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

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

Holy Eucharist at Eleven O'Clock

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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.

Welcome!

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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.

Prelude *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* (Christ our Lord came to the Jordan),
BWV 684, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Gloria St. Bartholomew's Choir

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A*, Amy Beach (1867-1944).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

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

Presider Let us pray.
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Music: Anglican chant by Henry Ley (1887-1962).

The Second Lesson Acts 8:14-17

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 121

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Deacon As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank, Assisting Priest

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of epiphanies: in sudden moments of sacred insight, you burst through the heavens to reveal yourself on earth. Shine your light into our hearts, and make yourself known to us, we pray.

In Bethlehem of Judea, you appeared to travelers from the East, transcending the boundaries of nationality, religion, and race. Make yourself known to outsiders of every kind, and teach us to build bridges with people of different backgrounds and life experiences.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor Over the river Jordan, you appeared like a dove, announcing your love for all to hear. Make yourself known in this and every land. Descend like a dove into our world's strife, and transform its discord into a love that resembles yours.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor In the synagogue at Nazareth, you appeared with boldness, proclaiming freedom for the oppressed and the end of suffering for the poor. Make yourself known to all who have been mistreated or disadvantaged. Help us to build a beloved community in which every human being prospers and thrives.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor By the lake of Gennesaret, you appeared to the disciples, filling their nets with fish. Make yourself known to the Church throughout the world. Empower us to pursue the mission you have asked us to fulfill. Inspire us to fish for people, even in the face of difficulty and fear.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor On a level plain, you appeared to the sick and the troubled, preaching words of wisdom and offering healing and relief. Make yourself known to those who struggle in our time and place, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor Dazzling and transfigured, you appeared with Moses and Elijah, bridging the gap between the living and the dead. Make yourself known to the dying and those who have died, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Intercessor Like a great light in the midst of deep darkness, you have appeared among us, again and again. Hear now our prayers of thanksgiving for all the ways in which you have made yourself known in our lives, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People God of epiphanies,
make yourself known.

Presider God of epiphanies, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ❖ Thank you for joining us today. We're glad that you are here! If you are new, please visit stbarts.org/hello or scan the QR code to fill out an online Connect Card and sign up for our Weekly eNews.
- ❖ Monetary offerings may be placed 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 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. Bartholomew's Choir

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river Lord. I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to the gospel feast.
That promised land, where all, is peace.
Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Words and Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 636



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt.
Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of, hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A*, Amy Beach (1867-1944).

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. 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.*

Anthem The Combined Choirs

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb,
He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Words: from *Songs of Innocence* (1789), William Blake (1757-1827).
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepeium:
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

We celebrate a day sanctified by three miracles:
today a star led the Magi to the manger;
today wine was made from water at the marriage feast;
today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the Jordan
so that he might save us. Alleluia.

Words: Antiphon at Second Vespers on the Feast of the Epiphany.
Music: Luca Marenzio (1553/4-1599).

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

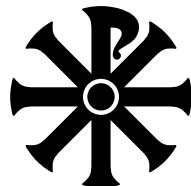
Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Coffee Hour in the Great Hall

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

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Preacher The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Subdeacon The Reverend Zack Nyein

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lectors Henry Johnston, Leslie McCullough Jeffries

Intercessor Teagan Sage

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Anne Rudder

Verger Charlotte Lamb

Crucifers Henry Johnston, Mark Lugo

Acolytes Elliott Brown, Kate Getzendanner, Hugh Johnston, Bruce Simmons

Ushers Percy Preston, Isaiah Chabala, Marianthe Colakis, Rena Crisp, David Hilder, Lucy Martin Gianino, Ditsa McFarland, Katy Nelson, Eileen Scott, Robin Woodward, Wil Yates

St. Bartholomew's Choir

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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We continue to hold in our prayers:

Diane, Peter, Al, Kate, Al, Donna, Karen, Judy, Margaret, Bart, Elizabeth, Connie, Nelly, Leon, Peter, Sam, Beth Ann, Steve, Aaron, Curtis, Melanie

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✦ Coffee Hour

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

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

✦ Peace Book Club

1:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Continue discussing *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, has been a huge success. We currently have over 200 donors, and now many parishioners are asking if they can still pledge!

Well of course you can!

Every pledge counts, and every pledge matters, so it's never too late to join us and make a difference. Pledges are prayerfully and gratefully accepted. To pledge, please visit stbarts.org/pledge.

