

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Choral Eucharist and The Blessing of Animals at 11 am

October 6, 2024

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



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 to the left 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 this Sunday:** Meet at the back of the church following the 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.

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.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

From September to June, the Choristers sing at the 11 am service alongside St. Bartholomew's Choir. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org), the director of the Choristers, to arrange for an introductory session. Rolling admission is offered throughout the year.

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.

Allegro, from Organ Concerto in F Major, HWV 295, "The Cuckoo and the nightingale", George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)912)

The people stand as the hymn begins.



Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

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. 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.

Kyrie and Gloria St. Bartholomew's Choir

Kvrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory be to God on high.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. And on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise thee, we bless thee, Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. we adore thee, we glorify thee.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. We give thee thanks for thy great glory.

Domine Deus, rex caelestis, Lord God, heavenly king, God the almighty Father. Deus Pater omnipotens. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, For thou alone art the Holy One.

tu solus Dominus, Thou alone art the Lord.

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Thou, Jesus Christ, alone art the Most High. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. With the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen.

Music: from Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Presider Let us pray.

> 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 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 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 dwellingplace? 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.

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

Psalm 121 St. Bartholomew's Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heav'n and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for ever more.

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Music: Anglican chant by Barry Rose (b. 1954).

The Second Lesson Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 593



Words: James Quinn (1919-2010), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). Music: *Dickinson College*, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979).

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

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

The Blessing of the Animals

Presider

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

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

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging, while soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging.

The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender, proclaiming summer splendor.

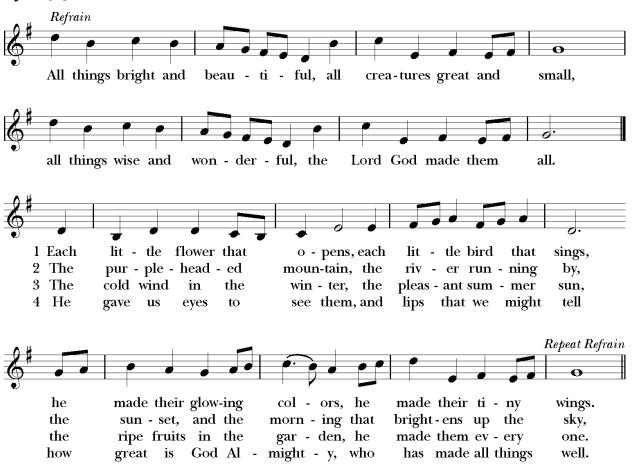
From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now raises, to join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation in praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life, Creation's glory beaming, grant us the grace to keep your word and live in love redeeming. All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever; God's word remains forever.

Words: Carl David af Wirsén (1842-1912), trans. Carolyn (b. 1936) and Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015). Music: Sommarpsalm, Waldemar Åhlén (1894-1982).

The people stand.

Hymn 405



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

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.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People

Hear us, we pray.

Hear us, we pray.

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.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People 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.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People

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

good.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People

Hear us, we pray.

Intercessor

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

The people may add their own petitions.

We pray as well for those who have died, including...and 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.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People

Hear us, we pray.

Intercessor

We thank you for all the healing ways in which joy and happiness have come into our lives, including...and 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.

Intercessor

God of every nation, healer of the world:

People

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 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

- \$\therefore\text{ 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.

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir,

Rachel Doehring Jackson, Nicholas Prior, Raphael Biran, soloists

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day,

The night that is gone to following night.

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,

Never unperceived, ever understood. The Heavens are telling the glory of God,

The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Words: Adapted from Psalm 19:1-4. Music: from *The Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).



The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 580



Words: Catherine Cameron (1927-2019), alt. Music: *Holy Manna,* from *The Southern Harmony,* 1835.

The Great Thanksgiving

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

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 All And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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.

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: from Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

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

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

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

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

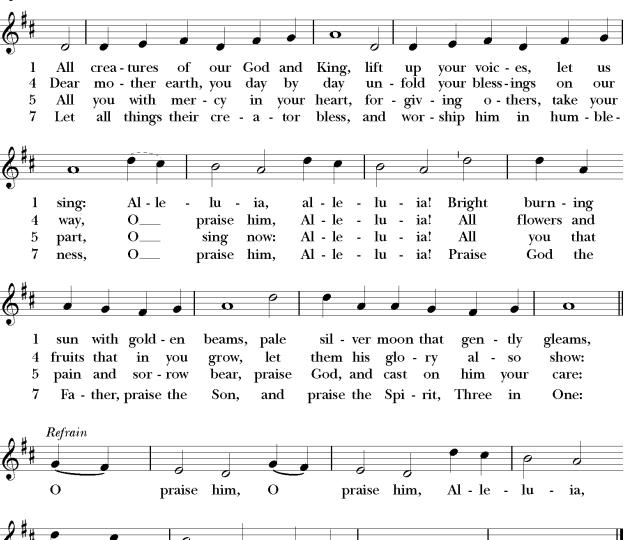
Let us pray.

All Eternal Go

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 400



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

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The Dismissal

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Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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People Thanks be to God.

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Postlude Imperial March, Op. 32, Edward Elgar (1857-1934), transcribed by George C. Martin (1844-1916)



Coffee Hour in the back of the church

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

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Preacher The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Subdeacon The Reverend Peter Thompson

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, The Reverend Zack Nyein,

The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lectors Leslie McCullough Jeffries, Barry Phillips

Intercessor Connie Evans

Altar Guild Megan Krasney, Anne Rudder

Verger Charlotte Lamb

Crucifers Henry Johnston, Anne Rudder

Acolytes Mark Lugo, Daniel Nikolov, Nathan Peace, Grace Wilson

Ushers Steve Sakson, Ron Bagden, Loring Bush, Daniele Campbell, Nicholas Cunningham, Brooks Ishler, Bob Kiely, Ditsa McFarland, Katy Nelson, Monica Tanjala, Michael Waterson

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director of Communications Kara Flannery

Assistant Communications Director Ben Castellanos

Livestream Producers Leo da Silva, Chloe Pitkoff, Thatcher Pitkoff, Charles White

Livestream Host Patricia Clagett

Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant

Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez

Facilities Anthony Thomas

Flower Guild Jung Griffin

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







Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

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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

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October 13, 2024: The Twenty-First 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
 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.



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.
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Faith In Action Team Meeting

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

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**.

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**.

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**.

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**.

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.

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**.

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**.

Become a Chorister!

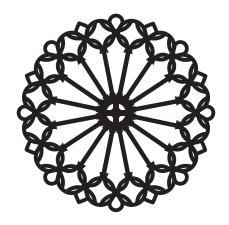
ROLLING ADMISSION FROM SEPTEMBER-JUNE

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.

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**.



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