

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

August 10, 2025



You can find yours here.

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.



Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Hymn 35



Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (1930-2016). Music: *Mighty Savior*, David Hurd (b. 1950).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your

angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your

love's sake.

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 Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open

our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever

you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

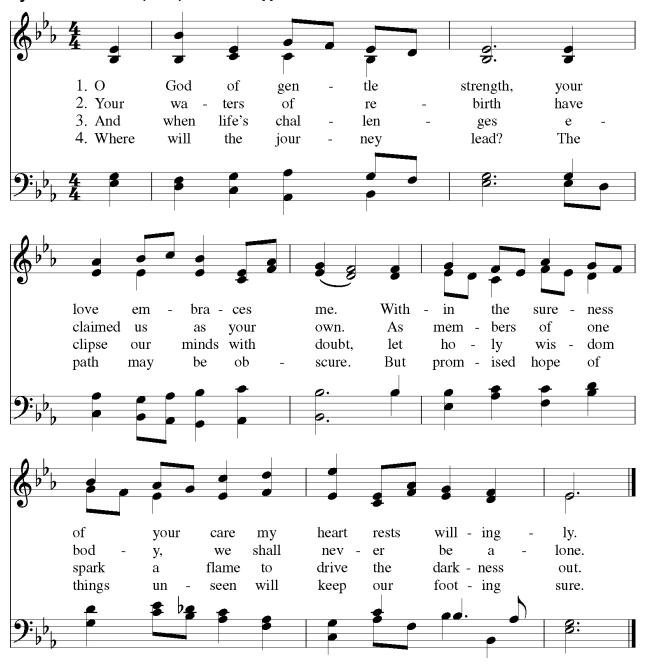
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

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

Hymn from Wonder, Love, and Praise #771



Words: Patricia B. Clark (1938-2009). Music: *Carlisle*, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815).

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon Patrick Bergquist, Interim Executive Director, Crossroads Community Services

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

O God, in your kindness, hear us, as we offer our prayers for ourselves and for the whole world

We pray, O God, for wisdom. Turn us away from superficiality, materialism, and greed. Teach us to be honest, generous, and humble. Help us to put our faith in heaven and not in fleeting things that fade away.



People

Intercessor

We pray, O God, for courage. Give your Church the boldness to fight for truth and justice in the face of opposition and obstruction. Empower us to be persistent in our prayers and

in our deeds.

People

In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray, O God, for love. Fill us with compassion and respect for all. Widen our circles to include the marginalized and the rejected. Disturb our daily routines with the cry of those

in need. Guide us as we care for our enemies, our neighbors, and ourselves.

People

In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray, O God, for healing. Confront the demons that run rampant in us and in our society. Release us from every ailment that causes pain. Surround with your healing presence all who suffer, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray, O God, for peace. Quiet the distractions and worries that keep us from resting in you. Still the storms of violence that batter our nation and the nations of the earth. Bring to eternal peace all who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray, O God, for grateful hearts. Bolster our praise for the good you make happen in our lives, and remind us continually to be thankful for your gifts, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People

In your kindness, hear our prayer.

Presider

God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. May your coming us find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you.

All Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not

listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness,

through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Presider May God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through the love of Jesus Christ, and

sustain you in the power of the Spirit, now and always.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ** We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today Please visit **stbarts.org/hello** to let us know who you are!
- ** Many are surprised to learn that St. Bart's does not have a large endowment. We rely on the generosity of members and visitors alike to sustain our ministries for the future.
- ** Visit **stbarts.org/give** or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. Thank you for your support!



On this Crossroads Community Services Sunday, we also encourage gifts to Crossroads and to Episcopal Charities of New York.



crossroadsnyc.org/donate



episcopalcharities-newyork.org/donate

Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

PresiderMay God be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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, for you made us, most holy God. And before us, you made the world we

inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. We praise you, O God, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth

and entering time in Jesus.

We praise you for his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life, breathing forgiveness and restoring us forever to you. For these gifts we praise and worship you. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody.

Presider

Jesus was always the quest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the quest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the quest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night in which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Later, after they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. People

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread Presider

and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of

him whose food we now share.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come to the banquet, 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, including children. 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.
- 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 people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help

us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved

us. 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

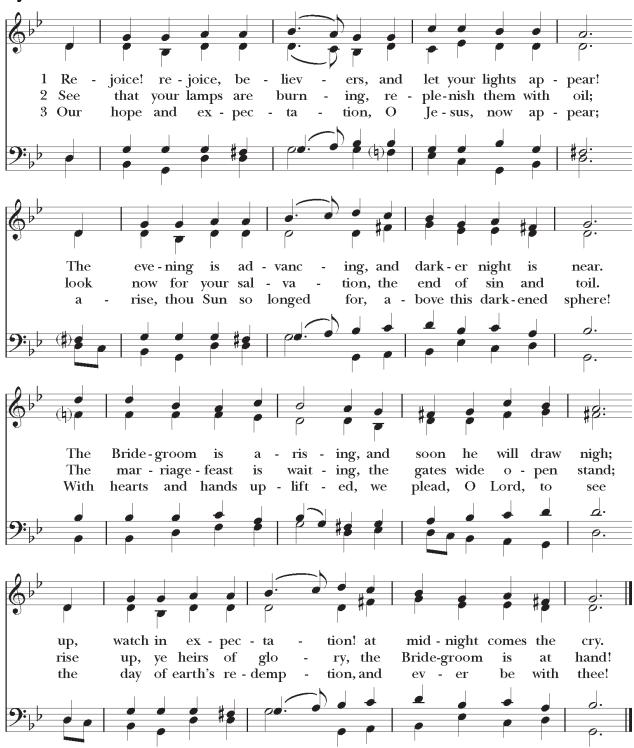
your people Israel.

