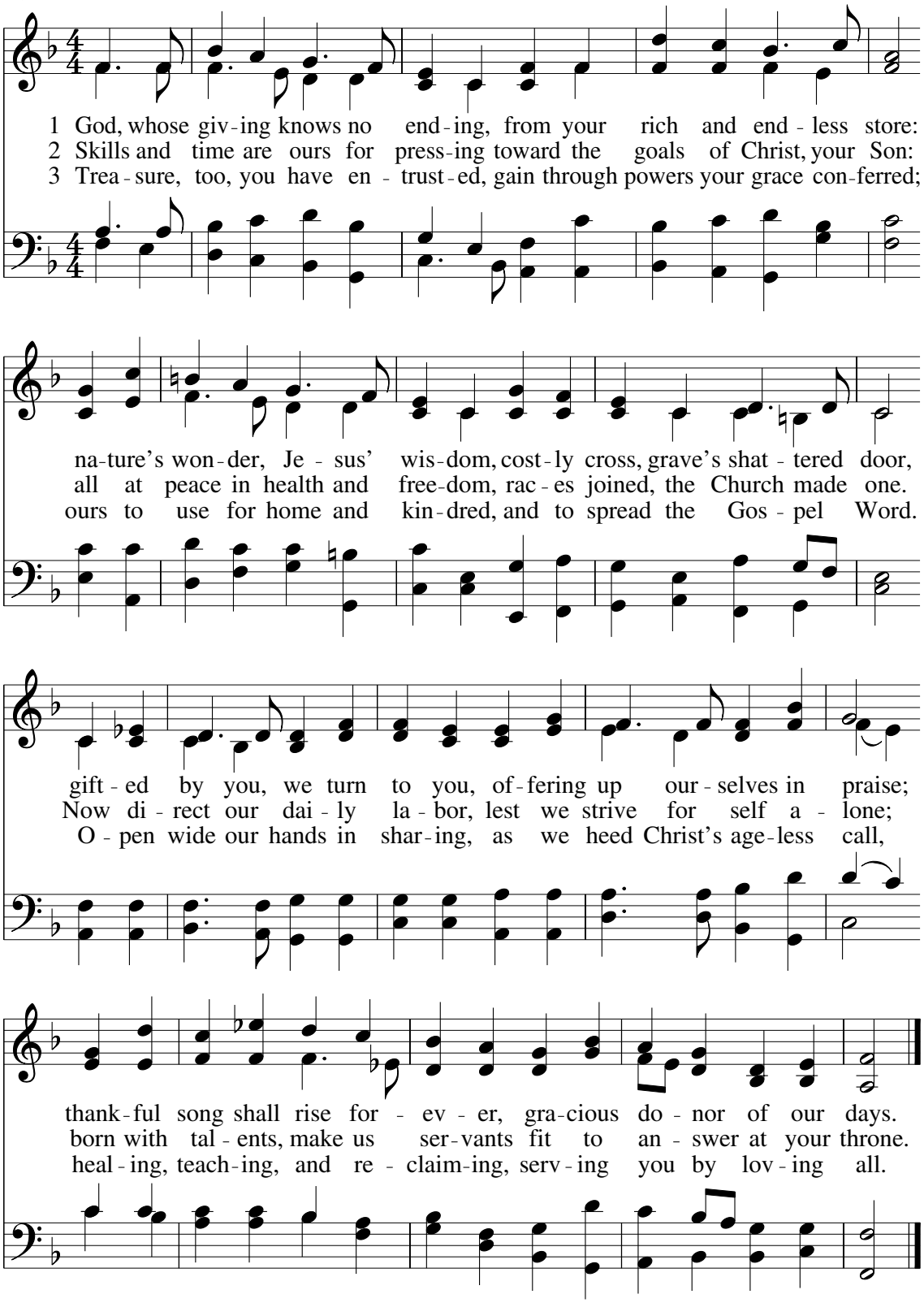
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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



Words: Robert L. Edwards (1915-2006), alt.
Music: *Rustington,* C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Deacon Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 were recently elected to public 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 O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

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.

