

The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord

# Holy Eucharist in the Round at 9 am

January 12, 2025

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.

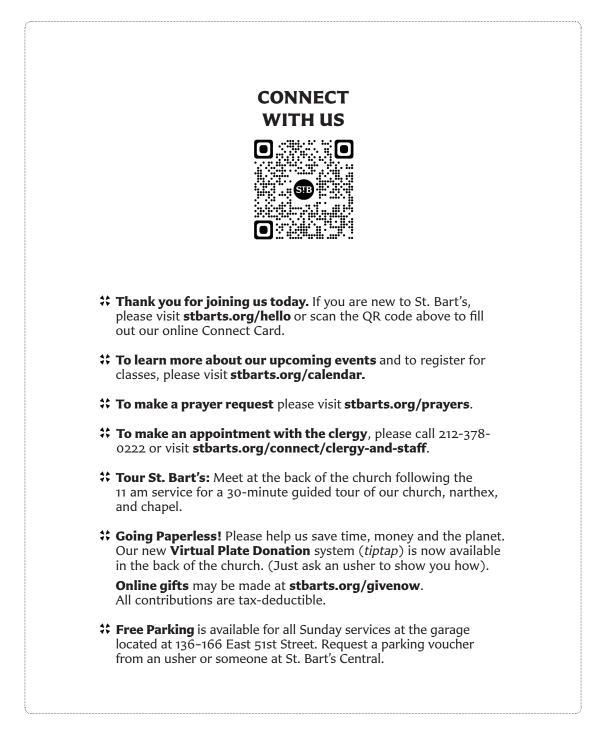
#### What we are against

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!

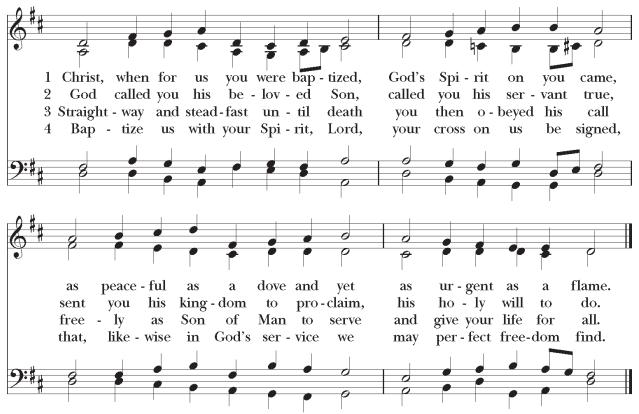


Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam (Christ our Lord came to the Jordan), Prelude BWV 684, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Welcome

The people stand.

#### Hymn 121



#### **The Opening Acclamation**

Presider	Arise, shine, for our Light has come!
People	And the glory of God has risen upon us.
Presider	Lift up your eyes and look!
People	<b>See and be radiant!</b>
Presider	From east and west we have traveled;
People	from south and north we have gathered together.
Presider	Our hearts thrill and rejoice,
People	and we proclaim God's praise.

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 Ministry of the Word

#### **The Collect**

Presider	May God be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Presider All	Together, let us pray. Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Amen.

#### The people sit.

#### The 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.

The people stand as the music begins.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you.

Words: Isaiah 60:1. Music: Ruth Cunningham (b. 1956).

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

Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People	<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b>
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	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

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

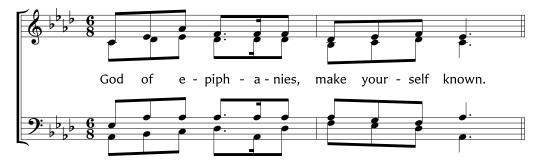
An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

#### **The Prayers of the People**

All

All

- God of epiphanies: in sudden moments of sacred insight, you burst through the heavens Presider 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 Intercessor I 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.



Over the river Jordan, you appeared like a dove, announcing your love for all to hear. Intercessor II 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. All

#### God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, you appeared with boldness, proclaiming freedom for the Intercessor III 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.

#### All God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

Intercessor I 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.

#### All God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

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

The people may add their own petitions.

#### God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

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

The people may add their own petitions.

#### All God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

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

The people may add their own petitions.

