

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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:  
The Sunday after Ascension Day

**Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation,  
and Choral Eucharist at 11 am**

May 17, 2026



**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.**

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### **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 and your children to make full use of this space during worship.

Wiggles and giggles are welcome here. However, if at any point your child needs a little extra room to move and breathe, please feel free to step away from the sanctuary and return whenever you're ready.

After the second lesson, all children are invited to the chapel for Wonder Church for kids. They will return during the announcements, in time for Holy Communion. A professionally-staffed nursery is available in the Children's Playroom on the basement level. An usher would be glad to guide you. Register for 2025-2026 at [stbarts.org/kids](https://stbarts.org/kids).

### **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](mailto:apattavina@stbarts.org)) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

### **Sacramental Participation**

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.

**Prelude** *Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui desire le ciel*  
 ("Serene alleluias of a soul that desires heaven")  
 from *L'Ascension*, Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

**Hymn 214**



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

## The Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

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

*Presider* Let us pray.  
O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*All* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** St. Bartholomew's Choir

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;  
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God;  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

Music: Anglican chant by Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901).

**The Second Lesson** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.*

The people stand as the hymn begins.

### Hymn 215



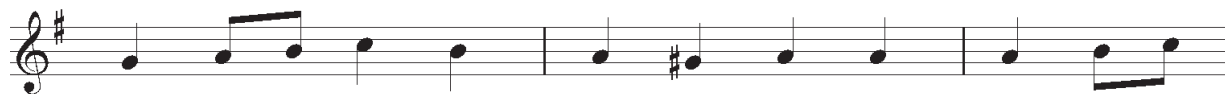
1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in  
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the  
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his  
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and  
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!  
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful  
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is  
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals  
part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger  
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in



high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.  
eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.  
thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710.

**The Holy Gospel** John 17:1-11

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

*Deacon* Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

*After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.*

**The Sermon** The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York

**The Presentation and the Examination of the Candidates**

*The people remain seated as the candidates and presenters stand and face the Bishop.*

*Presider* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Sponsors* I present Gabriel Acuña, Scott Bixby, Elizabeth Brewster, Caleb Galaraga, Hamilton Gabriel Hadden, Clarence Jackson, Lindsey Jackson, Phoebe Kennen, Joyce Yu-Jean Lee, Akash Lodh, Surfer-Atlantis Martin, Charles Meidlinger, Montgomery Rush, Robert Sams, Raelee Sents, Jason Soong, Brian Stansifer, Emily Wang, and Michael Zuch for Confirmation.

*Sponsors* I present Camilo Ariza, Gwynna Dille, Aline Iskander, Judy Randall, Charlotte Wagster, and LC Walton to be received into this Communion.

*Sponsors* I present Debra Bean and Mary Scandell who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*The presider asks the following questions of the candidates.*

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Presider* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*The people stand. The presider asks the following question of the whole congregation.*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

- Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Prayers for the Candidates**

- Presider* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
- Intercessor* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Presider* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- All* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### **The Confirmation of Candidates**

*Each candidate kneels before the Bishop and receives the laying on of hands.*

*Presider*        Defend, O Lord, your servant...with your heavenly grace, that *she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *she* comes to your everlasting kingdom.

*All*                **Amen.**

### **The Reception of Candidates**

*Each candidate kneels before the Bishop and receives the laying on of hands.*

*Presider*        ...we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

*All*                **Amen.**

### **The Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

*Each candidate kneels before the Bishop.*

*Presider*        ...may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

*All*                **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

### **The Concluding Prayer**

*Presider*        Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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](https://stbarts.org/hello) to let us know who you are!
- ∴ St. Bart's relies upon the generosity of the living to sustain its vibrant ministry. Whether you are a member or a visitor, your support makes a real difference to our community. To contribute, visit [stbarts.org/give](https://stbarts.org/give), scan the adjacent QR code, or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. We are grateful for your support.



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

Coelos ascendit hodie  
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae.  
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,  
Gubernat coelum et terram.

Jam finem habent omnia  
Patris Davidis carmina.  
Jam Dominus cum Domino  
Sedet in Dei solio.