We are many members of one body, and our individual financial commitments each year collectively make our life together possible. If you have not already declared your pledge to our 2027 campaign, "Meeting This Moment As One," please join us in doing so today by scanning the QR code or visiting **stbarts.org/2027pledge**.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir
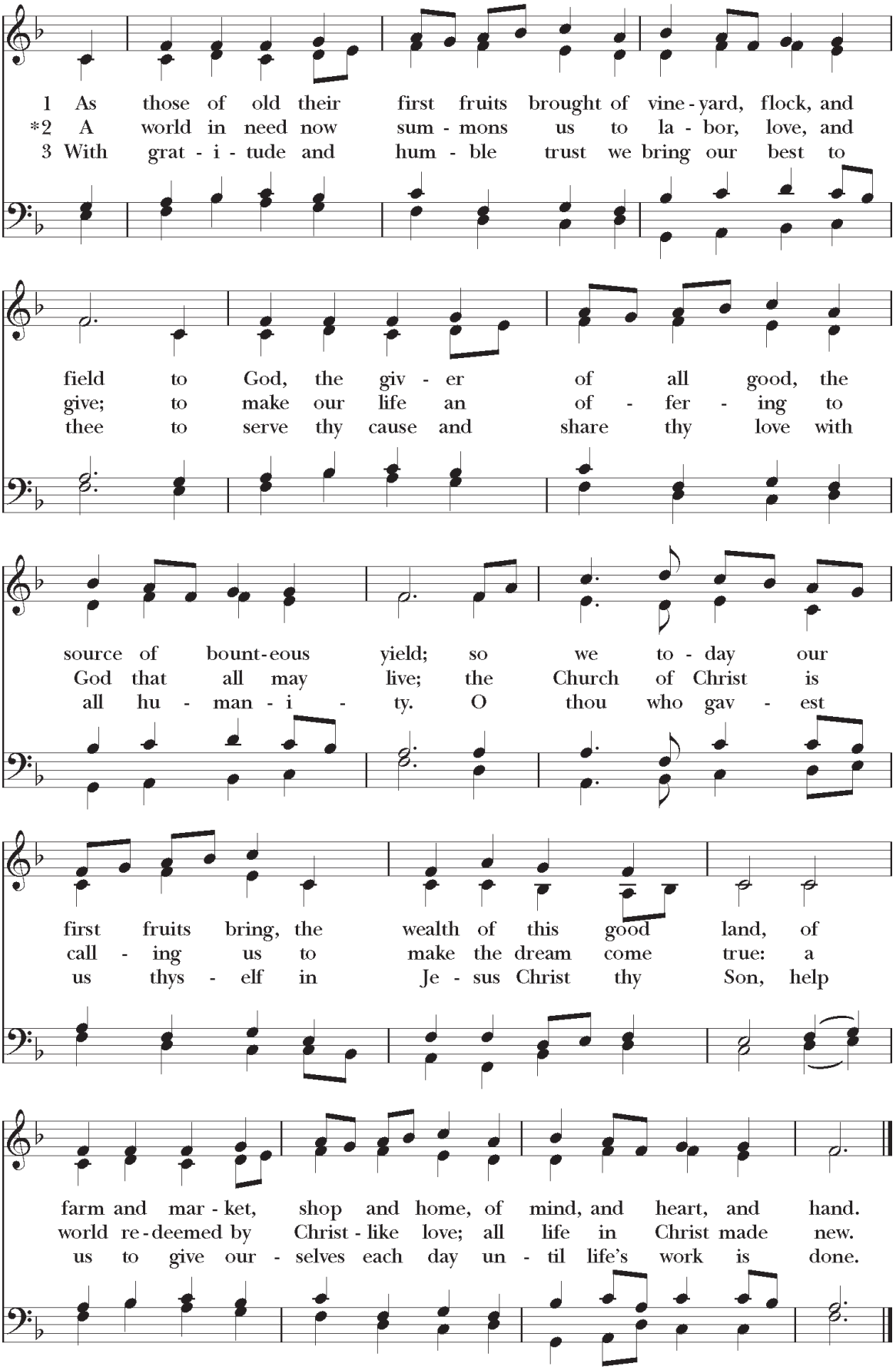
Herr, Gott, du bist unsre Zuflucht.
für und für.
Ehe denn die Berge worden,
und die Erde und die Welt erschaffen worden,
bist du Gott von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.
Hallelujah!

Lord, God, thou hast been our refuge,
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Hallelujah!

