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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm March 30, 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.

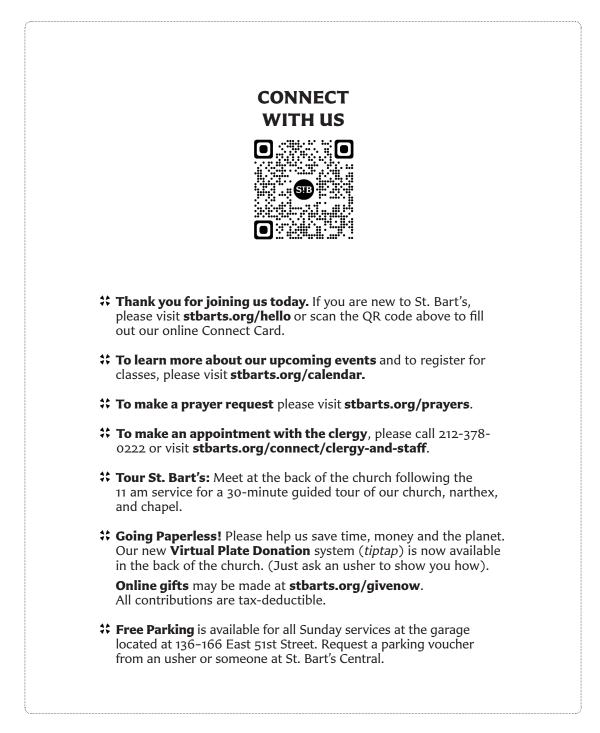
What we are against

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

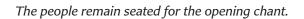
Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

We are so glad you are here!

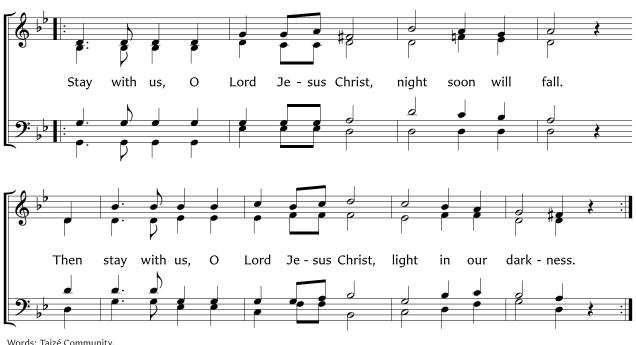




Prelude



Chant



Words: Taizé Community. Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994). The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider	Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures
	forever.
People	Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider	Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Silence is kept.	
All	Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.
Presider	Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.
All	Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider All	Together, let us pray. Undignified God, spirit of dangerous feasts, inviting the unclean to your table: find us in the far country of hopelessness and greed; free us from the prison of resentment and envy and bring us back to life; through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.
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An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

Hymn 379



Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider People

. Presider

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

PresiderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

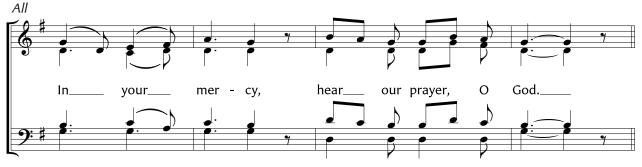
The Sermon Nathan Peace, Seminarian

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God, in your mercy, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and for the whole world.

We pray for our parish family in this time of transition. Guide us through the trials that lie ahead.



Music: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828).

We pray for our world, torn and driven apart. Press us forward in our pursuit of peace. Intercessor All In your mercy, hear our prayer, O God. We pray for our country, anxious and afraid. Keep us hopeful in the midst of our distress. Intercessor In your mercy, hear our prayer, O God. All Intercessor We pray for the sick, the poor, and all the oppressed, including those we now name: The people may add their own petitions.

- Support them in their struggles.
- All In your mercy, hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for those who have died, including those we now name: Intercessor

The people may add their own petitions.

	Grant them a place at your feast in heaven.
All	In your mercy, hear our prayer, O God.
Intercessor	We give thanks for every blessing we have received, including those we now name:

The people may add their own petitions.

Even in times of change and challenge, may we always find reason to rejoice.



Presider God our father, you disarm our judgement with your outrageous mercy; and the punishment we seek you turn to celebration. Lift our self-loathing, and embrace our stubbornness, that we too may show such fathering to an embittered world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

All

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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- As we embark on a period of transition for our parish, we invite you to invest in the future that—with God's help—we are building together.
- To make a gift or a pledge in support of the next phase of our ministry, visit **stbarts.org/investinourfuture** or scan the QR code to the right.
- * We welcome all who are new today. Visit **stbarts.org/hello** to let us know who you are!



Interlude

The people stand.

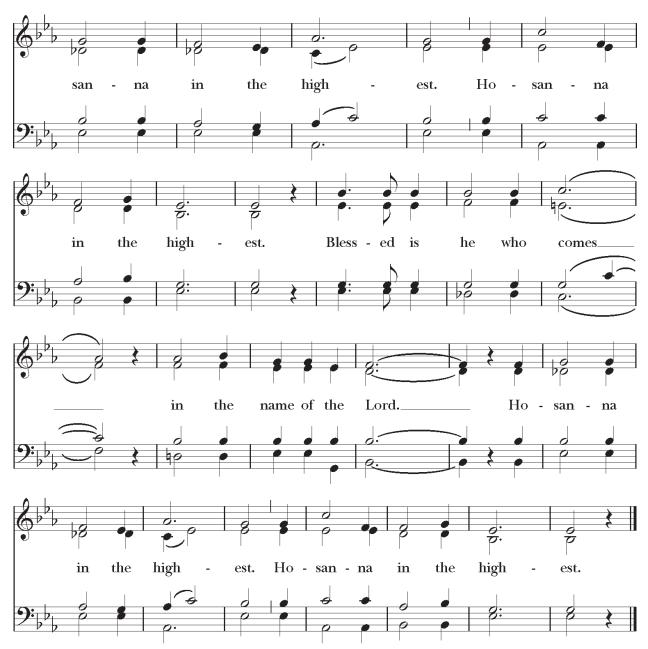
The Great Thanksgiving

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	It is indeed right and good to give you thanks

