

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm** 

September 14, 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



Words: *Phos hilaron*, Greek (3rd cent.), para. Marty Haugen (b. 1950). Music: *Joyous Light*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950).

The people stand with the presider.

### **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the

evening table, breath over the deep waters.

All Amen.

#### The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the

brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of

your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## The Ministry of the Word

#### The Collect

Presider May God be with you.
Presider And also with you.

Together, let us pray.

All God of the dirtied hands, the wandering feet; you seek out the lost before ever they

turn to you: take us with you into the abandoned places to find a new community outside our fortress walls; through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. Amen.

The people sit.

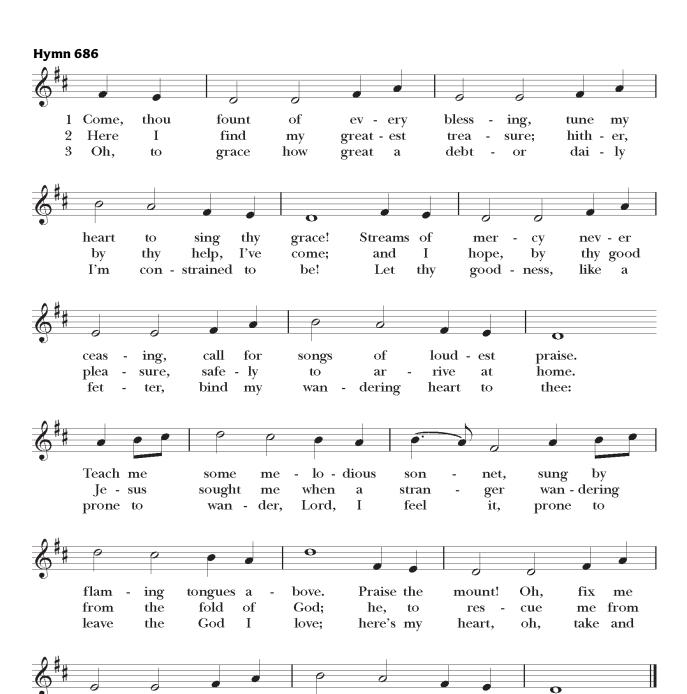
The Lesson Exodus 32:7-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been guick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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.



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The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence

of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

**The Sermon** The Reverend Zack Nyein, Senior Associate Rector and Pastor of Imagine Worship

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

#### The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Good and Gracious God, you have promised to hear those who cry to you day and night. Hear now our fervent prayers.

Protector of the persecuted, you call us to work for justice and to care for the oppressed. Open our eyes to the reality of suffering within this city and throughout the globe. Make us attentive to others' needs. Guide us as we hold the powerful to account and plead for the liberation of the poor.





Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Intercessor

Healer of brokenness and disease, you wash away our sadness and our pain. Bind the wounds of all who are injured in body, mind, or spirit, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Heal, too, the wounds of our world; end violence, soothe bitterness, and make us well.

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Intercessor Keeper of Paradise, no one is ever fully dead to you. Send your angels to those who are

dying and to those who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Receive them into your glorious inheritance, and comfort those who mourn.

All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Intercessor Source of all blessings, you have entrusted us with gifts beyond measure. We thank you

for the Church of God throughout the world, for this remarkable community, in which we have each found a place, for food and shelter, for our family and our friends, and for

every one of your gifts, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us as we strive to be good stewards of St. Bartholomew's, our church home. In this time of transition, grant us the strength and perseverance to move forward together in

faith, confident in what the future holds.

All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Presider O God, lover of sinners, you celebrate our return as a woman rejoices with her friends.

Where we are lost, search us out, and where we are locked away, claim us for your own;

that together we may adorn the beauty of your face, through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

All We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us;

some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you. Amen.

Presider Through Christ, God has put away your sin. God forgives you: forgive others; forgive

yourself.

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!



#### Interlude

#### The people stand.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

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

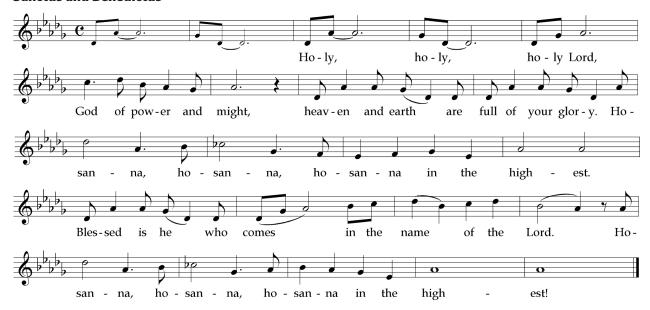
Presider It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, Relentless and Stubborn God, for you never

give up on any of us. When one sheep wanders off, you follow resolutely after. When one coin goes missing, you sweep the whole house until you have reason to rejoice. You welcome young and old, rich and poor, the arrogant and the humble, the greatest and the least. Sinners and doubters, complainers and fools—all alike have a place at your table.

You are only fully satisfied when everyone is present.

