



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

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
**Contemplative Eucharist and**  
**The Blessing of Animals at 5 pm**

October 6, 2024

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

# EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

## **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**

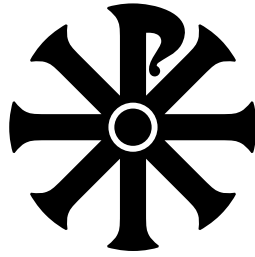
Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. 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](https://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](https://stbarts.org/calendar).
- ❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit [stbarts.org/prayers](https://stbarts.org/prayers).
- ❖ **To make an appointment with the clergy**, please call 212-378-0222 or visit [stbarts.org/connect/clergy-and-staff](https://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](https://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.*

## Hymn

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of God's own  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of

face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us

ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -

round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break, God of  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all chains a -  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal -

sha - dows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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* **Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### **The Lesson** Job 39:1-18

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Job.

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

*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 400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
4 way, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O\_\_ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
7 ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

### The Holy Gospel Luke 12:13-21

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Presider* Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

**The Sermon** The Reverend Meredith E. Ward, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care

*An extended period of silence is kept. The people remain seated for the invitation to the blessing of animals.*

**The Blessing of the Animals**

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

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

*After the animals have been blessed, the people stand.*

**The Prayer over the Animals**

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

*All* Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* 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.

*All*

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "God of eve - ry na - tion, heal - er of the world. —" and "God of eve - ry na - tion, hear — us, we pray. —". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Music: adapted from *Deutsche 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* Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*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**

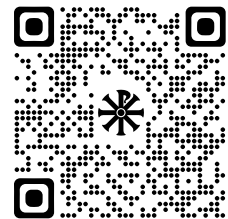
## **The Holy Communion**

### **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](https://stbarts.org/givenow). Use the same link to set up a monthly, recurring gift.

*The people stand.*





## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord is here.  
*People* **God's Spirit is with us.**

*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 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glor - y. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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 405


*Refrain*




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace. Show God's healing love to the world.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## Service Participants

**Presider and Preacher** The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

**Lector** Nathan Peace

**Altar Guild** Luke Failla

**Usher** Sam Meyer

**Organist and Choirmaster** Dr. Paolo Bordignon

**Interim Director of Facilities** Charles Bryant

**Director of Maintenance** Willie Gonzalez

**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

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### We continue to hold in our prayers

Lyubov, Tatyana, Paula, Theresa, Chiree, Daniel, Virginia, Daranee, Andrew, Nicole, Marleny, Jonnathan, Ruth, William, Leon, Kate, Melissa, Marcia, Jackie

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Learn more at [stbarts.org/sunday](https://stbarts.org/sunday).

### ☘ Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

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

### ☘ Virtual Coffee Hour

12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

### ☘ Faith In Action Team Meeting

12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM

Consider joining the conversation and help to put our faith into action.

### ☘ 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](https://stbarts.org/givenow).



NEXT  
SUNDAY  
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## October 13, 2024: The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

### ☘ 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](https://stbarts.org/worship/livestream)), via YouTube or Facebook Live ([@stbartsnyc](https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnyc)).

### ☘ THE FORUM AT 10 AM

**Ethics at the End of Life**

Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW, Program Manager for the Ethics Committee at Memorial Sloan Kettering, looks at the ethical issues that can arise at the end of a human life.

WEEKDAYS  
AT  
ST. BART'S

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

☘ **HOLY EUCHARIST** WITH PRAYERS FOR THE NATION  
TUESDAY-THURSDAYS 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 AM-5 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.

THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://stbarts.org/calendar).

### Faith In Action Team Meeting

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM**

Join us for our next Faith In Action Team Meeting this Sunday after the 11 am service! We believe that God calls us to be good stewards of our time, energy, and resources. Part of this calling is to discern how we can best contribute to resolving justice issues in our community.

### 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. RSVP at [stbarts.org/islandclub](https://stbarts.org/islandclub).

### Centric: Anton Bruckner —American and Austrian Resonances

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH**

Though primarily known as a symphonic composer, Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) also enjoyed a distinguished career as an organist. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Bruckner's birth, University of Vienna organ professor Johannes Ebenbauer presents a recital of the composer's music for organ. Learn more at [mmpaf.org](https://mmpaf.org).

### Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's: Awe

**SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 12-DECEMBER 21,  
10-11 AM VIA ZOOM**

The Saturday morning discussion group turns to *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life* by Dacher Keltner. Newcomers welcome. Register at [stbarts.org/saturdaymornings](https://stbarts.org/saturdaymornings).

### EXPLORE Class

**SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 13-27, 12:30 IN THE VESTRY ROOM**

This three-week series offers an introduction to the Christian Faith as expressed by the Episcopal Church, as well as an orientation to our community at St. Bart's. Participation in this class is a first step towards becoming a member of the congregation and can also serve as a "refresher" for those who already consider St. Bart's home. All are welcome! Learn more: [stbarts.org/explore](https://stbarts.org/explore).

### Death Over Dinner

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5:45-8 PM**

Death Over Dinner was founded to initiate dialogue around our priorities and end-of-life preparedness. Led by the Reverend Meredith Ward, we will come together to share a meal and to transform this seemingly difficult conversation into one of deep engagement and insight. While participants are invited to help cover costs, this event is offered free of charge. Register by Monday, October 21 at [stbarts.org/deathoverdinner](https://stbarts.org/deathoverdinner).

### 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](https://stbarts.org/early-christianity) to learn more and register.

### The Gospel According to Stephen Schwartz

**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 13,  
7-8 PM VIA ZOOM**

The Reverend Peter Thompson looks at the ways in which Stephen Schwartz, the composer of *Godspell*, *Pippin*, *Wicked*, and many other musicals, explored religious themes in his works. The St. Bart's Players will perform Schwartz's lesser-known *Children of Eden* in November. Register at [stbarts.org/schwartzgospel](https://stbarts.org/schwartzgospel).

### Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

The next date of Holy Baptism at St. Bart's will be **All Saints Sunday, November 3, at the 11 am Choral Eucharist**. All adults and children who have never been baptized are welcome to join us. Questions? Email [tsage@stbarts.org](mailto:tsage@stbarts.org).

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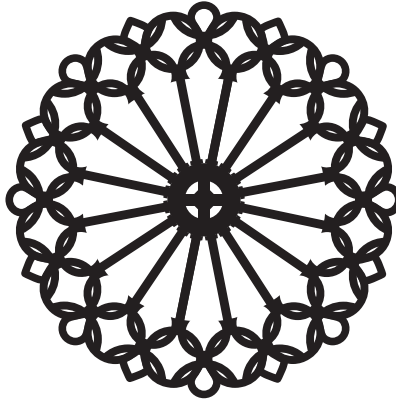
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### Imagine Worship NYC

**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](https://stbarts.org/imagine).



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