The Clergy and Staff at St. Bart's cannot thank you enough. Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2025!

January 19, 2025: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

✦ 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

Gandhi, King, and Nonviolence

Karuna Mantena, Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, discusses Mahatma Gandhi's influence on the thinking of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the connection they both perceived between social change and nonviolence.



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.

Imagine Worship NYC

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM, IN THE CHAPEL

Imagine Worship NYC continues on Thursday nights in the chapel this winter and spring. 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.

Enduring Faith: A Journey through Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 7-28, 6:30-8 PM, VIA ZOOM

Investigate themes of faith and endurance in Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*, or *What You Will* with St. Bart's parishioner and classical actor Esther Williamson. Class will include readings of excerpts from the play. Experience with Shakespeare is not required. Learn more at stbarts.org/shakespeare.

Jonathan Eig's King: A Life

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 26, 7-8 PM, VIA ZOOM

Discuss Jonathan Eig's recent and monumental look at the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the Reverend Peter Thompson and other members of the St. Bart's community. Please read the Prologue and Chapters 1-5 before the first session. Register at stbarts.org/king.

Little Voices

EVERY OTHER MONDAY, BEGINNING JANUARY 13, 4:45-5:30 PM

Little Voices is a free music education opportunity for the younger children of St. Bart's. Conceived as a musical playground environment for kids, it's a place to sing songs, play musical games, and try out musical instruments. Taught by Alex Pattavina, children learn about and listen to music, draw and make crafts, and develop an appreciation for sacred arts. Little Voices is a fun and friendly experience for kids ages 5-8, regardless of any previous musical ability or experience. To sign up, contact Alex Pattavina at apattavina@stbarts.org.

EXPLORE Class

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 15-29 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM

EXPLORE is an introduction to the Episcopal Church and an orientation to our community at St. Bart's. This is a great next step for anyone curious about the church or looking to get involved. All are welcome! Register and stbarts.org/explore.

Bach at St. Bart's

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24—7 PM LECTURE, 8 PM CONCERT

The American Symphony Orchestra and Bard Festival Chorale, under the direction of Leon Botstein, offer the U.S. premieres of two works by C.P.E. Bach: *Heilig ist Gott* (Holy is God) and *Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu* (The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus). Co-presented by the Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation. Tickets available at AmericanSymphony.org. Use discount code FAF25 (Friends & Family) for 25% off priority seating, and ASO25 for 25% off general admission.

Deconstructed and Reconstructing: Building a Robust Faith After Evangelicalism

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 26-MARCH 2, 1-3 PM, IN PERSON

Seminarian Nathan Peace convenes a small group for young adults who grew up in evangelical or fundamentalist churches and now seek a more inclusive Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition. Sessions explore theology, the Bible, politics, and spirituality. A pre-course questionnaire is required for participation: stbarts.org/deconstructed.

Seeking Spiritual-but-not-Religious Former St. Bart's Young Adults

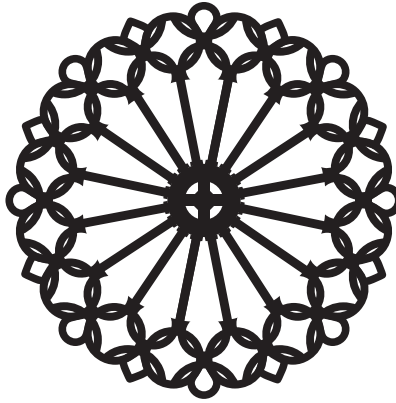
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 3-5 PM (RSVP REQUIRED)

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers is currently traveling the country learning about the spiritual lives of young adults with no current faith affiliation. On January 26, she plans to interview former St. Bart's members ages 18-44 who grew up here but are now on a "spiritual but not religious" path outside of traditional faith. They will be invited to share about how they're relating to the divine, how they're building spiritual community, and what wisdom they would share with churches. Please invite young adults you know in the wider St. Bart's family to contact Canon Spellers directly at revsteph@gmail.com or 646-584-0040 for more information and to RSVP.

Interfaith Conversations: Exploring Biblical Texts

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 4-25, 6:45-8 PM, IN PERSON

The Reverend Meredith Ward and Rabbinic Intern Professor Marcia Pally of Central Synagogue facilitate a four-week conversation on key Biblical texts, exploring themes common to Judaism and Christianity to consider anew how we understand them. This in-person-only conversation will alternate between Central and St. Bart's. Register at stbarts.org/biblicaltxts.



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