

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

September 29, 2024



We invite you to make this place yours.

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.

We are so glad you are here!

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.
- **To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar.**
- **To make a prayer request** please visit **stbarts.org/prayers**.
- To make an appointment with the clergy, please call 212-378-0222 or visit stbarts.org/connect/clergy-and-staff.
- **Tour St. Bart's:** Meet at the back of the church following the Sunday, 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.
- **To locate Offering Envelopes** please visit the table in the back of the church. **Online gifts** may be made at **stbarts.org/givenow**. All contributions are tax-deductible.
- **Free Parking** is available for all Sunday services at the garage located at 136–166 East 51st Street. Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central.



Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.





Words: *Phos hilaron*, Greek (3rd cent.), para. Marty Haugen (b. 1950). Music: *Joyous Light*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950).

The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the

evening table, breath over the deep waters.

All Amen.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your

angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your

love's sake.

All Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Together, let us pray.

All God of peace, the family of your followers extends further than we can possibly

imagine: open our eyes to see friends in those who are different from us and to accept help from strange allies, with whom we may not always agree; all for your sake and for

the sake of the gospel. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson James 5:13-20

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

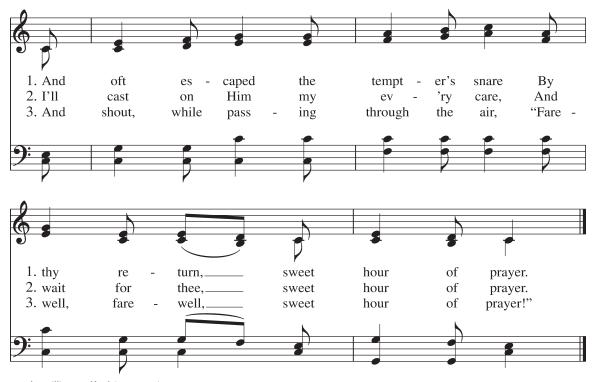
Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

Hymn from Lift Every Voice and Sing #178





Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:38-50

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for

no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. Presider Praise to you, Lord Christ.

People

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Vicar An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

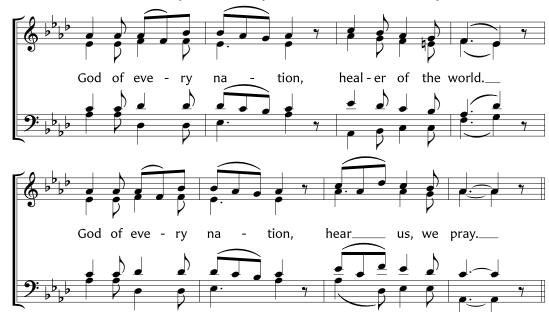
The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

All

God of every nation, healer of the world: your saving power extends beyond barriers and borders; you gather those from east and west, north and south, to join the heavenly feast. Hear us, as we pray for healing in this and every land.

We pray for healing within our country. Guide the selection of our civic leaders. Soothe the rancor that infects our public life. Help us as we work to foster unity and rebuild trust.



Music: adapted from Deusche Messe (D 872), Franz Schubert (1797-1828).

Intercessor We pray for healing around the globe. Bridge the divides that persist between kingdoms

and nations. End the wars that cause destruction and grief. Give us harmony and peace.

All God of every nation, healer of the world: God of every nation, hear us, we pray.

Intercessor We pray for healing within our Church. Settle the conflicts and disputes that arise among

us. Strengthen our efforts to welcome everyone. Teach us to serve others and not

ourselves.

All God of every nation, healer of the world: God of every nation, hear us, we pray.

Intercessor We pray for the healing of Creation. Still the frightening trembles of our shaking earth.

Restore our fragile ecosystems: bring dryness where there are floods; bring rain where there is drought. Persuade us, as individuals and as a society, to change our habits for

good.

All God of every nation, healer of the world: God of every nation, hear us, we pray.

Intercessor We pray for the healing of those who suffer, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

We pray as well for those who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

May the poor have what they need; may the sick and dying be raised up; and may every

tear be wiped away.

All God of every nation, healer of the world: God of every nation, hear us, we pray.

