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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
⌘NEW YORK⌘

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist in the Round at 9 am
December 8, 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 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 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.
- ❖ **Going Paperless!** Please help us save time, money and the planet. Our new **Virtual Plate Donation** system (*tiptap*) is now available in the back of the church. (Just ask an usher to show you how).
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 Praeludium in E Minor, "The Little," Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Welcome

The people stand.

Hymn 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



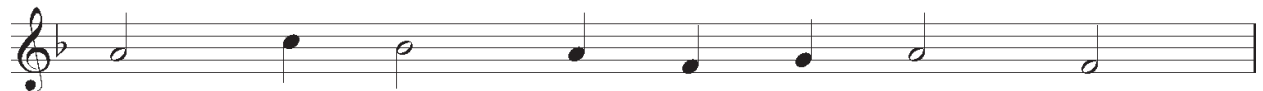
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Psalms* 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

The Confession

Presider In the wilderness, a voice cries out, “prepare the way of the Lord.” Heeding its call, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **God of justice, we confess that we are not ready for your coming among us. Distracted by pleasure, weighed down by worry, we are too attached to things besides you. Clear away the clutter that keeps us from being your disciples, help us to share from what we have, and make us alert to your presence, that we may have strength to stand on the day of judgment and in the world to come. Amen.**

Presider My friends, hear the good news: God has mercy on you and forgives you all your sin. Go and bear fruits worthy of repentance.

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 **Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Baruch 5:1-9

Lector A reading from the Book of Baruch.

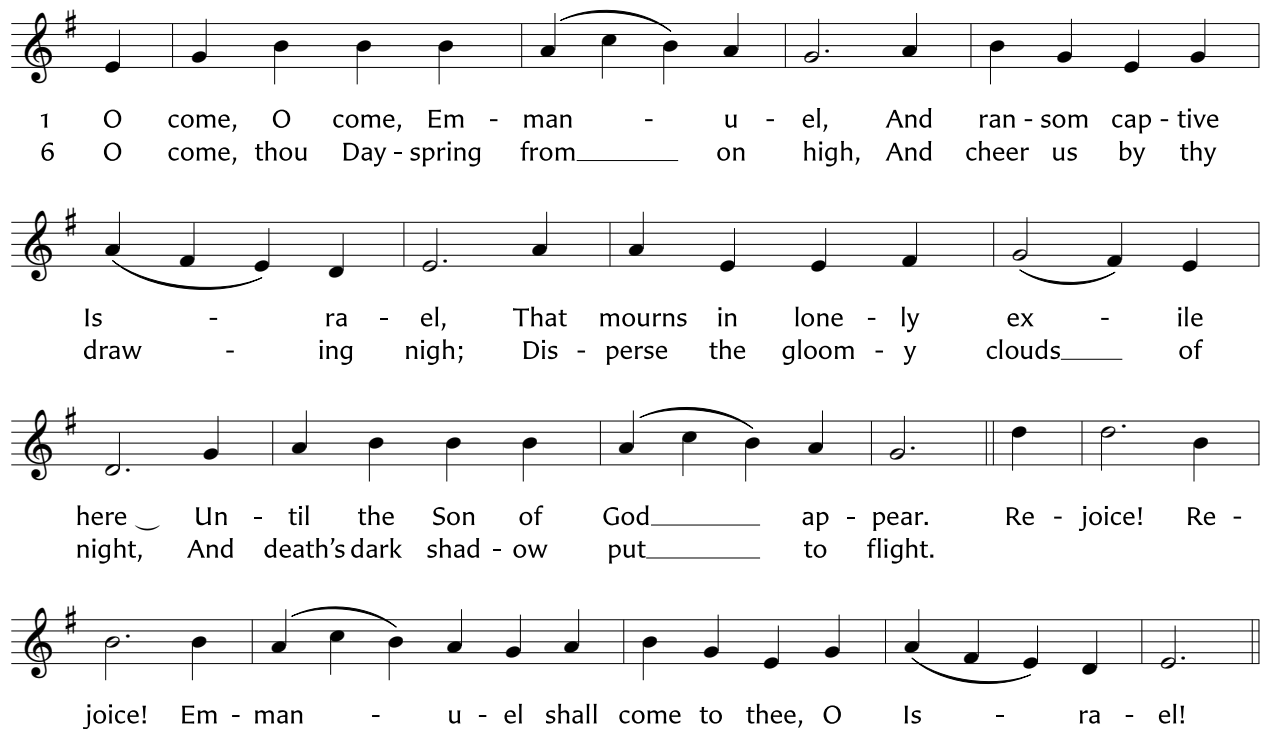
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.” Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as the music begins.