In hoc triumpho maximo  
Benedicamus Domino.  
Laudatur Sancta Trinitas.  
Deo dicamus gratias.

Words: Anonymous, 12th Century.  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
has ascended today into the heavens.  
He sits at the right hand of the Father  
and rules heaven and earth.

Now all the psalms of David,  
our father, are fulfilled.  
Now the Lord sits with the  
Lord on the seat of God.

In this greatest of triumphs  
let us bless the Lord.  
The Holy Trinity be glorified.  
Let us give thanks to God.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

### Hymn 315

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Words: William Harry Turton (1856-1938).  
 Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

### 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* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### 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 *Cantus Missae*, Op. 109, Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901).

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **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. You may receive either or both, as you prefer. 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.*

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

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from *Cantus Missae*, Op. 109, Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901).

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

Music: from *Cantus Missae*, Op. 109, Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901).

*The people stand.*

## **The Prayer After Communion**

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*During the final hymn, the people follow the retiring procession out to the Park Avenue steps for a parish photo.*

**Hymn 778** from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



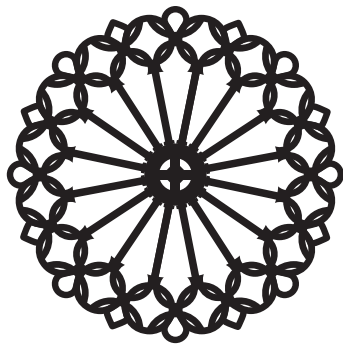
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955).  
Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

**Postlude** "The People respond—Amen!" from *Rubrics*, Dan Locklair (b. 1949)



The flowers on the high altar of the Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rachel Farrar, upon her graduation from Fordham School of Law, by Byron Farrar and Lu-Ann Farrar.



### **Coffee Hour in the Great Terrace**

After the parish photo, join us for coffee and other refreshments.

❖ PLEASE JOIN US IN OFFICIALLY WELCOMING ❖  
THESE INDIVIDUALS INTO LIFE AT ST. BART'S!

## The Newly Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirmed



### **Gabriel Acuña**

My name is Gabriel Acuña. I'm from upstate New York, and I attend St. Bart's with my girlfriend, Keri. I first began coming to services around March. One thing that stood out to me was how genuinely welcoming the St. Bart's community is. There's a real effort to make everyone feel at home, and that's something I appreciate a lot. During the week, I work in tenant advocacy in Westchester County and New York City. Outside of work, I enjoy practicing the guitar, martial arts, and playing chess or video games.



### **Camilo Ariza**

Camilo is a soldier of God, filmmaker from Generation 21 of the National Film School of Colombia, and co-founder of Divine Vision Films, a Christian film company based in New York. Through film, he seeks to share God's message and advocate for faith as the foundation of society. Camilo is also a Jedi Knight, member of Slytherin, and part of the Order of the Phoenix. May the 4th be with you. Alleluia!



### **Debra Bean**

I was introduced to St. Bart's on Ash Wednesday 2025, and have been attending since then. The kindness of the priest who administered the ashes inspired me to return. I appreciate Sunday Mass, Imagine Worship, and the opportunity to learn more about the Trinity and the life of Jesus. I was baptised in an Episcopal church when I was 7 years old and have continued in the faith ever since.



### **Scott Bixby**

Scott Bixby is a writer and editor. He is deeply grateful for this community's witness, beauty and spirit of welcome, and looks forward to deepening his faith at St. Bart's and to adding to the life of the church in the years ahead. He lives in DUMBO with his husband.



### **Elizabeth Brewster**

Hi, I'm a member of St. Bart's and live in Manhattan. I'm grateful to be confirmed with fellow Pathfinders and thankful for the clergy and church community.



### **Gwynna Dille**

Gwynna moved to NYC after graduating from RISD in 2023. She works as a full time painter and lives with her husband, Joe, and their two cats.