Intercessor We thank you for all the healing ways in which joy and happiness have come into our

lives, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Kindle hope in us when we become discouraged. Inspire us to plant seeds of love, with

faith in you and in all the future holds.

All God of every nation, healer of the world: God of every nation, hear us, we pray.

Presider God of every nation, healer of the world: raise us up, for it is you alone who restores life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace, may

we offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and the world, in the name of

Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

All We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us;

some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you. Amen.

Presider Through Christ, God has put away your sin. God forgives you: forgive others; forgive

yourself.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed. Offering Envelopes are available at the table in the back of the church. Ushers can assist you.
- You may also give by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit **stbarts.org/givenow**. Use the same link to set up a monthly, recurring gift.



The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
People

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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 offer thanks and praise.

Presider It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

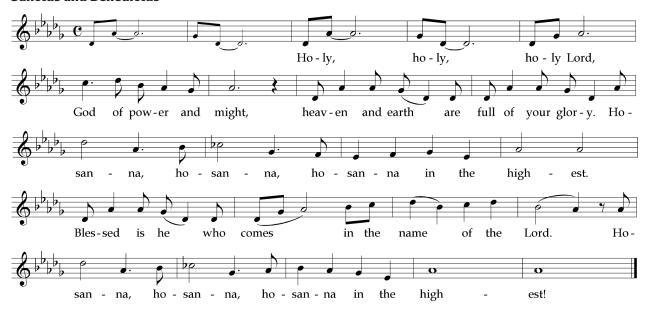
You said, "Let there be light"; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you

the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



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

Presider

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son; On that night before he died, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

All Glory to you, Lord Christ;

your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim;

your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first, to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.

All Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider May Christ, the broken bread, mend our wounded world.

People May Christ, the outpoured cup, heal our hurting souls.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider

Here is a feast of rich food and of well-aged wine. Be glad and rejoice in God's salvation, for here at this feast, God has brought the nations together; here at this feast, God has wiped away your tears; here at this feast, God has swallowed up death forever.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please wait for the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.
- Wine is received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.
- In the interests of public health, St. Bart's discourages intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to drink from the cup, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

All

O God, we thank you for giving us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth; of the river of the water of life, bright as crystal; of the tree of life, with its leaves for the healing of the nations. We thank you also for making that vision real in the sacred moments of this feast. As we have been united through the broken morsels of your bread, so may we unite others through our witness in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is

done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of

your people Israel.

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ,

and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Blessing

Hymn 609



Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853).

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Show God's healing love to the world.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Lector Adelaide Kent **Altar Guild** Adelaide Kent **Usher** Allison May

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant **Director of Maintenance** Willie Gonzalez **Facilities** Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers

Karen, Kate, Robert, Ward, Rick, Keith, Margaret, Copez, Silvesta, Elizabeth, Mainy, Amparo, Nelly, Lyubov, Tatyana, Paula, Theresa, Chiree, Daniel, Virginia, Daranee





Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

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

Coffee Hour and Postcard Party with Reclaim Our Vote! 12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Join us immediately after the service for coffee, refreshments, and another voter mobilization postcard party with Reclaim Our Vote! All materials will be provided.

St. Bart's Connects Launch Party

12:30 PM IN ROOM 33

* Virtual Coffee Hour

12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

St. Tabitha's Guild

2 PM VIA ZOOM

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Please consider joining our fellowship group whose ministry serves Crossroads, Jamaica Hospital, and the Seamen's Institute. Any skill level is welcome.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.



The 2024 Pledge Campaign

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11

Your generosity is critical for fulfilling St. Bart's mission and ministry. Your gifts are used to give benevolent aid and support, to pay clergy and staff salaries, to fund transformational initiatives, and to maintain our worship and community spaces. Your pledge to St. Bart's makes a difference and your participation matters. To fulfill your pledge, including setting up a monthly recurring gift, please visit **stbarts.org/givenow**.



October 6, 2024: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- \$\(\frac{1}{2}\) JOIN US IN PERSON AT 8 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.

 YOU MAY ALSO JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM
 on our website (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook Live
 (@stbartsnyc).
- # THE FORUM AT 10 AM

The Secret Life of the Sea: Exploration, Discovery, and Unexpected Deep-Sea Solutions: Peter DeMenocal, President and Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, discusses efforts currently being made to better understand the mysteries of the ocean and the role that ocean-related solutions can play in the fight against climate change.