Words: Psalm 90:1-2.
Music: *Neujahrstage*, Op. 79, No. 2, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 705
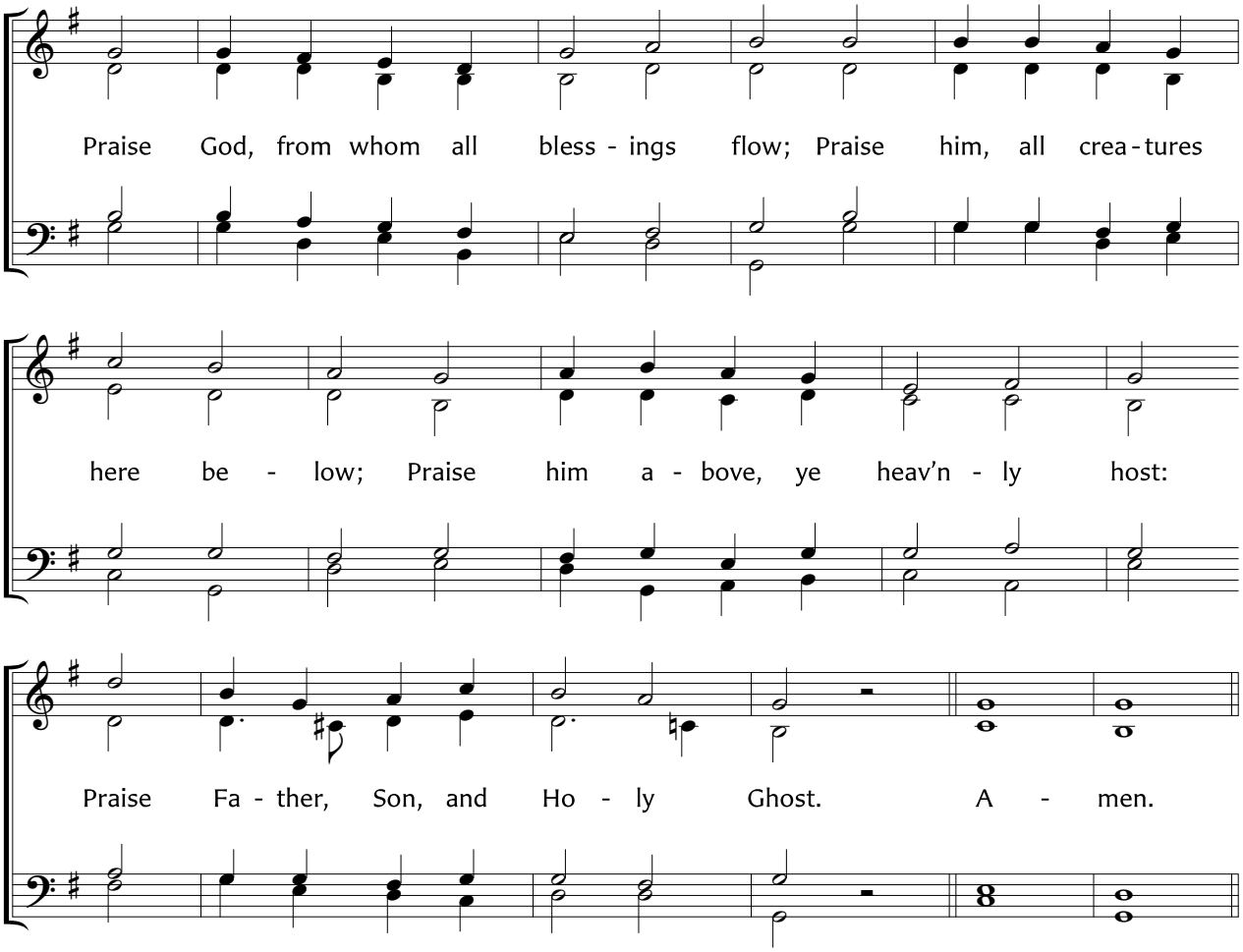


Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996), alt.
Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Blessing of Pledges

Presider Generous God, you have graciously bestowed upon us all that we are and all that we have: we thank you for this parish church and those whose giving helps to sustain it. Bless these pledges, symbols of our devotion to you and to this community. Help us to give freely from the fruits of our labor in gratitude for all that you have given us. In the name of Christ we pray.

