

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**Choral Eucharist at 11 am** 

August 31, 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.

#### **Tour St. Bart's**

Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.



#### 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

St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

#### **Prelude** Sonata in C Minor, Giovanni Battista Pescetti (1704-1766)

The people stand as the hymn begins.





Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### 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 in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,

tu solus Dominus,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

Music: from Missa Quarti Toni, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611).

Glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.

We give thee thanks for thy great glory.

Lord God, heavenly king, God the almighty Father. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou who takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou alone art the Holy One.

Thou alone art the Lord.

Thou, Jesus Christ, alone art the Most High. With the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father

Amen.

## The Ministry of the Word

#### The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The people sit.

#### **The First Lesson** Sirach 10:12-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

#### **Psalm 112** St. Bartholomew's Choir

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Music: Anglican chant by David Hurd (b. 1950).

#### **The Second Lesson** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

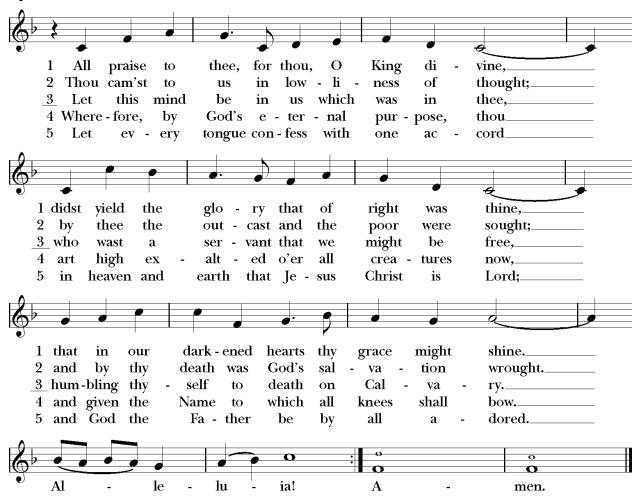
*Lector* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

The people stand as the hymn begins.

#### **Hymn 477**



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

**The Holy Gospel** Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon in Residence

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

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

We pray 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.

Intercessor

O God, in your kindness,

People

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray 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.

Intercessor

O God, in your kindness,

People

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray 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.

Intercessor People

O God, in your kindness,

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray 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...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor

O God, in your kindness,

People

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray 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...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor People

O God, in your kindness,

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray 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...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor

O God, in your kindness,

People

hear our prayer.

Presider Almighty God, in your goodness, you provide for the needy. Remove from your people the

pride of place and the pursuit of power that mocks humility. Open our hearts in

generosity and justice to the neglected and lonely, that in showing esteem for others, we

may honor and please you through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

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

Silence is kept.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and

deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your

Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

in eternal life.

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.

#### **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!



#### **Anthem** St. Bartholomew's Choir Jeff Morrissey, soloist

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, Guiltie of dust and sinne. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah my deare,

I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve.

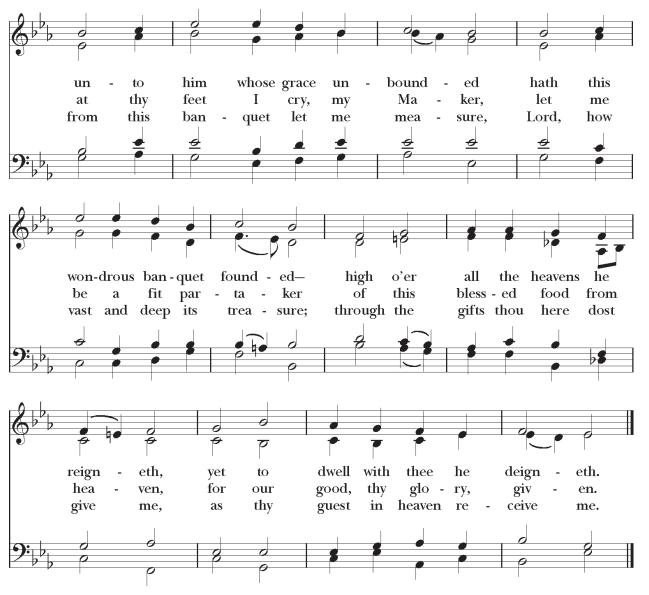
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat.

Words: Love (III), from *The Temple* (1633) George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: from *Five Mystical Songs*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

#### **Hymn 339**





Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
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Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in a

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus** St. Bartholomew's Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Missa Quarti Toni, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611).

Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you, now and for ever. 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, 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.

#### Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: from Missa Quarti Toni, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611).

#### **Motet** St. Bartholomew's Choir

Venite comedite panem meum et bibite vinum quod miscui vobis.

Come and eat my bread and drink the wine which I have prepared for you.

Words: from the Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament. Music: William Byrd (1543-1623).

The people stand.

#### **The Prayer After Communion**

Presider Let us pray.

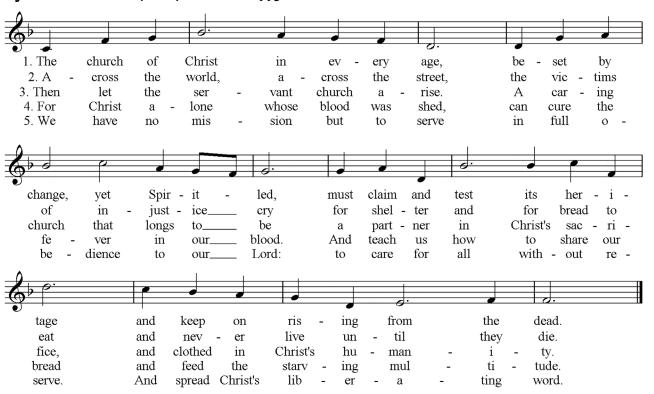
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of

Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### The Blessing

All

#### Hymn from Wonder, Love, and Praise #779



Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985).

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Fugue in C major, BuxWV 174, Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



## **Coffee Hour in the Great Hall**

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

## **Service Participants**

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

**Preacher** The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

**Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

**Subdeacon** The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

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

**Lectors** Kate Getzendanner, Aderonke Fatade

Intercessor Ron Bagden

Verger Patrick Bergquist

**Crucifers** Tivaun Cooper, Elliott Brown

Acolytes Sarah Bessey, Avi McMorrow, Carlos Santiago, Grace Wilson

**Altar Guild** Sarah Bessey, Richard Foster

**Ushers** Holly Bellows, Loring Bush, Luke Failla, Susan Liddicoat, Akash Lodh, Lizzie Min, Susan Slack, Becky Smith, Dave Smith, Linda Tejpaul

#### St. Bartholomew's Choir

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

**Associate Organist and Choirmaster** Alexander Pattavina

**Director, Marketing & Communications** Kara Flannery

Manager, Branding & Creative Design Ben Castellanos

Manager, Broadcast & Production Studio Niko Bakulich

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**Livestream Host** Brad Harmes

**Director, Operations & Facilities** Charles Bryant

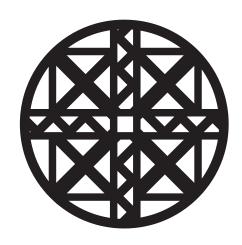
**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

#### We continue to hold in our prayers

Roberto, Beth Ann, Stan and Susan, Marleny, Tatyana, Nia, Ayaan, Helen, Drayer family, John

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### Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

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

## \$\$ Service Project: Backpacks for Migrant Families 12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

St. Bart's is proud to host our annual backpack assembly drive for migrant families. Help us reach our goal of preparing 100 backpacks by joining the assembly line today at Coffee Hour in the Great Hall at 12:30 pm. Backpacks will be distributed at the Row Hotel this Wednesday, September 3 at 3 pm, in partnership with city service organizations. To volunteer with distribution or to sponsor a backpack (\$50), please visit **stbarts.org/backpackdrive.** 

#### ‡‡ Living Christ Sangha 3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



## September 7, 2025: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Join us for a joyful celebration of the St. Bart's community as we launch a new program year and welcome back beloved former rector the Reverend Buddy Stallings.

#### # 9 AM HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE ROUND

Sermon by the Reverend Buddy Stallings.

#### \$ 10 AM THE FORUM: BUDDY

The Reverend Buddy Stallings reflects on the decade since he retired as rector of St. Bart's and the state of the world today.



#### ‡ 10 AM CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES OPEN HOUSE BREAKFAST

All kids, youth, and their families are invited to join us for breakfast, meet our volunteer leaders, and connect with other families, and celebrate the beginning of a new program year with us. Please register for the 2025-2026 school year at **stbarts.org/kids** and indicate any allergies or dietary restrictions on the form.