### **Caleb Galaraga**

Caleb became part of the St. Bart's family through Imagine Worship NYC, which he first attended in June 2023. Originally from the Philippines, he has lived in the township of College Point in Northeast Queens for 16 years. The neighborhood was named after St. Paul's College, an Episcopal seminary that was founded (and shut years later in the mid-1800s) by the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg.



**Hamilton Gabriel Hadden**

*Joining from St. John’s Church, Larchmont, New York.*

Hammy Hadden was born in New York City in 2009. He has three siblings: an older sister, a younger brother, and a younger sister. In school he is interested in economics and environmental science. Hammy plays three varsity sports: soccer, ski racing, and baseball. This summer he will spend three weeks hiking 200 miles total on the Appalachian Trail in Maine. Hammy is a seeker, always curious about how and why things are the way they are.



**Aline Iskander**

I am a nearly lifelong New Yorker with a brief detour to attend college in Minnesota. I live with my husband and two teenage sons in Jackson Heights, Queens. When I’m not working I love to read books about politics and history. I am thankful to be part of the St Bart’s community!



**Clarence and Lindsey Jackson**

Greetings! We are the Jackson Family—Clarence, Lindsey, and Clay. We have been attending St Bart’s in person since 2024 and watching Episcopal services online since 2020. Clay loves Wonder Church and we love the kind and excellent clergy and the rich community aspects of the church. Thank you for helping us see ourselves in Christianity and for standing as a witness of our compassionate Savior who prioritized the marginalized.



**Phoebe Kennen**



**Joyce Yu-Jean Lee**

The first time I walked into St. Bart’s last year, I felt the Holy Spirit moving through the sermons and worship. The Pathfinders class affirmed that my beliefs resonate with the Episcopal via media, and I am grateful to have found a spiritual “home” here. You may recognize me by my tiny sidekick, Sonni the Mi-ki, as we cycle through the city, attend exhibitions, and teach art & design students at Pratt Institute. As a visual artist working across digital media and glass, my practice explores how mass media, technology, and culture shape perceptions of truth, identity and understanding of the “other.”



**Akash Lodh**



**Surfer-Atlantis Martin**

I am Surfer-Atlantis. An autistic, trans and nonbinary individual who has experienced heaven, death, resurrection, baptism and God’s love which has led me to where I’m at now. I have a background in pharmacology, toxicology and medicinal chemistry and have special interests in theology, philosophy, paleontology, gothic literature, manga, anime, and video games. I love to question everything and learn all that I can. My hobbies include writing, creating art, photography, reading/learning, watching anime and gaming. I’m shy but please don’t hesitate to say hi or be put off because of my need for headphones, I’d really like to make new friends.



**Charles Meidlinger**



**Montgomery Rush**

Montgomery Rush grew up attending Riverland Hill Baptist church in Irmo, South Carolina and Concord Presbyterian Church in Sumter, South Carolina. She attended South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities in high school and received a Bachelors of Architecture degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. She has been drawn to the welcoming community of St. Bart’s and is excited to join a church family that has such a dedication to making everyone feel like a part of the family.



**Robert Sams**



**Mary Scandell**

Hi my name is Mary Scandell, I started attending St. Bart's in October of 2024 and was officially baptized on November 14, 2025 during Imagine Worship.



**Raelee Sents**

I grew up in North Carolina and graduated from the University of Alabama in 2024! After graduation I made NYC my home and continue to enjoy the culture and community it provides.



**Judy Randall**

A parishioner since 2024, Judy is a member of the St. Benedict's Guild. She participated in the St. Nicholas Connects group, worked on-site with Coalition for the Homeless and volunteers with the Hospitality Committee. A resident of Turtle Bay, Judy feels lucky to be part of the St. Bart's community.



**Jason Soong**

Hi, I'm Jason. I took a non-linear path through NYU and I'm currently exploring fields spanning from AI to quantitative analysis. I managed some medical issues and family matters which derailed me for a bit but provided space for deeper introspection. I appreciate the theological discussions that I've had and new perspectives I've gained. I view confirmation as part of an ongoing journey, and I look forward to growing alongside this community and hope to help foster groups centered on authentic, mutual support. I generally enjoy in-depth conversations, games, being active outdoors, and getting lost going down rabbit holes.