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God. For in these forty days, you lead us into the desert of repentance that, through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline, we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service, you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word, you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus





Music: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Presider

O God, Creator of our wilderness world, O God, Savior of the Lost, O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider People	We extol his life. Amen: Amen.
Presider People	We lament his death. Amen: Amen.
Presider People	We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: Amen.
Presider	Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Grant us with the people of old forty days of repentance. Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. And, at the last, lead all your pilgrim people through the deserts of death to your Easter garden.
All	To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. 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,
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	Savior of the World, broken for us:
People	by your wounds you make us whole.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come, my friends! Let us eat and celebrate. For what once was dead is now alive; what once was lost now is found.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please wait for the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.
- Wine is received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.
- In the interests of public health, St. Bart's discourages intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to drink from the cup, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

The Prayer after Communion

PresiderLet us pray.AllFather of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met
us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us
grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the
world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall
be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

- All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.
- *Presider* Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.
- All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Blessing



Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: New Britain, from Virginia Harmony 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010).

The Dismissal

DeaconMay God go with you as you walk through the wilderness.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein **Preacher** Nathan Peace

Lector Stephanie Guerard Usher Allison May Altar Guild Megan Krasney

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director of Facilities Charles Bryant **Facilities** Anthony Thomas, Paul Rodriguez

We continue to hold in our prayers Tamara, Jack, Mac, David, Charlotte, Virginia, Mark, Dickie Ann, Melody, Cathy, Rebecca, Elliot

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MEET US AFTER CHURCH

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.

* Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community 12:30 PM IN ROOM 33

This nine-session course is for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith, with an open and inclusive lens.

Concert: New Hampshire Meets New York 2:30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

The Apple Hill String Quartet and Flutist Gretchen Pusch perform works by Tribeca artist Meredith Monk, Miriam Sharrock, and Amy Beach. Learn more at mmpaf.org.

:: Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.



April 6, 2025: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

🛟 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

Grief, Hope and Healing Together

Flora Ferrara, Keith Reinhard, and the Reverend Meredith Ward speak about recovering from loss and the grief group held under the auspices of St. Bart's.



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

- **HOLY EUCHARIST** TUESDAY-THURSDAYS AT 12:05 PM IN THE CHAPEL
- SIGHT 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.

Make a Gift of Easter Music & Flowers

As you journey through Lent you may wish to remember loved ones and offer thanksgiving for special blessings by making a gift to St. Bart's Easter Music and Flowers. **Gifts made on or before April 6** will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day service leaflets. Visit **stbarts.org/easter-gift** to give online.

Pathfinders: Taking the Next Step in Christian Community

SUNDAYS, MARCH 9-MAY 18 IN-PERSON AT 12:30 PM WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12-MAY 21 VIA ZOOM AT 7 PM ET Led by St. Bart's clergy, we'll explore the Bible, prayer, church history, the liturgical calendar, and the sacraments. Participants may be formally Confirmed or Received into the wider Episcopal Church by the Bishop of New York on Sunday, June 1. Sign up at **stbarts.org/pathfinders**.

Retirement: Transition and Purpose

STARTING IN APRIL, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 4 PM

Led by the Reverend Meredith E. Ward, this group is for people who have retired or are entering retirement and are seeking to learn and share their experiences with others. *Retirement: Transition and Purpose* does not provide legal or financial advice. Instead, we gather for conversation to find support, direction, and fulfillment in our post-retirement lives. Visit **stbarts.org/retirementgroup** to learn more and register.

Easter Vigil Reception

Do you like to share your home-baked goods with friends and family? Do you know just the right place to shop for savory treats? Whether you're a whiz in the kitchen, or a savvy foodie, we'd be grateful for your contribution to the annual Easter Vigil Festive Reception, **immediately following the 7 pm Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19**. Hospitality (setting up, cleaning up, etc.) is also needed and appreciated. Please contact Veronica Shea at **vshea@stbarts.org** to learn how you can help!





April 13

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday ^T 8 am The Liturgy of the Palms, The Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist 9 and 11 am * The Liturgy of the Palms, The Passion Gospel and Choral Eucharist, (with Kids' Church at 11 am)
10:15 am and 12:15 pm Palm Sunday Fête 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

> April 14 Holy Monday

6 pm Holy Week Organ Concert

April 15

Holy Tuesday 12:05 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Light and Darkness *

> April 16 Holy Wednesday

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Stations in the City: Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown

April 17

Maundy Thursday 12:05 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday * 7:15 pm-Midnight The Night Watch

> April 18 Good Friday

12 noon The Three Hours: The Seven Last Words * **3 pm** Confession: The Rite of Reconciliation **6 pm** The Liturgy of Good Friday

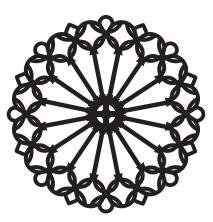
April 19 Saturday * [†] **7 pm** The Great Vigil of Easter

April 20 Easter Day

8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Festival Eucharist 11 am Festival Eucharist and Kids' Church * 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

For complete details on Holy Week and Easter visit **stbarts.org/holyweekandeaster**.

[†] FREE PARKING: METROPOLITAN 51 PARKING, 136 E. 51ST ST. VOUCHER REQUIRED. * LIVESTREAM AT STBARTS.ORG, FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE @STBARTSNYC



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