#### \$ 11 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

The Reverend Buddy Stallings, guest preacher. Bring your backpacks, briefcases, and bags to be blessed as we celebrate a new school year! Wonder Church for children in the Chapel



Food, bouncy castle, and entertainment for all ages. Meet other parishioners and get to know our leaders and staff. RSVP is appreciated at **stbarts.org/stbartsday**.

#### \$ 5 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

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

#### SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM

LIVESTREAM OF THE FORUM AT 10 AM AND CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 11 AM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: (STBARTS.ORG/WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM) VIA YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK LIVE (@STBARTSNYC).



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

SEE OUR COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF FALL PROGRAMMING AT STBARTS.ORG/FALL

## **Rector Search Update**

Thank you to all who joined the Rector Search Committee Town Hall on Sunday, August 24. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the video and learn more about the search for St. Bart's fourteenth rector at **stbarts.org/rectorsearch**. This Tuesday, September 2, the Parish Survey will be released. Please look for an email from the Rector Search Committee with the survey link. Your voice is vital to this process, and we look forward to hearing from you.

### **Music Opportunities for Children**

St. Bart's is proud to offer two free programs that help children grow through music:

**St. Bartholomew's Choristers** (ages 8+): A free musical education that teaches lifelong skills and values such as self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, dedication, and spirituality—all through singing at the Sunday 11am service

**Little Voices** (ages 5–8): A fun, playful introduction to music where kids sing songs, play games, explore instruments, and create art, all while developing an appreciation for sacred music. Learn more at **stbarts.org/choristers**.

## **Imagine Worship this Fall**

#### THURSDAYS AT 7 PM RESUMING SEPTEMBER 4

Pray your way into the weekend with an informal service of Holy Eucharist including soulful music and timely preaching in a warm community atmosphere. Stay afterward for food, conversation, and connection. Learn more at **stbarts.org/imagine**.

## **Explore Class Online**

#### MONDAYS SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22 AT 7 PM ON ZOOM

Explore is for anyone new to St. Bart's or the Episcopal Church and interested in learning more. This three-week series provides an overview of Christian belief and practice, through a progressive and open-minded lens. No question is off the table, and all are welcome. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore.** 

## In Solemn Remembrance of September 11, 2001

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 11 AM

On the twenty-fourth anniversary of September 11, 2001, St. Bart's will once again offer a service of Holy Eucharist in solemn remembrance of all who died on that day. Both in-person and online worshipers are welcome. Members of the New York City Fire Department will be in attendance. All are welcome.

# Migrant Ministries Fair & Postcard Party

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Meet representatives from local immigration organizations, learn how to get involved, and write postcards to public officials advocating for sanctuary protections for faith communities.

# Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith

## SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14-NOVEMBER 16, 1-2:30 PM IN PERSON

Who is God? Who is Jesus? Why does evil exist? St. Bart's parishioner and university professor Dr. Brooks Ishler leads a ten-week journey through some of the most fundamental questions addressed by the Christian faith, exploring their theological significance and introducing the historic discourse surrounding them. Register at **stbarts.org/odyssey**.

## **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 in-person, virtual-only and hybrid options available. Register at **stbarts.org/connects** even if you are already part of a group.

## A Choral Feast: Music of Schubert for Choir & Orchestra

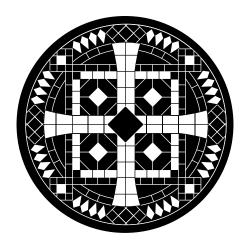
#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 11 AM**

St. Bartholomew's Choir will present Franz Schubert's, *Mass in C Major, D. 452* with chamber orchestra. Franz Schubert's sacred music for choir and orchestra carries the torch of Viennese Classicism passed to him by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. First written in 1816 at age 19, it has many hallmarks of Schubert's particular brand of classicism, including a sense of melody that seems effortless, careful texturing, balance, and a lightness of touch. **stbarts.org/choralfeast**.

#### We Believe

#### TUESDAYS, SEPT 16-OCT 28, 7-8 PM VIA ZOOM

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea when a group of bishops gathered to codify what Christians believe. Today, the Nicene Creed remains the central statement of our faith. In this series of classes, we will read Luke Timothy Johnson's book, *The Creed: What Christian's Believe and Why it Matters to* explore what the Nicene Creed says and what it means for us today. Register at **stbarts.org/webelieve.** 



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