**Brian Stansifer**

Brian is excited to become an official member of the Episcopal community. He was baptized Presbyterian but never confirmed. After years of investigating several spiritual practices he never truly felt home until he walked into St. Bart's in May 2025.



**Charlotte Wagster**

Raised in the Baptist faith, baptized by the Catholics, finally arrived confused at the Episcopalians! I've been attending St. Bart's on and off for about 14 years and wanted to make it official. I live in Chelsea and currently work for the Department of Education as a Substitute teacher.



**LC Walton**

Dr. LC Walton is a longtime political operative and professor. He is grateful for the warmth, grace and sense of community he has found at St. Bart's, particularly through Imagine Worship. He lives in Hell's Kitchen but considers New York City to be his true living room.



**Emily Wang**

Hi everyone! My name is Emily. I'm originally from Fairfax, VA and currently live in Long Island City. I enjoy reading, long walks, and exploring art galleries around the city. I'm really excited to be joining this community and looking forward to getting to know everyone!



**Michael Zuch**



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## Service Participants

**Presider and Preacher** The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin

**Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

**Subdeacon** The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

**Assisting Clergy** The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank, The Reverend Canon Andrew J.W. Mullins, The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

**Bishop's Chaplains** Mariel Glover, Mary Thompson

**Chalice** Ferris Mack

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**Candidate for Reaffirmation** Debra Bean, Mary Scandell

**Lectors** Avi McMorrow, Henry Johnston

**Intercessor** Curry Brinson

**Vergers** Wendy Range

**Crucifers** Patrick Bergquist, Tim Martin

**Acolytes** Sarah Bessey, David Carson, Mark Lugo, Barbara Neale

**Altar Guild** Sarah Bessey, Richard Foster

**Ushers** Monica Tanjala, Tim Bailey, David Hilder, Sean McMorrow, Katy Nelson, Elaine Olaoye, Susan Slack, Mary Trudel, Ann Votaw, Jill Witten, Lisa Wolfe,

**St. Bartholomew's Choir**

**St. Bartholomew's Choristers**

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**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

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## We continue to hold in our prayers

Frank, Lynn, Anne, Christopher, Hernan, Patricia, Lawrence, Ken, Susan, Lillian, Philip, Lauren

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## Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at [stbarts.org/sunday](http://stbarts.org/sunday).

- ✦ **Coffee Hour**  
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✦ **Children, Youth, and Families Lunch**  
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✦ **Living Christ Sangha**  
3 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, IN THE VESTRY ROOM



## The Mosaic Society at St. Bart's

Since 1997, the Mosaic Society has honored those who have included St. Bart's in their estate plans. As we update our records and prepare for the Mosaic Society's annual celebration, we encourage those who have included St. Bart's in their long-term plans, but who may not be sure that we have record of them, to update us on their intentions. Please reach out to Susannah Wade Lewis at [swadelewis@stbarts.org](mailto:swadelewis@stbarts.org) or 212-378-0278. We are grateful for your assistance.



## Sunday, May 24, 2026 The Day of Pentecost

- ✦ **JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.**  
**YOU MAY ALSO JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM** on our website ([stbarts.org/worship/livestream](http://stbarts.org/worship/livestream)), via YouTube or Facebook Live (@stbartsnyc).
- ✦ **THE FORUM AT 10 AM**  
**The Anglican Communion & International Development**  
Robert W. Radtke, President & CEO of Episcopal Relief & Development, discusses the international nature of the Anglican Communion and the role the Communion plays in improving living conditions around the world.



## 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 THROUGH FRIDAY, 9:30 AM–4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.

THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

## Faith and Film

**MONDAYS, APRIL 13–MAY 18 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM**

The Reverend Peter Thompson leads discussion on the role that faith plays in contemporary film, with a particular focus on films made in the last five years. May 18: *Wake Up, Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery* (2025). Learn more at [stbarts.org/faithandfilm](https://stbarts.org/faithandfilm).