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

Hymn 68



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

The Dismissal

Presider Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward **Preacher** Patrick Bergquist

Lector Richard Rose

Altar Guild David Carson **Usher** Richard Rose

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant

Facilities Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers

Rustin, Ljubica, Linda, Claire, Ray, Michael, Roberto

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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.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



Rector Search Committee Town Hall

Come to the Great Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, August 24, to meet members of St. Bart's recently appointed Rector Search Committee and learn more about the search process for our 14th rector. This Town Hall is an opportunity for you to ask questions and discover ways to engage in this important work. The event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. If you have general questions about the process, please send them to rectorsearch@stbarts.org.

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



August 17, 2025: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- \$\$ JOIN US IN PERSON AT 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
 Seeing Clearly: Evidence, Intuition, and the Search for the Common Good
 In an age of information overload and political polarization, how do we discern what truly serves the common good? CUNY Law professor and St. Bart's parishioner Ally Coll explores the promises and pitfalls of both evidence-based and intuition-led decision-making—in our public life and our personal faith.



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
- **CENTERING PRAYER FRIDAYS AT 9 AM VIA ZOOM**

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION. THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT STBARTS.ORG/CALENDAR

Security Update

Over the course of the past few months, the leadership of St. Bart's has been working to strengthen our security protocols. The recent violence at 345 Park Avenue has only reinforced our commitment to your wellbeing. As part of an enhanced security approach, personnel will now be inspecting all large bags at our Park Avenue entrance. Thanks so much for your understanding as we do our best to keep you safe.

8 am Holy Eucharist

If you regularly attended the 8 am service prior to the summer hiatus, our Vicar and Interim Rector would like to hear from you! Please email **pthompson@stbarts**. org to share your thoughts on how the hiatus has gone and whether you think the service should return in the fall.

August is Volunteer Recruitment Month at St. Bart's!

Please take a look at the many ministries for which volunteers are needed and consider signing up. We will train you and work with your schedule so you can serve as often as you like! Please sign up at **stbarts.org/volunteer**.

Updates from the Diocese of New York

Last Sunday, we joined the Diocese of New York in prayer for Yeonsoo Go and Elizabeth "Ketty" De Los Santos, two local Episcopalians unjustly detained by ICE. We are grateful to report that Yeonsoo has been released. Ketty, however, remains in custody at this time. Please visit **dioceseny.org/mmn-signup** to sign up for Bishop Matthew Heyd's Monday Morning Notes to stay informed about ongoing developments and ways to support.

Faith in Action Migrant Ministries

A new Migrant Welcome Committee has been formed to respond to the ongoing needs of our immigrant neighbors. Spearheaded by parishioners Christina Brandt-Young, Ally Coll, Rob McKinney, Keith Reinhard, and Lesli Tilly, the committee is mobilizing the St. Bart's community to provide meaningful support through legal aid, advocacy, education, and material assistance. Additionally, a confidential Immigration Listening Circle is being convened for parishioners and friends who are navigating the immigration system. Visit **stbarts.org/faithinaction** to learn more.

FREE Find Your Voice Camp

Join us for a four-day exploration of the musical instrument we carry with us every single day: the voice! Children ages 6-12, find your voice this summer at St. Bart's and catch a glimpse of what it's like to be a Chorister at St. Bart's—no musical experience required! Choristers director, Alexander Pattavina teaches musical skills such as ensemble singing and reading music. Take one-on-one voice lessons with expert singers from St. Bartholomew's Choir. Experience the amazing building of St.

Bartholomew's Church with a fun scavenger hunt.

All sorts of fun and games—both musical and non-

musical—as well as arts and crafts. Learn more and

Summer Reception on the Third Floor Terrace

register at **stbarts.org/summercamps**.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 6-8 PM IN ROOM 33

Join parishioners and friends of St. Bart's for a casual Wine & Cheese Reception. Meet and greet our Clergy and Vestry members and learn how you can help St. Bart's continue to grow this year and beyond. All are welcome! Register at **stbarts.org/reception**.

Save the Date: St. Bart's Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

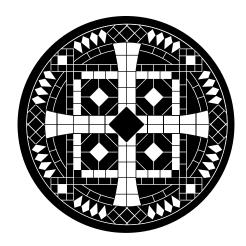
Join us for a joyful celebration of the St. Bart's community as we launch a new program year. We are delighted to welcome back the Reverend Buddy Stallings, our former Rector, as guest preacher (9 am and 11 am) and Forum speaker at 10 am. Following the 11 am service, stay for our annual St. Bart's Fair, complete with catered food, ice cream, a bouncy castle, and more!

Open Enrollment: St. Bart's Connects

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 14

St. Bart's Connects is a parish-wide initiative that aims to help our members get to know one another better in more intimate settings. New small groups will be formed this fall with multiple options available, including in-person, virtual-only and hybrid groups. Please register (**stbarts.org/connects**) even if you are already part of a group, so that we can update our records.





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