All **Amen.**

The Doxology



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711).
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David,* 1551, alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

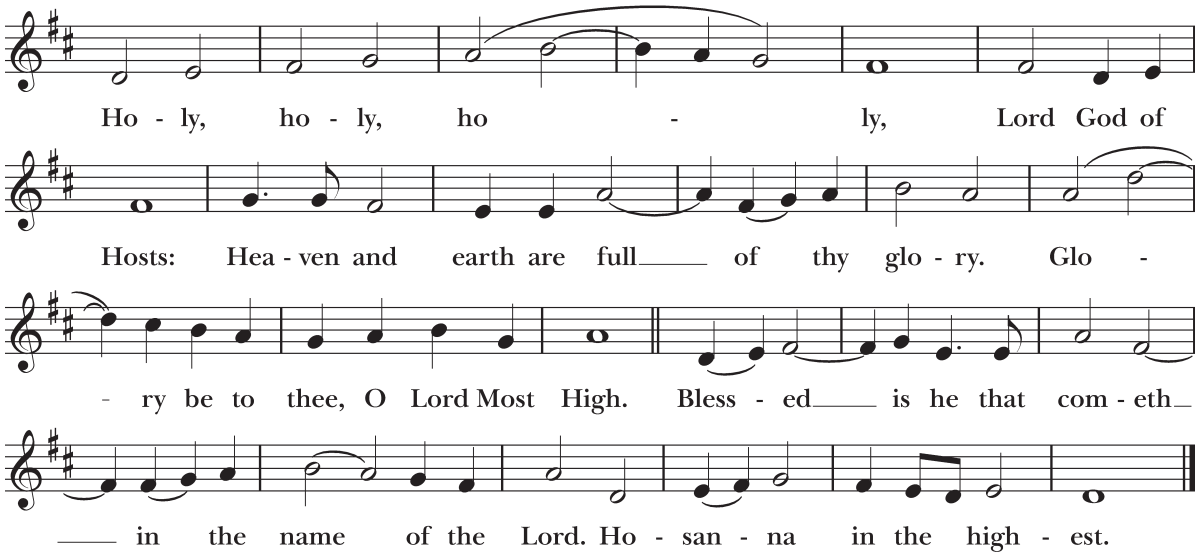
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena,* Healey Willan (1880-1968).

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

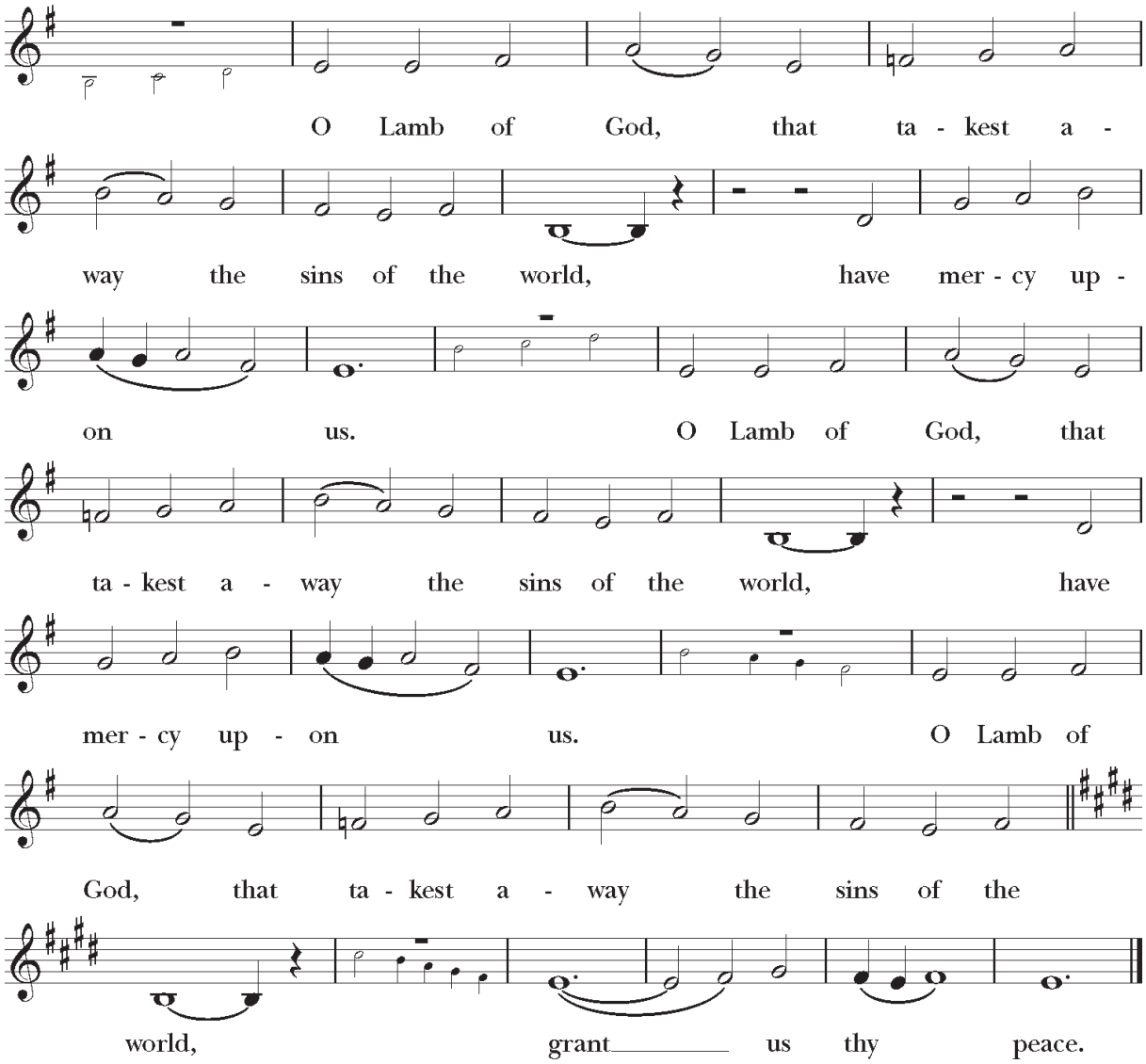
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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



