

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

October 19, 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.

The 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 dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice even when the weak are

shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us the courage to protest, the persistence to pray,

and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the true judge. Amen.

The people sit.

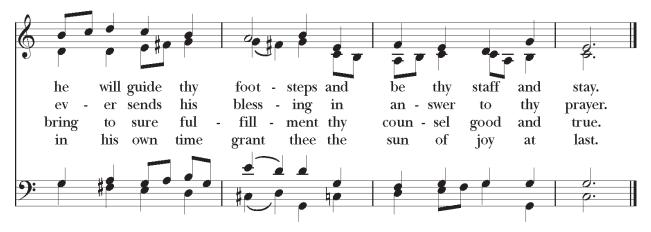
The First Lesson Genesis 32:22-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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





Words: Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He

said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find

faith on earth?"

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 Peter D. Thompson, Vicar and Interim Rector

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.

Αll

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.

Αll

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, with whom we wrestle until the break of day, make us long to seek your face beyond the limits of our strength: that in our wounds we may remember you, and in your blessing we may find our selves, 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

Announcing the 2026 Pledge Campaign: Forward Together in Faith

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 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

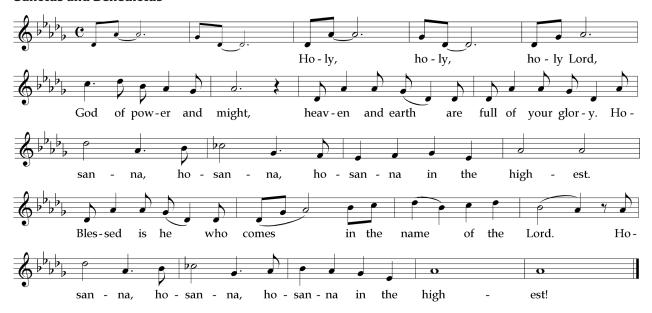
give up on any of us. When one sheep wanders off, you follow resolutely after. When one coin goes missing, you sweep the whole house until you have reason to rejoice. You welcome young and old, rich and poor, the arrogant and the humble, the greatest and the least. Sinners and doubters, complainers and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

encompassing—we bow before you and exclaim:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: 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:

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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.

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



Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000). Music: *Grafton,* from *Chants Ordinaires de l'office divin,* 1881; harm. from *The English Hymnal,* 1906.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Lector Sarah Bessey

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey

Usher David Glatzl

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant

Facilities Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers

Rob, William, Gary, John, Deborah, Glenn, Sabrina, Jolly, Abigail, Jim



Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings.

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

**** Coffee Hour**

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

* Open House New York

DOCENT LED TOURS AT 12:30, 2, & 3 PM

- **Theology Odyssey: Wrestling with the Core Questions of Christian Faith**1 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- * St. Tabitha's Guild

12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM



The 2026 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's

The 2026 Pledge Campaign at St. Bart's, "Forward Together in Faith," launches today! Please make your pledge online at stbarts.org/pledge. The Development Partners Program, an outreach program encouraging personal communication between parishioners about their lives at St. Bart's, will be happening during the campaign. If you would like to schedule a meeting (in person; via Zoom; or by phone) with a Development Partner, please contact Susannah Lewis at swadelewis@stbarts.org. Celebration Sunday for the 2026 Pledge Campaign is Sunday, November 16th.



October 26, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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 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

Gun Violence: Faithful Response and Prevention

The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith and the Reverend Hope A.J. Christensen, cofounders of Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence, discuss a faith-based approach to ending the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.



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

Guest Preacher Bishop Mark Beckwith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith, tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, will preach at the 9 am and 11 am services next Sunday. The author of Seeing the Unseen: Beyond Prejudices, Paradigms, and Party Lines, Bishop Beckwith co-founded both Bishops Against Gun Violence and Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence and has also been involved with the depolarization organization Braver Angels.

EfM Wide Angle at St. Bart's

A few spaces remain for *EfM Wide Angle*, a new one-year Education for Ministry (EfM) program at St. Bart's. Developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South, EfM is a small-group experience that helps lay people grow in faith, reflect theologically, and connect belief with daily life. This program invites participants to deepen their faith, explore life's big questions, discern God's call, put faith into action, and walk more closely with God. The group will meet primarily in person on Wednesday evenings. Space is limited, so enroll soon. Contact Lesli Tilly at **Itilly@stbarts.org** for details.

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.**

Caregivers Support Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 4 PM, VIA ZOOM

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom. 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.**

Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 11 AM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the church. All adult believers and children of Christian parents who have never been baptized are welcome and encouraged to take this step of faith. To explore baptism for yourself or your children, please contact Associate for Community Engagement Curry Brinson at cbrinson@stbarts.org or visit stbarts.org/baptism.

Explore Class for Newcomers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 16, & 23 AT 12:30 PM, ROOM 33

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. A light lunch is offered. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore**.

A Choral Feast: Fauré's Requiem

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 11 AM

Several Sundays throughout the year are designated *A Choral Feast* and celebrate a specific theme, composer, or a major choral work. On the Sunday after All Saints Sunday (known in some contexts as Remembrance Sunday), we remember all who have died over the course of the past year as St. Bartholomew's Choir offers Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem*, Op. 48 with chamber orchestra. Learn more at **stbarts.org/choralfeast.**

One Script, Two Worlds: Coexistence Through Language with Aravrit

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 6-7:15PM IN PERSON AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

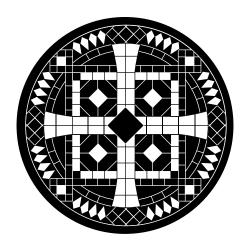
Join our partners at Central Synagogue for an evening with Liron Lavi Turkenich, founder and creator of Aravrit, an experimental writing system that merges Hebrew and Arabic. She will discuss the challenges and reactions from the public to this new script and share some inspiring stories before leading a workshop to try our hand at this writing system. Registration is required at **stbarts.org/onescript**

Lawyering in Faith: Navigating Ethical and Professional Complexities

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 6:30 PM, ROOM 33

In today's diverse and pluralistic society, what happens when a lawyer's personal faith or beliefs conflict with a client's interests or legal obligations? On November 19 at 6:30 pm, the Guilds of St. Ives at St. Bart's and The Episcopal Diocese of New York will jointly present an interactive program to discuss this thorny, timely, ethical dilemma. Panelists include Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng, Alice Yurke, and J. Patrick Hornbeck II. The cost (\$40/person) includes dinner. A request for 1.5 hours of Ethics CLE credit is pending. Register at **stbarts.org/lawyeringinfaith.**





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