

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

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

August 9, 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.

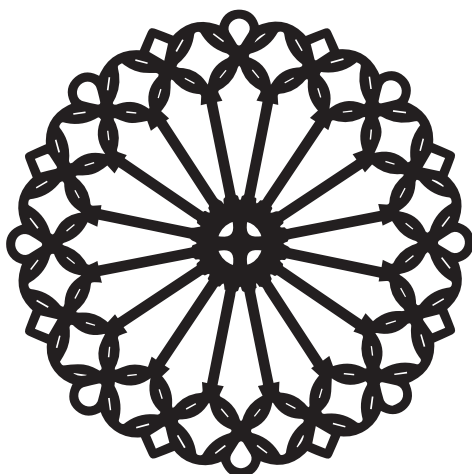
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Thank you for joining us today.

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

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

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.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.
All **Lord of the living waters, you save us from the flood of violence and despair: reach out to us when faith is weak, when we are going under, and make us unafraid to walk with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are raised. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson 1 Kings 19:9-18

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

1 Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place;

Come, bow be - fore him now, with re - ver - ence and fear.
he burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.

In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our ra - diant King of Light!
No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.

Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

Words and Music: David Evans (b. 1957).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, in your kindness, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and for the whole world.
We pray, O God, for the Church: for this parish, for our Diocese, and for Christians of every kind in every place. May we grow in faith as we work for your kingdom and joyfully spread your good news.

People

In your kind - ness, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for our nation and our city, and for all the nations and cities of the earth. Save us from the storms of hate and division; end our doubts and our fears; soothe us with harmony and peace.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for the poor, the sick, and all who plead for healing and relief, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May they obtain the wellness they seek.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for those who have died, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

In the gentle comfort of your embrace, may they find rest for their souls.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We praise you, O God, for the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May we always give thanks for every treasure, and, above all, for the Treasure that is you.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Presider God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror: your silence burns like ice; your whisper cuts through fear; we long to hear your faithful word of righteousness and peace. Bless us with bold belief even in the darkness of the night and the assault of life's storms, that we may be messengers of your justice, in the name of the One whom wind and wave obey.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider We pray to God also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People For failing to love others as you have loved us: God of grace,
forgive us.
Presider For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For plundering the earth and abusing the planet: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For losing heart and abandoning hope: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For all the ways we turn from you: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**
Presider My friends, hear this good news: 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!
- ✦ 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**,
scan the adjacent QR code, or place your offering in the plate as it is
passed. We are grateful for your support.



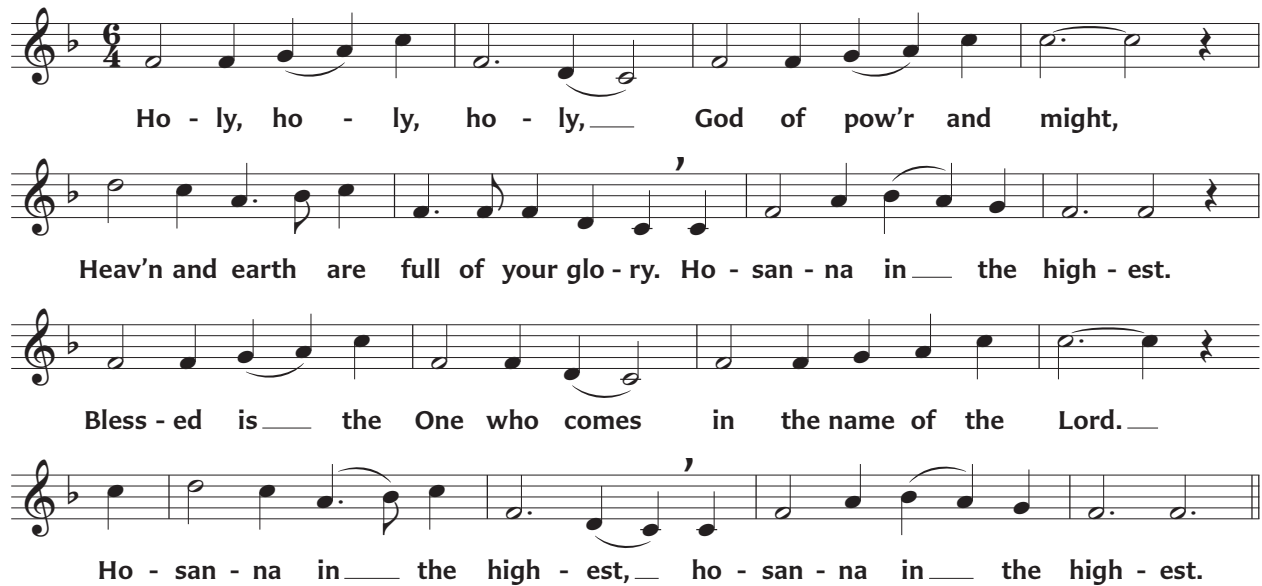
Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times and in all places, give
thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way
of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody.