Music: from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made,
thou art God from everlasting and world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest: Come again, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green, and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.
For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
For when thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
The years of our age are three-score years and ten,
and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.
So passeth it away, and we are gone. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.
Be gracious unto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy and that soon.
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made,
thou art God from everlasting and world without end.
And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us.
Prosper thou, O prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handywork.

Words: Psalm 90; Isaac Watts (1674-1748).
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

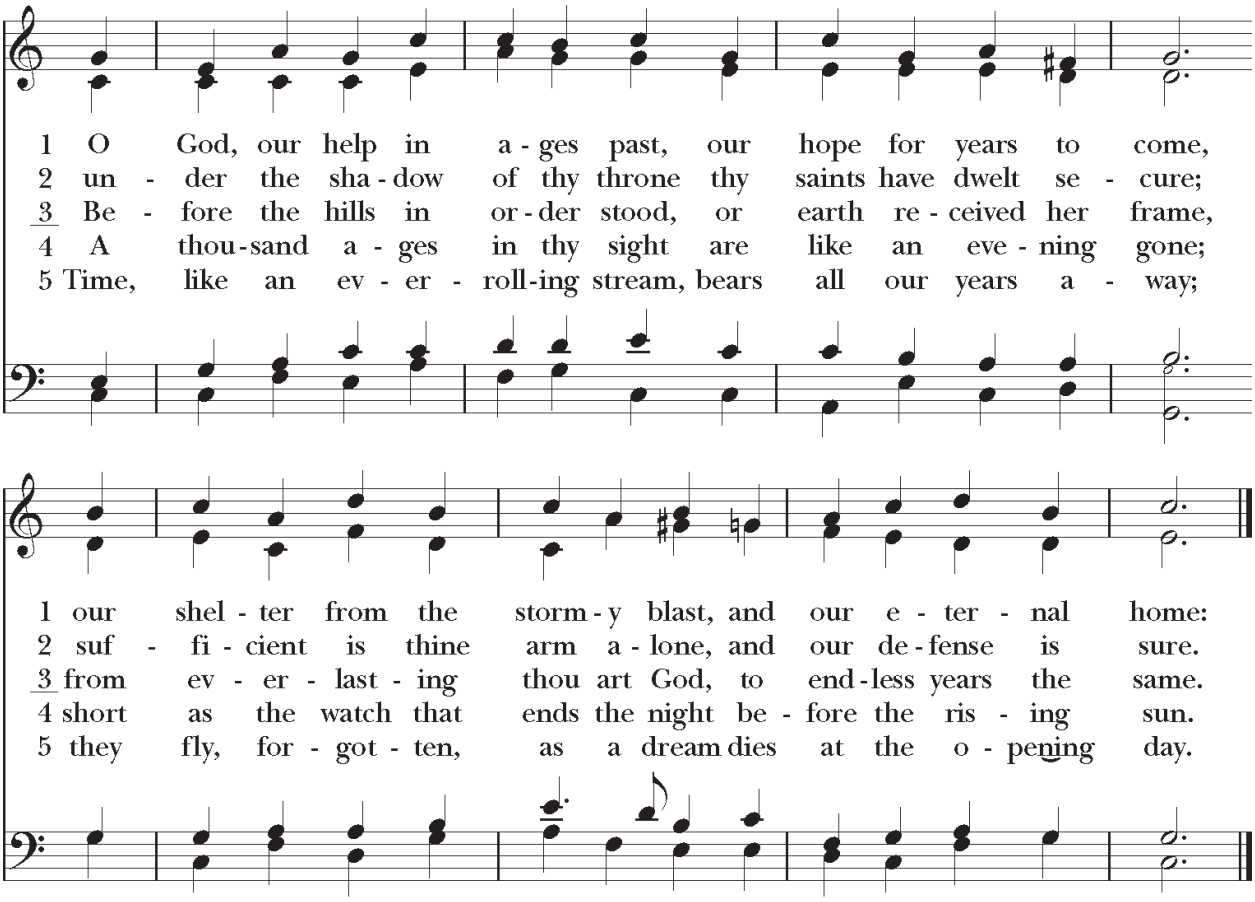
The people stand.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 680