And so, grateful for your love—generous and extravagant, uncompromising and allencompassing—we bow before you and exclaim:

#### **Sanctus and Benedictus**



from Mass for St. Bartholomew's, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Presider

Blessed indeed is Jesus, the Christ, who comes in your name. While we are still on the way, he heals us, delivering us from exclusion and shame. Frustrated by our petty divisions, he dares us to fight evil with good and urges us to treat others as we would like to be treated. In a tense and conflict-ridden world, strengthen us to be his disciples: to learn from his teachings; to emulate his example; to take up our cross and follow him.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

God of the living, Attentive and Compassionate One: we cry to you day and night for Christ's return, for the manifestation of your reign on earth. Do not delay long in hearing us: fill the hungry; grant justice to the oppressed; bridge the chasms that are fixed between us.

May this meal we now share be a foretaste of Paradise, of perfect unity with one another and with you. Send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine and upon all of us gathered here, that we may partake in Christ's Body and Blood and be Christ's Body in all that we say and do. Make this community a haven for the burdened and despairing and a beacon of your love and peace. Keep us longing for an end to falsehood and violence, and bless us with the endurance of the saints, who faced every kind of trial and still persevered.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the One who laid down his life for us, and who abides with you and the Spirit, Three in One and One in Three, forever and forevermore.

All AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Presider

All

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Here is Bread and here is Wine, Heavenly Food and Saving Drink: nourishment alike for

tax collectors and sinners, for enemies and friends, for you and for me.

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 We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of

life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love

kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. 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.

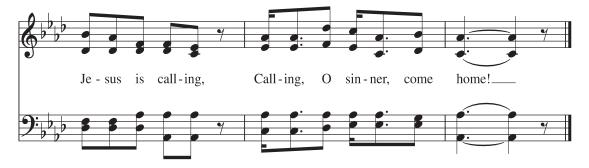
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and asleep we may rest in peace.

#### The Blessing

#### Hymn from Lift Every Voice and Sing #101





Words and Music: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909).

#### The Dismissal

Presider Go on your way. Be grateful. Love boldly. Persevere.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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The flowers on the Chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Glynn by his family.

## **Service Participants**

**Presider and Preacher** The Reverend Zack Nyein

**Lector** Erin Salvatore

**Altar Guild** Megan Krasney

**Usher** Sam Meyer

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

**Director, Operations & Facilities** Charles Bryant

**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

#### We continue to hold in our prayers

Marleny, Tatyana, Nia, Ayaan, Helen, Drayer family, John, Cullen, Henry

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## Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

12:15 PM Migrant Ministries Postcard Party & Backpack Assembly Meet representatives from local immigration organizations, learn how to get involved, and write postcards to public officials advocating for sanctuary

protections for faith communities. At the same time, help us prepare 100 backpacks for migrant families by joining the assembly line.

- # Children, Youth, and Families Lunch 12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- 🛟 Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith 12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- # Peace Book Club via Zoom 12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Discuss The AI Mirror: How to Reclaim Our Humanity in an Age of Machine Thinking by Shannon Vallor

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

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



## **Rector Search Update**

**Rector Search Roundtables are now open for sign-up.** These facilitated smallgroup conversations invite reflection on life at St. Bart's and the qualities we seek in our next rector. Roundtables will take place from September 16 through October 5. Space is limited, so please sign up soon at **stbarts.org/rectorsearch**.

On the same page, you will also find a link to the Parish Survey, which remains open through October 2. Thank you to all who have already completed the survey! If you haven't, please take a few minutes to do so soon. Your anonymous responses will help shape the Parish Profile and Community Ministry Portfolio, key documents that guide candidates as they discern a possible call to St. Bart's.

All members—adults and youth, in person and online—are encouraged to participate. Questions? Contact rectorsearch@stbarts.org.



September 21, 2025

## **The Fiftheenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- # 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**

A Masterpiece Hiding in Plain Sight: The Triple Portal Entrance to St. Bart's Church

Carole Bailey French, President of St. Bartholomew's Conservancy, discusses the majestic Triple Portal entrance to St. Bart's and efforts currently underway to preserve it for future generations.



## **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

## **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.** 

## **Imagine Worship this Fall**

#### **THURSDAYS AT 7 PM**

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.** 

## **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**.

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

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 14-NOV. 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**.

#### 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, the Reverend Meredith Ward facilitates discussion on Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The Creed: What Christian's Believe and Why it Matters* (available in the bookstore) to explore what the Nicene Creed says and what it means for us today. Register at **stbarts.org/webelieve.** 

## **Caregivers Support Group**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 4 PM**

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom beginning on Wednesday, September 24. This group is for people who are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia. It is a safe and confidential space to find support and navigate the challenges of caring for those with memory loss. Registration is required at **stbarts.org/caregivers.** 

## The Island Club (LGBTQ+ and Allies)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6 - 9 PM

Kick off fall with St. Bart's LGBTQ+ Community and the Island Club! Join friends and allies for a festive happy hour at the Inside Park Restaurant at St. Bart's (the church, not the Island!) People of all faiths and none are welcome to participate in this inclusive event. RSVP at **stbarts.org/islandclub.** 

## **Blessing of the Animals**

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, AT 11 AM**

We recognize St. Francis of Assisi and the whole of God's good creation with the Blessing of the Animals at our 11 am services of Holy Eucharist. Bring your pet (or a photo) to be blessed by the clergy.

## **Music Opportunities for Children**

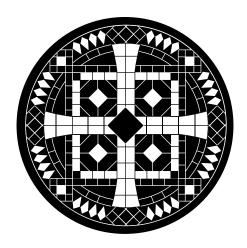
St. Bart's is proud to offer two free programs that help children grow through music:

**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 11 am 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**.





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