Presider God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry, our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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 May Christ, the broken bread, mend our wounded world.
People **May Christ, the outpoured cup, heal our hurting souls.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Holy Food for Holy People: here at this table, all are fed; here at this table, God's reign comes.

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 **Gracious God, you have welcomed us to this table and nourished us with your love in bread and wine. May this food strengthen us to embrace all people as your children and empower us to bring wholeness and hope to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. 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



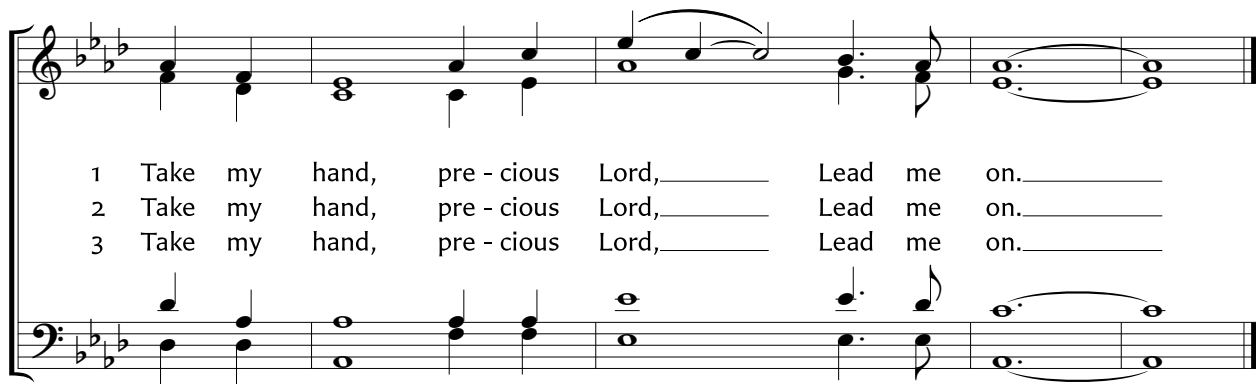
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, _____
 2 When my way grows _____ drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, _____
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws _____ near, _____



1 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 2 When my life is _____ al - most _____ gone; _____
 3 And the day is _____ past and _____ gone; _____



1 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, _____
 2 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, _____
 3 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, _____



1 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, _____ Lead me on. _____
 2 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, _____ Lead me on. _____
 3 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, _____ Lead me on. _____

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993).
 Music: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993); arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009).