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

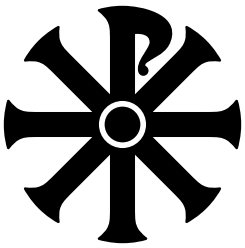
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90.
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Procession, Arthur Wills (1926-2020)

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.



Festive Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

Join us immediately after the service as we celebrate the conclusion of the 2027 pledge campaign, *Meeting This Moment As One*, and the appointment of our new Vicar, the Reverend Meredith E. Ward.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward
Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius
Subdeacon The Reverend Canon Andrew J.W. Mullins
Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein
Chalicer Barbara Neale

Lector Darren H. Wong, Connie Evans
Intercessor Karen Schadow

Verger Tim Martin
Crucifers Wendy Range, Elliott Brown
Acolytes Brooks Ishler, Barbara Neale, Kari Parks, Ray Vandenberg
Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Bill Rowe
Ushers Trish Tidwell, David Hilder, Ken Johnson, Judy Miller, Lindsay North, Elaine Olaoye, Susan Slack, Dave Smith, Paul Tollefson, Deb Travis, Wil Yates

St. Bartholomew's Choir
St. Bartholomew's Choristers
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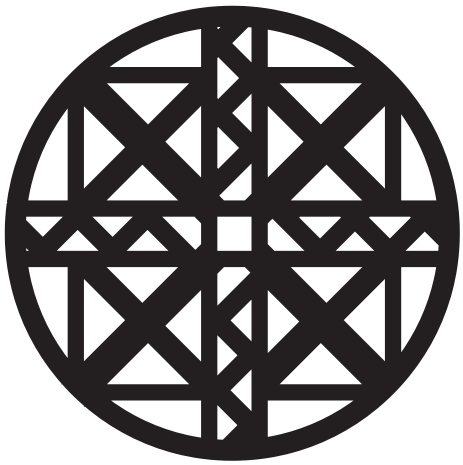
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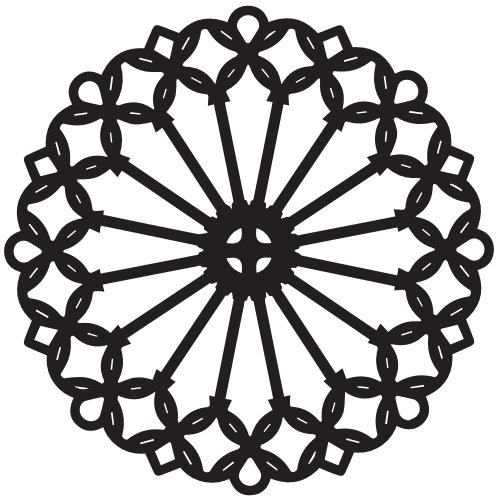
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MEET US AFTER CHURCH

