

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

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm**

March 22, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022



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.

Welcome!

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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 chant.

Chant

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night soon will fall.

Then stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Words: Taizé Community.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

All **To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Presider By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

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 **O God, you call us to commitment even at the point of despair. Give us the faith of Martha to find in our anger and loss a truthful place to proclaim you our resurrection and life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The people sit

The Lesson Romans 8:6-11

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 455



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).
Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985).

The Holy Gospel John 11:1-45

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 Meredith E. Ward, Senior Associate Rector

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

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

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We 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 We give you thanks and praise, O God, in this dry and weary land. You set a table for us in the wilderness and provide for all our needs. Even when we complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. When we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Presider We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, these people. By the power of your Spirit breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones. Make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

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 Savior of the World, broken for us:
People **by your wounds you make us whole.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation: food to satisfy all hunger, drink to quench all thirst.

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 **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Blessing

Hymn 46

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -
2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light
3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let
ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and
kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker
we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish
when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.
be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.
cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others.
Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Dismissal

Presider May God go with you as you walk through the wilderness.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lector Bill Rowe

Usher Allison May

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

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We continue to hold in our prayers

Norma, Christina, Joyce, Douglas, Rise, Kristi, Gabrielle, Rita, Jean

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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
- ✧ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✧ **Pathfinders**
12:30 PM IN ROOM 33
- ✧ **Let My People Go: A Clergy Bible Study**
12:30 PM IN ROOM 32
- ✧ **St. Tabitha's Guild**
12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✧ **Peace Book Club**
1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✧ **Lenten Organ Recital: Paolo Bordignon**
4 PM IN THE CHURCH

**EASTER
FLOWERS
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AT
ST. BART'S**

Easter Flowers and Music at St. Bart's

As Easter approaches, you may wish to remember loved ones and offer thanksgiving for special blessings by making a gift to St. Bart's Easter Flowers and Music. Our Easter Vigil and Easter Day service leaflets will include a listing of these tributes. To dedicate a gift of flowers and music, please visit stbarts.org/eastergift, or contact Susannah Wade Lewis in the Development Office (swadelewis@stbarts.org). Please submit your tribute gift **by end of day today, March 22**, to ensure inclusion in the leaflets.

**NEXT
SUNDAY
AT
ST. BART'S**

March 29, 2026

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- ✧ **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).
- ✧ **10:15 AM AND 12:15 PM—PALM SUNDAY FÊTE FOR ALL AGES**
Come to the Great Hall on Palm Sunday after the 9 am and 11 am services for coffee, tea, and hot cross buns, plus palm cross making (instructions provided).

**WEEKDAYS
AT
ST. BART'S**

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

- HOLY EUCHARIST** • TUESDAY-THURSDAY 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 AND FRIDAY, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

Livestream Hosts Needed

As we approach Holy Week, we are looking for more livestream hosts to help us welcome the online members of our community. To help, email Veronica Shea (vhsea@stbarts.org).

Lenten Organ Recital

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 4 PM

Paolo Bordignon offers a 45-minute program including music of J. S. Bach on the day after the composer's birthday. Suggested donation: \$20.

Imagine Worship: Faith on Pointe

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: 6 PM SYMPOSIUM, 7 PM WORSHIP

Imagine Worship is thrilled to welcome the Reverend Julie Hoplamazian, Episcopal priest and founder of Faith on Pointe, a ministry at the intersection of ballet and theology that teaches ballet as a spiritual practice. She will offer a symposium in the church at 6 pm and preach at the 7 pm Imagine Worship Eucharist. All are welcome—you don't have to be a dancer to participate in this exploration of movement and spirituality! Learn more at stbarts.org/dance.

Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 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 you or your children, please contact Curry Brinson, Associate for Community Engagement, at cbrinson@stbarts.org, or visit stbarts.org/baptism.

Easter Vigil Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Whether you're a whiz in the kitchen, or a savvy foodie, we'd be grateful for your contribution to the annual Easter Vigil Festive Reception, immediately following the 7 pm Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4. Please contact Paul Rodriguez at prodriguez@stbarts.org to sign up.



✧
**FROM
SHADOWS
TO
GLORY**
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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

9 am & 11 am The Liturgy of the Palms, The Passion Gospel & Choral Eucharist (with Wonder Church for Kids at 11 am)

5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

HOLY TUESDAY

MARCH 31

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm Tenebrae: A Service of Light and Darkness

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm Stations in the City: Journeying the Way of the Cross in Midtown

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

7:15 pm-Midnight The Night Watch

8-9:15 pm Imagine Worship Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3

12 pm The Three Hours: The Seven Last Words

6 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

SATURDAY

APRIL 4

7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

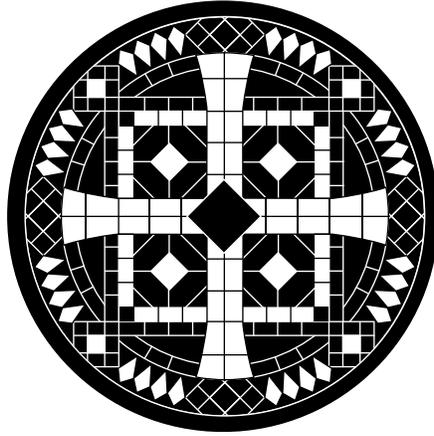
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

9 am & 11 am Festival Eucharist (with Wonder Church at 11 am)

5 pm Contemplative Eucharist

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