The Dismissal

Presider
People

Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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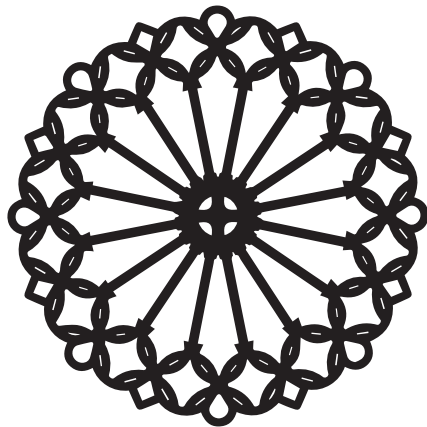
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Luis, Bill, Eric, Bill, Cathy, Francis, Serena, Cana, Josh, Henry, Patricia, Sharnice, Bettina, Ebony, Fatima, Emily, Walter

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

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- ✧ **Coffee Hour**
12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE
- ✧ **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- ✧ **Reclaim Our Vote Postcard Party**
12:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM

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

**August 16, 2026
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

- ✧ **JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.
OR 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**
Hope is a Song in a Weary Throat
The Right Reverend Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, The Bishop of Willesden in the Church of England's Diocese of London, reflects on how hope can serve as antidote to despair in an increasingly fractured and polarized world.

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

Reclaim Our Vote Postcard Party

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 12:30 PM DURING COFFEE HOUR
IN THE GREAT HALL**

The Faith in Action Team invites you to join us for a Postcard Party in partnership with Reclaim Our Vote! Reclaim Our Vote is a non-partisan, grassroots, volunteer effort through the Center For Common Ground that seeks to empower marginalized communities in areas that have experienced voter suppression. Together, we aim to build a democracy that values the voices of all people. All materials will be provided. Donations are welcome. Please contact Lesli Tilly with any questions at LTilly@stbarts.org.

St. Bart's Summer Social

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 6-8 PM, ROOM 33

Join other members of the St. Bart's community for a casual gathering in Room 33 and on its terrace in the Community House. All are welcome! Register at stbarts.org/summersocial.

Lead a Connects Group!

St. Bart's Connects brings people together through lay-led small groups that meet at various times and locations, in-person and on Zoom. Groups can be social, spiritual, or a little of both. Dreaming of a walking group, Bible study, board game night, or poetry circle? Now's your chance to lead one! Submit your proposal at stbarts.org/connectsproposals by August 23.

Caregivers Support Group

Are you or someone you know caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia? If so, there is a place for you at St. Bart's. This is a safe and confidential space to find support and navigate the challenges of caring for those with memory loss. The Caregivers Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 26. Register at stbarts.org/caregivers. For more information, contact the Reverend Meredith Ward at mward@stbarts.org.

Save the Date: St. Bart's Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for a joyful celebration of the St. Bart's community as we launch a new program year. Following the 11 am service, stay for our annual St. Bart's Fair, complete with catered food, ice cream, a bouncy castle, and more!

The Wren Gala

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6 PM IN THE CHURCH

Join friends from our linked parish in London, St James's Piccadilly, for The Wren Gala in the transformed nave of St. Bart's. This extraordinary evening celebrates the enduring legacy of Sir Christopher Wren's 1684 church of St James's Piccadilly, where art, music and the spirit of service have converged for over three centuries. Guests will be transported into a world of candlelit grandeur, exquisite dining, and stirring performances, all in honor of a new generation of changemakers carrying this legacy forward. For tickets and information, please visit wrengala.org.

Imagine Worship at St. Bart's

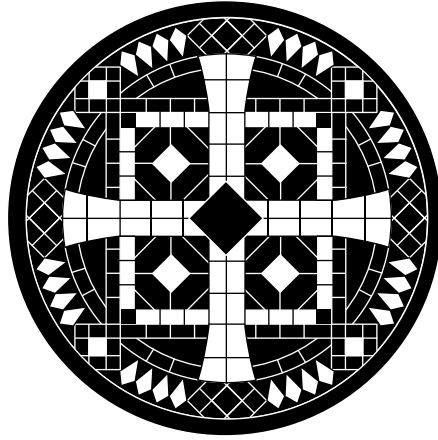
THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

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 refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!

Bookstore Sale

St. Bart's Bookstore is having a summer sale! Come by for \$2 books, gifts, and jewelry. The Bookstore is open Sunday through Friday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Questions? Contact Kimberly Tellus at ktellus@stbarts.org.





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