## Saturday Mornings @ St. Bart's

**MAY 9–JUNE 27, 10-11 AM VIA ZOOM**

Our next book to discuss on Saturday mornings will be Hanna Reichel's *For Such A Time As This: An Emergency Devotional*. A limited number of copies of the book are available at St. Bart's Bookstore. Learn more at [stbarts.org/saturdaymornings](https://stbarts.org/saturdaymornings).

## Law Day Evensong & Dinner

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 4 PM, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE (1047 AMSTERDAM AVENUE)**

Bishop Matthew F. Heyd leads the evensong service to celebrate Law Day and the work of attorneys. After a post-service reception, members of the St. Ives Guild, their guests, and anyone interested in attending are invited to V & T Pizzeria (1024 Amsterdam Avenue) for conversation over pizza, salad, and nonalcoholic drinks. (Alcoholic drinks are available for an additional cost.) Cost is \$35 per person; preregistration is requested by Friday, May 15 at [stbarts.org/lawday](https://stbarts.org/lawday).

## The Pentecost Story

**SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT OUR 9 AM AND 11 AM SERVICES**

Do you read or speak a language other than English? Can you do that in our Pentecost services? On Sunday, May 24 at our 9 am and 11 am services, we ask all who can to stand at their seat and read Acts 2:5–11 in a different language at the same time the lesson is read in English. Hearing all the languages at one time gives a powerful sense of that first Pentecost. Bring your own translation, print our translation packet from [stbarts.org/pentecost](https://stbarts.org/pentecost), or pick up a copy from an usher at the Park Avenue doors as you enter the church. All languages, all readers welcome!

## Blessing of the Pride Flag

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE**

Following the final hymn of the 11 am service on May 31, all are invited to mark the beginning of Pride Month by gathering on the church steps for the Blessing of the Pride Flag.

## Pizza & Postcarding to Protect Sensitive Locations

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2 AT 6 PM IN ROOM 33**

Join St. Bart's and the Interfaith Center of New York on Tuesday, June 2, from 6 to 8 pm for an evening of postcard writing, pizza, and conversation in support of the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (H.R. 1061 / S. 455). This federal legislation would prohibit immigration enforcement activities at places of worship, schools, hospitals, courthouses, and other sensitive locations. The evening will include a presentation from Eugene Nam, Chief Counsel & Head of Immigrant Rights at the Interfaith Center of New York. Learn more and register at [stbarts.org/postcardingparty](https://stbarts.org/postcardingparty).

## America at 250—Faith and Freedom: An Interfaith Study with Central Synagogue

**TUESDAYS AT 6 PM IN PERSON**

**JUNE 9, 16 AT ST. BART'S**

**JUNE 23, 30 AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE**

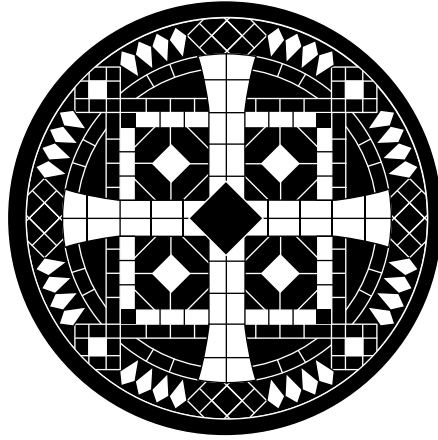
250 years ago, our country was founded on the principles of freedom, such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly. Maintaining that freedom—for all our citizens—is a great, shared responsibility. Join the Reverend Meredith Ward and Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue for an engaging interfaith study on the themes of freedom and the responsibilities we hold, from the perspectives of our different faith traditions. Please register at [stbarts.org/faithandfreedom](https://stbarts.org/faithandfreedom).

## Imagine Worship at St. Bart's

**THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL**

Pray your way into the weekend with Imagine Worship at St. Bart's. This joyful, relaxed, and intimate service of Holy Eucharist features original contemporary music and a warm community atmosphere. Come early to rehearse with the pickup choir at 6 pm, and stay afterward for food and fellowship. All are welcome!





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