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

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

- **Festive Coffee Hour**
  12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
  12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- **Explore Class for Newcomers**
  12:30 PM IN ROOM 33
- **A History of Christianity: From Pentecost to the Reformation**
  1 PM IN ROOM 32
- **Living Christ Sangha**
  3 PM IN ROOM 32

MEETING THIS MOMENT AS ONE
2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The 2027 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's

The 2026 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's, "Meeting This Moment As One," concludes today with a celebration and blessing of all pledges at the 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm services. If you have not yet declared your pledge, we encourage you to join the campaign now as we reach our $1.6M goal (**stbarts.org/2027pledge**). Please contact Susannah Wade Lewis at **swadelewis@stbarts.org** with any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

November 22, 2026: The Last 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**
  Is Christ King? Inclusive Language Conundrums
  The Reverend Peter D. Thompson reflects on efforts to make the language of the Church more inclusive.
- **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.

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**.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 6 PM
CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE, 652 LEXINGTON AVENUE
St. Bart's joins neighboring congregations in gratitude and fellowship for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Stay after the service for refreshments and connection. All are welcome. Please note that a separate Thanksgiving Eve service will not be held at St. Bart's this year. All are welcome: **stbarts.org/interfaith**.

Paolo Bordignon, harpsichordist, in recital

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 7:30 PM
The harpsichord is not only the instrument epitomizing the High Baroque but also a vehicle for the refined expressiveness of the Rococo, the *Empfindsamer Stil* (sensitive style), and galant styles of the later eighteenth century. Join us for a program exploring some of this repertoire, including music of François Couperin, G.B. Martini, and a dazzling concerto by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach with an ensemble of strings. Tickets at **mmpaf.org**.

Trans Day of Remembrance

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 6 PM
Join St. Bart's and the Translatina Network for a multi-faith service honoring lives lost to violence and celebrating resilience, hope, and healing. Learn more and volunteer at **stbarts.org/tdor**.

Welcome Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 9 AM, 11 AM AND 5 PM
Anyone who has found their way to St. Bart's in the past year and considers it their spiritual home is invited to be recognized and blessed. A reception will be held in the Great Hall at 12:30 pm. You belong already. Let's make it official! Please, sign up at **stbarts.org/welcomesunday**.

Fare Share Friday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Support our partners at Crossroads Community Services this holiday season as they work to ensure that everybody can eat. Visit **bit.ly/fareshare2026** to learn more.

Advent Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 5 PM
Join us for one of the most beloved services of the season! Our combined choirs offer Advent carols and anthems interspersed with readings about the coming of Christ. A festive reception follows in the Great Hall. Eucharist in the chapel is offered after the service for those who wish to attend. Join us in person or via livestream.

Advent Lessons & Carols Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
Our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Reception is a joyful St. Bart's tradition and an opportunity to come together as a parish to begin the Advent season. Whether you're a whiz in the kitchen or simply enjoy sharing good food, we'd be grateful for your contribution. Bring a treat to share or volunteer to help with setup and cleanup. Contact Paul Rodriguez at **prodriguez@stbarts.org** to learn more.

Tree of Gifts

St. Tabitha's Guild at St. Bart's is sponsoring a Tree of Gifts, offering their handmade needlecrafts for Advent and Christmas. Your donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves are welcome and can be placed on the tree. All items will be donated to Crossroads and Coalition for the Homeless. The Tree of Gifts will be in the narthex of the church from November 29 through January 3.

Our Advent & Christmas Schedule is Here!

Plan your holiday season with St. Bart's! Our full schedule of Advent and Christmas services, music, and celebrations is now available online. We look forward to sharing this joyful season with you. Explore the schedule at **stbarts.org/adventchristmas**.

St. Bart's Sermons and The Forum Now Available as Podcasts

You can now listen to sermons and The Forum on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and other podcast platforms. Subscribe to Sermons at St. Bart's and The Forum at St. Bart's on your favorite podcast app to receive new episodes each week.

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