

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

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

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

September 13, 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!

CONNECT WITH US



Thank you for joining us today.

If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit stbarts.org/hello or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.

Tour St. Bart's

Meet at the back of the church following the 11 am service for a 30-minute guided tour of our church, narthex, and chapel.



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 to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

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.

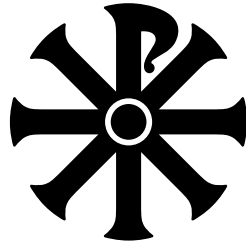
An usher would be glad to guide you. Register for 2026-2027 at stbarts.org/kids.

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) 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 Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19 No. 2, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847).
Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Gloria St. Bartholomew's Choir

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from *Communion Service in A-flat*, J.H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-13 St. Bartholomew's Choir

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Music: Anglican chant by John Jones (1728-1796).

The Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn

1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,

How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?

When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

Words: Ruth Duck (1947-2024).

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

Deacon Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Priest-in-Charge

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another: hear the prayers we offer, and grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

We pray for our parish, St. Bartholomew's, and for the entire Body of the Church throughout the world. Merge our personal interests into the community's needs. Mold us into faithful members who work tirelessly for the good of the whole.

People O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:
Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of our nation, our city, and our state, and for all who are running for elected office. Guide us in our efforts to be responsible citizens. Remind us also of our responsibilities to you.

People O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:
Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer: the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked; the stranger, the prisoner, and the sick; the victims of violence and persecution. We include in our prayers...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Rouse us from complacency and indifference, that we may attend to their needs.

People O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:
Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

Intercessor We pray for the dying and those who have died, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Bring them to that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, neither sorrow nor crying, but the peace that passes all understanding.

People O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:
Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

Intercessor We offer thanks for the blessings of our lives including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Teach us to make prudent use of all you have provided. Inspire us to give generously from what we have received.

People O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another:
Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.

Presider God of debts forgiven, you call to account our hunger for power; you disturb hierarchies which crush the weak: break the vicious cycles of revenge and domination that we might look to him whose mercy never ends, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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 Blessing of the Backpacks

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.



Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,
and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee.
He shall dwell in Thy courts
and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house,
even of Thy holy temple.

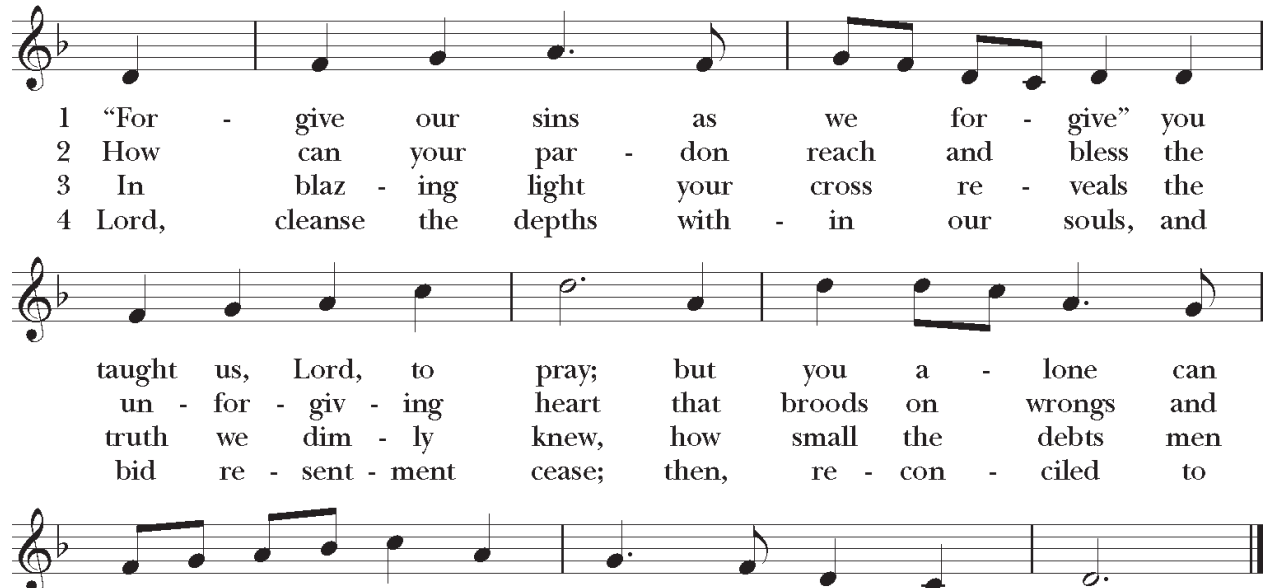
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise,
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

Words: From Psalms 65 and 67, Isaiah 23.
Music: Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 674



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987)
Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and Benedictus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from *Communion Service in A-flat*, J. H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.
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.