Gospel Acclamation



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
6 O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, And cheer us by thy
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of
here Un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -
night, And death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.
joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890).

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-6

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

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

Deacon In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of 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

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

The Prayers of the People

Presider Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Hear the requests we now make known. Fill us with Advent hope as we watch and wait.

All

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: 'Come, O long-ex-pec-ted Je-sus. Come, Lord Je-sus, come!' The piano accompaniment consists of a simple bass line with chords that support the melody.

Music: based on *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901).

Intercessor I Come and strengthen your Church. Grant us insight and knowledge. Increase in us our love for one another and our love for you.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Intercessor II Come and bless us with peace, that wars may cease in every land and all the nations may live secure.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Intercessor III Come and execute justice in our midst. Bring down the powerful, lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Intercessor I Come and relieve the afflicted, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Intercessor II Come and shine the light of heaven on all who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Intercessor III Come and give us grateful hearts. How can we thank you enough for all the joy we feel? Accept our appreciation for every blessing you have bestowed, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

All **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Presider Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people, O Holy One of Israel. Remember now your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to you, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity.

All **Amen.**

The Welcoming of Newcomers

Rector Dear People of God, today we welcome new sojourners into this community of St. Bart's. We celebrate and honor their unique gifts and stories as together we seek to join the Holy Spirit in the work of transforming lives, transforming the church, and transforming the world.

Presenters I present these persons to be welcomed fully into the life of this parish.

Priest Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ in the fellowship of Saint Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York?

Newcomers I do.

Priest Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to serve, pray, and give to build up our common life?

Newcomers I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you now help to welcome others as Christ has welcomed each of us?

Newcomers I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us pray.
God of welcome and embrace, you make your home among mortals, and in you, we all have a place:
A place to belong and a place to become;
a place to pray and a place to play;

People

Presider a place to be joyful and a place to grieve;

People **a place to believe and a place to receive;**

Presider a place to give and a place to grow;

People **a place to connect and a place to know;**

Presider a place to ask and a place to doubt;

People **a place to learn and a place to turn;**

Presider a place to love and a place to be known;

People **a place to be fed and a place to call home.**

Presider Give us grace, O God, to become what we proclaim and embody what we believe; in the name of the One who is Love Incarnate, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

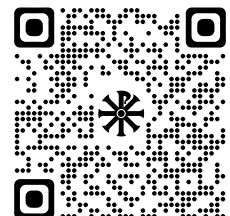
The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

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.
- ❖ To make an instant donation with your credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay, use one of the tap devices found in the back of the church.



Anthem St. Bart's Singers

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934).

St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925).

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599, arr. Hugo Distler (1908-1942).

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Mystery of the Winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to see your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light; for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

Jesus was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith; we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to his coming among us and the world might be touched by the footfall of his glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features several triplet markings over the notes for 'Ho - ly', 'heaven and earth', and 'Ho - san - na'.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932).

Presider We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host; transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

All **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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come to the table for all is now ready: taste and see that God is good.

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 proceed to 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.

Chant

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Words: Taizé Community.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand.

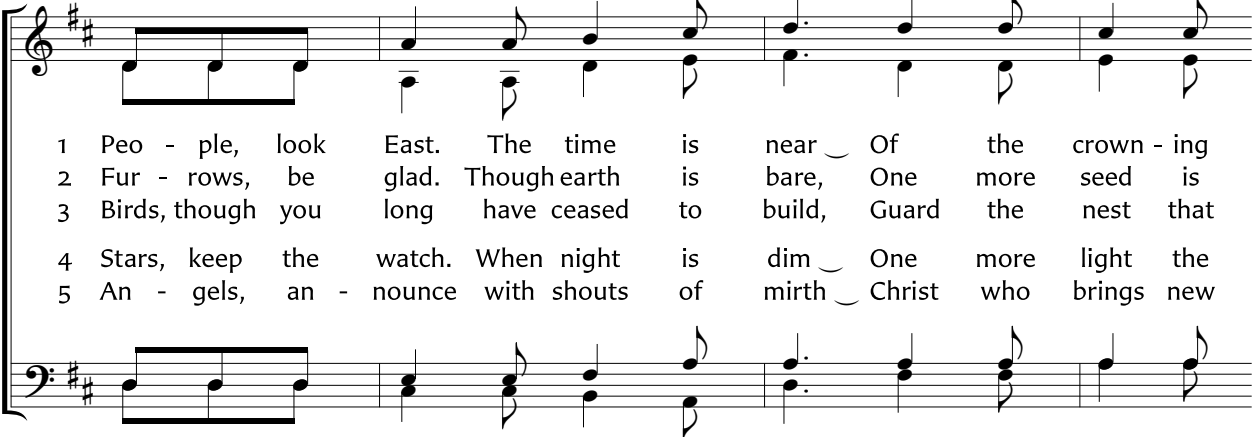
The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before Christ when he comes again. Amen.**