#### All God of epiphanies, make yourself known.

- God of epiphanies, you call us with your yoice of flame to be your people, faithful and Presider 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 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**

- 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. Bart's Singers

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [Jesus now returns today to the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ was baptized, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* [This is my beloved Son, hearken unto him]

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Words: Medieval. Music: The Baptism of Jesus, Peter Hallock (1924-2014).

The people stand.

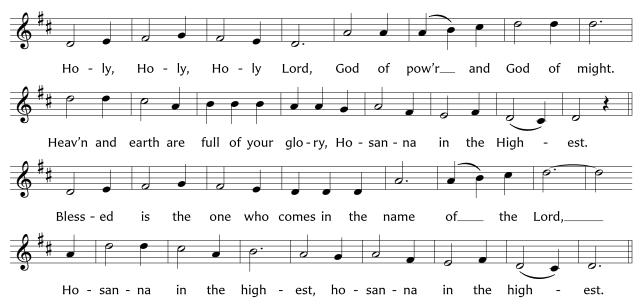
#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider	It is truly right to thank and praise you, O God, radiant and resplendent, beauty so old and so new. You live forever in light we cannot see—brightness too dazzling for our eyes. And yet glimpses of your glory still manage to break into our troubled world.
	Basking in every fragment, each ray that you send, we join with the angels of heaven to

sing the everlasting hymn:



**Sanctus and Benedictus** 



Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Presider

Blessed indeed is Jesus, who entered our gloom and despair. He shared our flesh and blood and became like us in every respect. Born a tiny infant, he grew in strength and wisdom until, in time, he claimed his mission: to fish for people—to teach, to preach, and to heal. From his earliest days to his last, multitudes attested to his greatness: rulers came to pay their respects; prophets deferred to his standing; Moses and Elijah appeared alongside him. Christ is still our guiding Lamp, our bright Morning Star. We adore your Beloved Child, in whom you are well-pleased.

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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

People	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Presider	Open the heavens, O God, and send down your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts of bread and wine we offer, that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. By that same Spirit, who anointed Jesus at the river Jordan, anoint us to be your Church: a joyous community, united across difference, free of anger and violence, full of love and affection, devoted to the outcast and the poor. May Christ come quickly to usher in the dawn of justice and peace and to gather us with the people of every race and nation on that holy mountain- top, where we will see you face to face.
All	Confident in the glory about to be revealed, we make our prayer through Christ who, with you and the Spirit, shines forever in brilliance that never fades. AMEN.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

PresiderAs our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,AllOur Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,<br/>on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive<br/>those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For<br/>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.

PresiderWe break this bread for all the broken, who sit in the shadow of death.PeopleMay the light of Christ shine into every darkness.

#### The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God: more precious than gold, more fragrant than incense, more soothing than myrrh. Christ, who has received our gifts, now gives himself to us.

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



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

The people stand.

#### The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let u

All

Let us pray. God of all holiness, in this temple we have seen and tasted your salvation. Send us now in peace to proclaim your revelation to every people and share your light with all the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### **The Blessing**

Hymn



Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899–1993). Music: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899–1993); arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009).

#### The Dismissal

DeaconGo in the peace of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Postlude



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

#### Manifest: The Season After the Epiphany

The Reverend Zack Nyein offers an overview of the often overlooked Season After the Epiphany, including scriptural and liturgical themes and special feasts in the period of time between Christmastide and Lent.

Please note: The Forum with David Blankenhorn of Braver Angels has been postponed to a later date in 2025, due to illness.

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

## **Service Participants**

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe **Preacher** The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius Chalicer Sarah Bessey

**Lector** Jacquie Talbott Intercessors Jacquie Talbott, Natalie Johnson, Sarah Bessey **Ushers** Tom Buckley, Jung Griffin

St. Bart's Singers Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

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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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## Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

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

**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



#### Soin 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
- SIBLE 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). Copresented 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

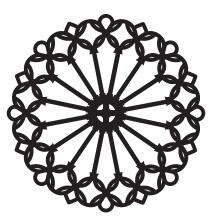
**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 26-MARCH 2, 1-3 PM, IN PERSON** Seminarian Nathan Peace convenes a small group for young adults who grew up in evangelical or fundamentalist churches and now seek a more inclusive Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition. Sessions explore theology, the Bible, politics, and spirituality. 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/biblicaltexts**.



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