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Music: from *Communion Service in A-flat*, J. H. Ossewaarde (1918-2004).

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Miserere mei, Deus,
miserere mei,
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.
Et in umbra alarum tuarum sperabo,
donec transeat iniquitas.

Be merciful unto me, O God,
be merciful unto me,
for my soul trusteth in thee:
and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge,
until this tyranny be over-past.

Words: Psalm 57:1.

Music: *Sacræ Cantiones*, Venice, 1593, Raffaella Aleotti (c.1570-c.1646).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1899), alt.

Music: *Canticum refectionis*, David McK. Williams (1887-1978).

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

Hymn 780 from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

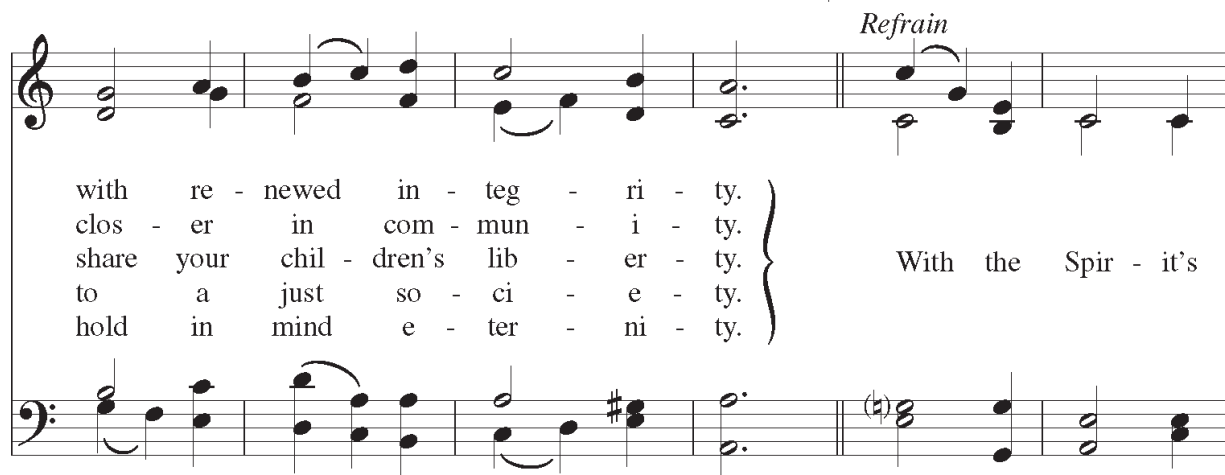
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
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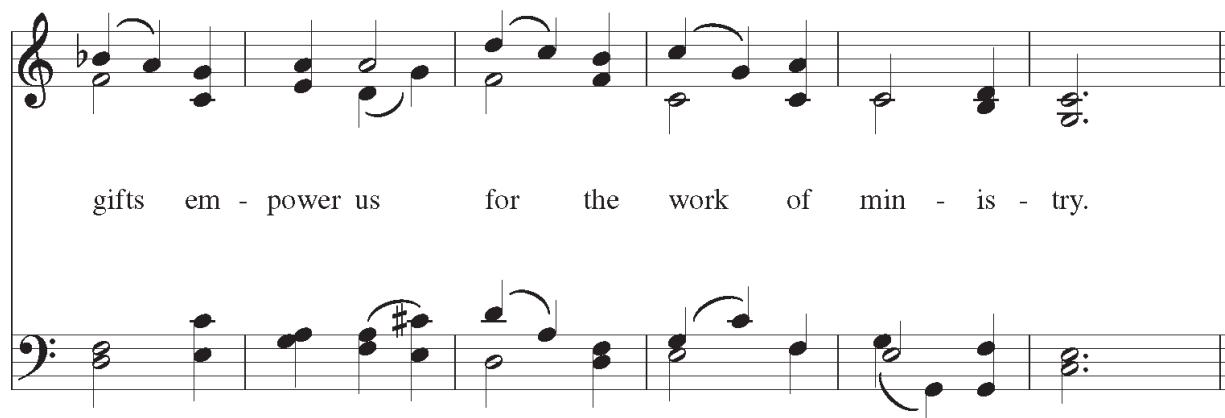
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gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (1934-2025).
 Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

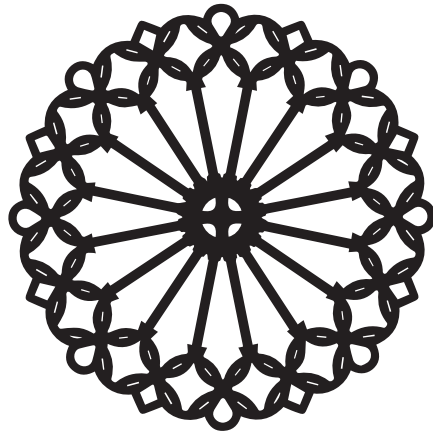
The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Overture (An Occasional Oratorio), George Frideric Handel (1685-1759),
 arr. William Thomas Best (1826-1897)



The flowers on the high altar of the Church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Adell Sinclair Gibson by Matthew G. Gibson and the Reverend Peter D. Thompson.