Weekday offerings to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

HOLY EUCHARIST • 12:05 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesdays: with silent meditation **Wednesdays:** with prayers for healing

Thursdays: with prayers for peace and justice

- ** 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 AM-5 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR.

Living Well: Inspiration for Our Personal Lives in the Bible's First Five Books

TUESDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 7-8 PM VIA ZOOM

Author Starr Tomczak leads a discussion of her new book, *Living Well: Inspired by the Story behind the Bible*. Learn more and register at **stbarts.org/livingwell**.

Deals with the Devil: An exploration of the Faust legend(s)

MONDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Deacon John Wirenius invites you on a deep dive into the origins of the stories of Faust or Faustus, a brilliant scholar who sells his soul to Satan for...what, exactly? It's the original classic of the legend, raising questions about the nature of our fallibility, of the ways our ancestors have understood and pictured ultimate evil through the centuries. Register at **stbarts.org/faust**.

How "Democratic" Was Early Christianity?

THURSDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Professor Larry Welborn of Fordham University explores the politics of the early Jesus movement. Visit **stbarts.org/early-christianity** to learn more and register.

Meet Dean Richard Sewell from St. George's College Jerusalem

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 5:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear a first-hand update about the current situation in Israel/Palestine and learn of the work of St. George's College: the Anglican Center for Pilgrimage, Education, Hospitality and Reconciliation in the Holy Land. Learn more and register at **stbarts.org/stgeorges**.

Free screening: The Rocky Horror Picture Show

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 7 PM IN ROOM 33

Join the St. Bart's Players for a free screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in the Community House. All are welcome to do the Time Warp!

The LGBTQ+ Film Series

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6-9 PM, ROOM 33

Film professor and St. Bart's parishioner Anthony Perrotto hosts a bimonthly film series with an introduction, important insights, and commentary for each screening, all with LGBTQ+ themes. Our next screening will be *Supernova* from 2021. All are welcome. Learn more at **stbarts.org/lgbtqfilm**.

Centering Prayer Fall Retreat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9:30 AM-3 PM, ROOM 33

Approach God through stillness, silence, and community with the Centering Prayer Group of St. Bart's. Newcomers welcome. Eucharist in Chapel. Information and registration at **stbarts.org/centeringprayer**.

St. Francis Day: Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 11 AM AND 5 PM

Blessing of the Animals will be offered at the 11 am and 5 pm services of Holy Eucharist. Bring your pet (or a photo) to be blessed by the clergy.

Choral Evensong

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 4 PM IN THE CHURCH

St. Bart's Singers, who lead the music each week at our Sunday 9 am service, and St. Bartholomew's Choristers will offer Stanford's Evening Service in C, as well as music of William Smith and George Dyson.

After a long hiatus, the Island Club returns!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6-9 PM AT INSIDE PARK

Join friends and allies of the LGBTQ+ Community for a festive happy hour at the Inside Park Restaurant at St. Bart's (the church, not the Island!). People of all faiths and none are welcome to participate in this inclusive event. All are welcome! RSVP at **stbarts.org/islandclub**.

Imagine Worship NYC

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM, IN THE CHAPEL

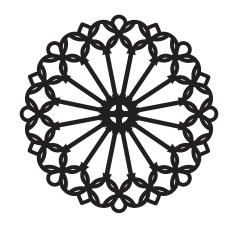
Imagine Worship NYC continues on Thursday nights in the chapel this fall. Join us for a casual, contemporary service of Holy Communion with soulful original music led by artist-in-residence Mark Miller, followed by food and hospitality. Learn more at **stbarts.org/imagine.**

Become a Chorister!

ROLLING ADMISSION FROM SEPTEMBER-JUNE

Children ages 8 and up: sing with St. Bartholomew's Choristers for the 2024-2025 season! Within the framework of a choral ensemble, choristers receive a free, one-of-a-kind music education that teaches lifelong skills and values such as self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, dedication, and spirituality. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org) to learn more about St. Bartholomew's Choristers as well as musical opportunities for younger kids.





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