

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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

September 6, 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.

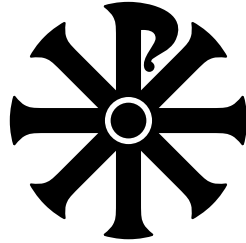
Welcome!

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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

The musical notation is written on two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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 **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics: "In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God." The score includes a *rit.* (ritardando) marking at the end of the phrase "The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God." and a *a tempo* marking at the beginning of the final phrase "Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The final phrase ends with a double bar line.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
rit.
a tempo
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025).
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

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

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor 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 Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice, and bind us to the way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering.

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 24

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893).
Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Zack Nyein

Chalicer Adelaide Kent

Lector Sarah Bessey

Usher Grace Orlando

Altar Guild Adelaide Kent

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We continue to hold in our prayers

Ivan, Branko, Janet, Davey, Gloria, Marlen, Shelley, Maria, Jaime, James, Kate, Amit, Amanda, Brenda, Tracy, Rick, Ludovic, Ken, Karen, Katherine, Paul, Paraskevoula, Berky, Debora, Wilda, Stephanie, Patricia, Ebony, Rosaura, Abraham, Daria, Netanya, Adelle, Norma, Daughter May, Retta, Bill, Alexander, William, Michelle, Carlos

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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
- ✧ **Back-to-School Backpack Assembly Drive**
12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM

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

September 13, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: St. Bart's Day

- ✧ **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**
Understanding Ourselves in the Age of AI
Dr. Clay Williams, a St. Bart's parishioner who completed his dissertation on artificial intelligence, contemplates the impact that AI is making on our efforts to understand ourselves.

**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.

Midtown Interfaith Service

**Commemorating the 25th Anniversary
of September 11, 2001**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6 PM, SAINT PETER'S
CHURCH (619 LEXINGTON AVENUE)**

Join with neighboring faith communities to remember those who died on September 11, 2001 and pray for unity and peace.

Imagine Worship in September

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Join us for Imagine Worship—our weekly midweek Eucharist in the round, with contemporary music and a warm community atmosphere.

Upcoming guest preachers:

September 10: The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, former Vicar of St. Bart's

September 17: The Rev. Peter Levenstrong, reflecting on faith and artificial intelligence

In Solemn Remembrance of September 11, 2001

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 11 AM

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, St. Bart's will once again offer a service of Holy Eucharist in solemn remembrance of all who died on that day. The Reverend Jay Sidebotham, our former Vicar, will preach. Both in-person and online worshippers are welcome. Members of the New York City Fire Department will be in attendance.

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! Please register at stbarts.org/stbartsday.

Children, Youth, and Choristers Gatherings Resume

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

We ask each family to register each year so that we can stay up-to-date with announcements, contact information, allergies, media releases and more. For more information and to register, please visit stbarts.org/fallregistration.

The World Upside Down

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15–OCTOBER 20, 6:30–8 PM

Professor Larry Welborn of Fordham University explores the relationship between religion and society, reflecting on how the world is turned upside down both in the pages of Holy Scripture and in our experiences of contemporary life. Register at stbarts.org/upsidedown.

Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's

SEPTEMBER 19–NOVEMBER 21, 10 AM, VIA ZOOM

Our Saturday morning book group reconvenes to explore the first encyclical of Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* (May 2026). A limited number of copies of the book is available at St. Bart's Bookstore. Please call 212-378-0295 to reserve your copy. Register at stbarts.org/saturdaymornings.

Visit of St. James's Piccadilly

SEPTEMBER 20–SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Representatives from St. James's Piccadilly, our linked parish in London, return for a nine-day visit to St. Bart's. Clergy from St. James's will preach at our morning services and speak at The Forum on September 20 and September 27. On September 20, the St. James's Singers will join with St. Bart's musicians for our regularly scheduled services.

Move On: A Life Through Sondheim

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 3 PM

Will Hopkins, of St. James's Piccadilly, offers a free concert bringing together some of Sondheim's most beloved songs. Imagine Worship Artist-in-Residence Mark Miller accompanies.

Contemplative Eucharist & Compline with the St. James's Singers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 5 PM IN THE CHAPEL

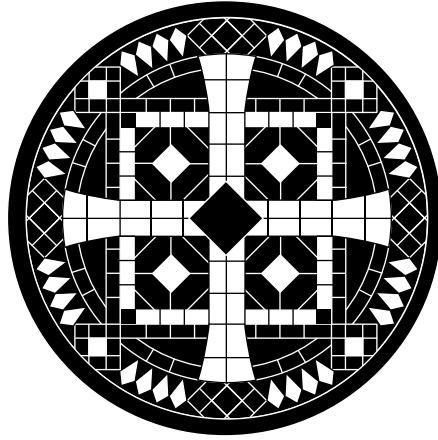
St. James's Singers offers music during the 5 pm service. Stay for Compline at 6 pm, a brief, sung evening service.

Follow the St. James's Singers to other venues in NYC:

9/22, 5:30 pm: Evensong at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue

9/24, 1 pm: A Choral Pilgrimage at the Met Cloisters

9/25, 1:45 pm: Lunchtime Recital at St. Patrick's Cathedral



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