Celebrate St. Bart's Day with Us!

Join us on the Terrace and in the Great Hall for our our annual St. Bart's Fair, complete with catered food, ice cream, a bouncy castle, and more!

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Subdeacon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

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Verger Henry Johnston

Crucifers Bill Rowe, David Carson

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Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Rita De Rosa

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St. Bartholomew's Choir

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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DAY

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

- ❖ **St. Bart's Fair**
12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE
- ❖ **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- ❖ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM IN ROOM 32 AND VIA ZOOM

Explore the full lineup of events and classes coming up this season at stbarts.org/fall.



A Note from the Development Office

2026 pledge statements will be sent via email on September 14. If you prefer to receive a copy by mail, please reach out to Susannah Wade Lewis: swadelewis@stbarts.org.

NEXT
SUNDAY
AT
ST. BART'S

September 20, 2026 The Seventeenth 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**
Women, Art, God
The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector of St. James's Piccadilly, introduces her new book which lies at the intersection of feminism, art, and theology.
- ❖ **CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITY HOURS**
9:45 am-12:45 pm: Nursery Care in Children's Playroom
10 am: Kids' Club for Grades K-5 in Room 33
10 am: Youth at the Center for Grades 6-12 in Room 32

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.

Children, Youth, and Choristers

We're excited to welcome children, youth, and choristers back for a new program year! We ask all families to register each year so we can keep our contact information, allergy information, media permissions, and other important details up to date, and make sure you receive the latest news and announcements. Visit stbarts.org/fallregistration.

Listening Sessions

Join the Rev. Peter Thompson, Priest-in-Charge, for a conversation about St. Bart's and its future. These small-group Listening Sessions, with up to six participants, will take place throughout September and October, with both in-person and virtual options available. Each session will last approximately one hour. Sign up at stbarts.org/listening.

2026-27 St. Bart's Connects Groups

St. Bart's Connects facilitates parishioner-led small groups centered around shared interests, neighborhoods, spiritual practices, or life experiences. Some meet for a season, while others may continue longer depending on interest. Connects Groups are a great way to make friends and get to know others in a more intimate setting within our large congregation. View our current group offerings and sign up at groups.stbarts.org.

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.

Memorial Services in the Church

All are invited to celebrate the lives of the following members of our community:

Gurnee Hart, Thursday, September 17 at 11:30 am
Brad Agry, Friday, September 18 at 11 am
Vanessa Norton, Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm

Thursday Evening Seminar: Superintelligence and the Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 6 PM IN THE CHURCH
The Rev. Peter Levenstrong, Senior Fellow on AI at TryTank Research Institute, explores the theological questions raised by superintelligence—and what faithful ministry might look like in an age of rapidly expanding artificial intelligence.

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

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 will be available at the St. Bart's Bookstore later this week. Stop by to reserve your copy. Sign up 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.

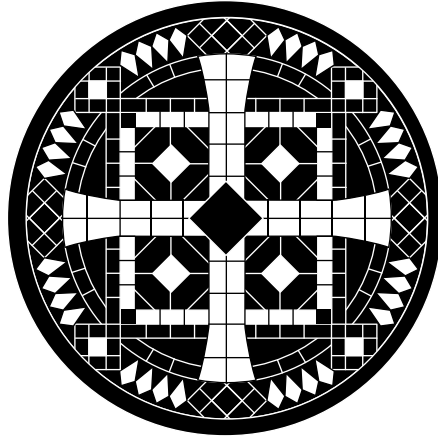
Follow the St. James's Singers to other venues in NYC:

9/22, 5:30 pm: Evensong at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue
9/25, 1:45 pm: Lunchtime Recital at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Choral Pilgrimage at The Met Cloisters

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1–2 PM

Join the Rev. Dr. Ayla Lepine, the Rev. Meredith Ward, and St. James's Singers for a contemplative pilgrimage through The Met Cloisters, accompanied by choral music inspired by Hildegard of Bingen and other women composers. Free with museum admission. Space is limited; first come, first served. Learn more at stbarts.org/cloisters.



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