The Blessing


Hymn



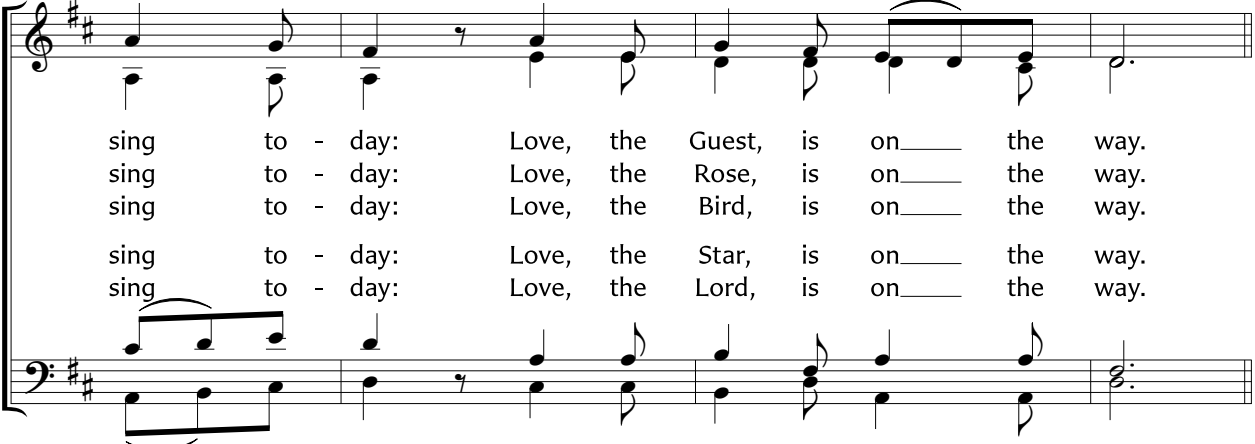
1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near _ Of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that
4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim _ One more light the
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth _ Christ who brings new



of _ the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
must _ be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are froz - en
bowl _ shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life _ to earth. Set eve - ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim _ the hearth _ and set _ the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and
That _ in course _ the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and
God _ for fledg - ling time _ has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and
Bright _ as sun _ and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and
With _ the word, _ the Lord _ is com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and



sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on _ the way.
sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on _ the way.
sing to - day: Love, the Bird, is on _ the way.
sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on _ the way.
sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on _ the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965).
Music: *Besançon Carol*, traditional French.

The Dismissal

Deacon When Christ comes, may we be watching and waiting.
People **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Postlude



Immediately following this morning's 9 am service,
we warmly welcome you to the Forum in the Great Hall.

Engaging Others, Knowing Ourselves

The Reverend Margaret Rose, The Episcopal Church's Deputy
for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, discusses our
denomination's commitment to relationships with other faith
traditions and reflects on how such engagement may both deepen
our own faith and help in the building of peace.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Preacher The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Lector Sutton Blanchard

Intercessors Sutton Blanchard, Miriam Schneider, Ana Marie Forsythe

Ushers Jung Griffin, Frank Mugabi

Altar Guild Megan Krasney

St. Bart's Singers

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director of Facilities Charles Bryant

Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez

Facilities Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers

Penny, Gavin, Brett, Linda, Clifton, Diana, Gina, Lauren, Michelle, Jose, Sandy, Michael, Gabrielle,
Vladimir, Marlen, Will

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Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

- ❖ **Coffee Hour** *Sponsored by St. Tabitha's Guild*
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
Join us immediately after the service for coffee and other refreshments sponsored by St. Tabitha's Guild.
- ❖ **Peace Book Club**
1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
Discuss the book *The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet* by Jeff Goodell.
- ❖ **Living Christ Sangha**
3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.



The 2025 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's — Update

The 2025 Pledge Campaign, Planting Seeds of Love, continues to be a huge success! We currently have over 185 donors, and every day we get closer and closer to our goal. Every pledge counts, and every pledge matters. Our pledge page remains open until December 31, 2024—so it's never too late to join us and make a difference.

Pledges are prayerfully and gratefully accepted for 2025. To pledge, please visit stbarts.org/pledge.

The Christmas Music and Flowers campaign is underway and will continue through December 15. To make a gift in memory, honor or in gratitude, please visit stbarts.org/christmas.



December 15, 2024: The Third Sunday of Advent

- ❖ **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](https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnyc)).
- ❖ **THE FORUM AT 10 AM**
Uncertainty
The Reverend Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, speaks to the challenge of living in times of social uncertainty and points to the Christian tradition as a source of hope and strength.



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

- ❖ **HOLY EUCHARIST** • 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).



Christmas Music & Flowers

At Christmas, we remember loved ones and express gratitude for special people and blessings through gifts of flowers and music to the church. Our Christmas

Eve and Christmas Day service leaflets will list these tributes—those remembered, honored, or celebrated in gratitude. Please submit your gifts online at stbarts.org/christmas by December 15 to ensure inclusion in the leaflets.

Christmas Parties

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 5-7 PM

All **LGBTQ+ friends and allies** are invited to our annual holiday celebration. This year's event will be held immediately preceding the Joyous Christmas Concert (tickets sold separately). Join us for an evening of food, refreshments, and music! RSVP stbarts.org/lgbtqparty.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 5 PM

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the **20s/30s Group** for their annual Advent Party in Room 33 immediately following the 5 pm service. RSVP stbarts.org/20s30sParty.

The Joyous Christmas Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 7:30 PM

Hear St. Bartholomew's Choir as we celebrate the holiday season in our beautiful sanctuary with beloved traditional carols as well as festive new arrangements of Christmas favorites, all accompanied on our famed pipe organ. Tickets and more information at mmpaf.org

Art for Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 2 PM VIA ZOOM

Join the Reverend Meredith Ward, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, and the Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly, in London, for Art in Advent. This virtual-only event will feature conversation and meditations on Advent themes using four objects from the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. Register at stbarts.org/artforadvent.

Adoration of the Magi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, AT 7:30 PM

Jeff Morrissey and William Trafka offer their popular Christmas program inspired by the beautiful 1919 Chapel and medallions depicting the Adoration of the Magi and scenes of the Nativity of Christ. Enjoy traditional carols, carols from around the world, spirituals and popular Christmas favorites. Tickets at mmpaf.org.

Light in the Darkness —A Service of Hope

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 6 PM

The days leading up to Christmas can be some of the most joyous ones in the year. But they can also be especially difficult for those who are grieving or struggling. On this longest night of the year, come and celebrate the Light that shines through every kind of darkness in this contemplative and hopeful service.

Candlelight Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, AT 5 PM

Hear the Christmas story and sing your favorite carols in this majestic service that includes music by our combined choirs and an awe-inspiring candlelit procession.

Casting Call: Come-You-Are Christmas Pageant

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 4PM

All children and youth are welcome to participate in this treasured New York holiday tradition. You don't have to be a member of the church, or even a resident of the city or state to join the fun! Learn more and sign up at stbarts.org/pageant.

Christmas at St. Bart's

CHRISTMAS EVE — TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:05 pm • A Quiet Christmas Eucharist
4 pm • Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist
7 pm • Festival Choral Eucharist
11 pm • Festival Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 am • Choral Eucharist

Tree of Gifts

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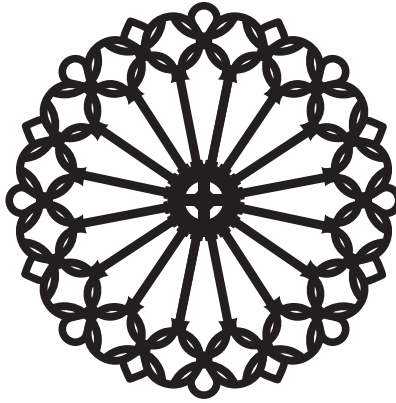
St. Tabitha's Guild is sponsoring a Tree of Gifts for the 2024 holiday season, located in the narthex. The tree features their handmade needlecrafts for Advent and Christmas. Your donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves are also welcome and can be placed on the tree. All items will be donated to Crossroads and Coalition for the Homeless.

Faith in Action: Dinner Service

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 4:30-6:30 PM

Caring for our community is of vital importance at St. Bart's—this fast-paced and fun volunteer opportunity is the perfect place to start as we hand out pre-made takeaway meals to our neighbors who line up around our church each evening. Learn more and register: stbarts.org/faithinaction.

▶▶ To see our complete schedule for Advent and
▶▶ Christmastide visit stbarts.org/adventchristmas. ▶▶



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