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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

Compline at 6 pm

September 20, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
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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.

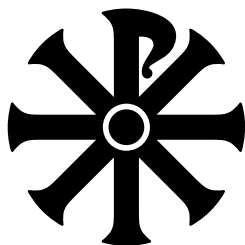
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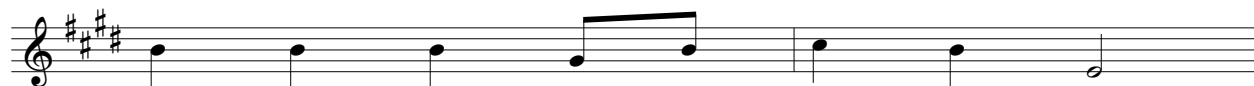


Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Opening Song



- 1 Praise God for this _____ ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose _____ word we find
3 Praise God who through _____ Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spir - it _____ who be - friends,
5 Though, praise ends, praise _____ is be - gun



Place and peo - ple, _____ sight and sound.
Food for bod - y, _____ soul, and mind.
All are loved _____ and _____ called God's own.
Rais - es, hum - bles, _____ breaks, and mends.
Where God's will _____ is _____ glad - ly done.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! _____



God's _____ good - ness is _____ e - ter - nal.

Words and Music: *Heymonystraat*, John L. Bell (b. 1949).

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 **Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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 469



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
 Music: *St. Helena*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

Preacher Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector, St. James's Piccadilly, London

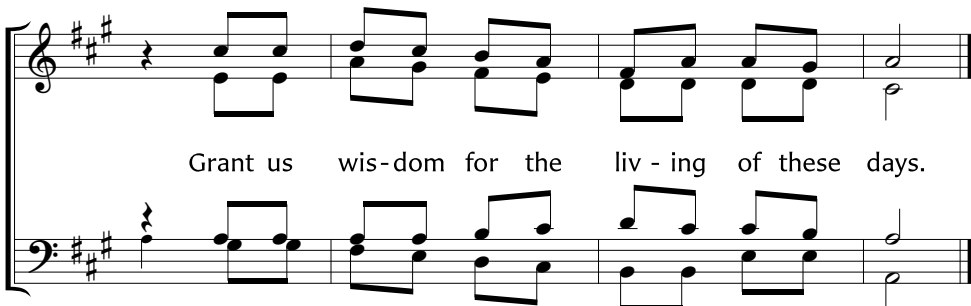
An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Presider 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.

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

People



Grant us wis-dom for the liv-ing of these days.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for the leaders of our nation, our state, and our city, 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 **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, 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 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 **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for the dying and those who have died, including 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 **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Intercessor We offer thanks, O God, for the blessings of our lives, including 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 **Grant us wisdom for the living of these days.**

Presider O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence is kept.

All **We confess to you, O God, that we have done wrong to you and to our neighbor. We have put ourselves first and neglected the needs of the Body. We have lashed out in violence. We have hoarded our possessions. We have fallen asleep and failed to respond. Redirect our hearts. Turn evil into good. Help us serve you above all. Amen.**

Presider Rejoice, friends, for God's mercy is never-ending and all-encompassing. God forgives you and calls you to forgive the sins of others.

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.
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Anthem St. James's Singers

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love,
love one another as I have loved you,
then shall your joy be complete.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Words: Song of Songs 8:6-7; John 15:9-12.
Music: Eleanor Daley (b. 1955).

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 the Holy One, our 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: the Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. 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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff contains 'God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glor - y. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff contains 'san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glor - y. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Presider As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God.
 We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky, deep with the mystery of your creative labor through all time and space. We praise you for the fertile earth and for the life its darkness holds and births: plants of every variety, animals curled in sleep, humankind you shaped by your own hand. Stay with us, for it is evening.

People **Stay with us, for it is evening.**

Presider Through the night you led your people into freedom. At day's end you rained down manna in the wilderness. At sundown your Son brought healing to people in need. In the midday night when Jesus died on the cross, life came forth for all. Stay with us, for it is evening.

People **Stay with us, for it is evening.**

Presider 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider Like a mother hen, hold us close through the coming night. Watch with those who labor, accompany those who long for peaceful sleep, welcome those whose waking will be only in you. Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night unto the coming dawn, 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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come to the table for all is now ready; taste and see that God is good.

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.*

Motet St. James's Singers

Bogoroditse Devo, raduisya, Blagodatnaya Mariye,
Gospod s Toboyu. Blagoslovenna Ty v zhenakh,
i blagosloven plod chreva Tvoyego,
yako Spasa rodila esi dush nashikh.

Hail, O Virgin Mother of God, Mary full of grace,
the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb;
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

Music: *All-Night Vigil*, Op 37, Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943).

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. 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 671



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus.
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010).

The Dismissal

Presider Go forth to serve Christ in others.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



**The flowers on the Chapel altar are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Bradford Warren Agry.**

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Preacher The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine

Lector David Howard

Usher Richard Rose

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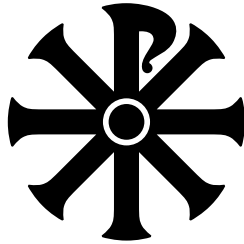
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We continue to hold in our prayers

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Compline has its origins in the daily prayer services, or offices, of the medieval Church. Of the seven offices sung each day in monastic settings, Compline was always the last, taking place just before sleep. The version of the service used in today's liturgy comes from the Church of England's Common Worship.

We welcome the St. James's Singers of St. James's Piccadilly in London and their director Harrison Knights as they offer this beautiful liturgy for us.

Compline at 6 pm

Introit

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor sæculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deign to accept
Suppliant praise and prayer.

You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body.

Words: Office hymn for Lauds of the Feast of the Transfiguration.
Music: Lucy Walker (b. 1998).

Presider The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
All **Amen.**

Presider Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

Presider But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Presider Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

Presider Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 4

Have mercy upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and harken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour?
And have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen himself the man that is godly:
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not:
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say,
Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light
of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Have mercy upon me, O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

The Lesson Matthew 11:28-30

Presider Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Choir Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Presider For thou have redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Choir I commend my spirit.

Presider Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Hymn

God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor one ray without Him.

Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
Ev'ry day and night.

God with me protecting,
The Lord with me directing,
The Spirit with me strengthening,
Forever, Amen.

Words: "Dia liom a laighe" from *Carmina Gadelica* (adap.), collected and translated by Alexander Carmichael (1823-1912).
Music: Sarah Quartel (b. 1982).

Presider Keep me as the apple of an eye;
Choir Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
Choir Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Canticle

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Words: *Nunc Dimittis*, Luke 2:29-32.
Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934).

Choir Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

The people join in singing the hymn.

Congregational Hymn

Glory to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thy own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).
Music: 'Tallis' Canon, Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

People I believe in God,
All **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

<i>Presider</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.
<i>People</i>	Christ, have mercy upon us.
<i>Presider</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.
<i>All</i>	Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers.
<i>Choir</i>	To be praised and glorified above all for ever.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
<i>Choir</i>	Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.
<i>Presider</i>	Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
<i>Choir</i>	To be praised and glorified above all for ever.
<i>Presider</i>	The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
<i>Choir</i>	Amen.
<i>All</i>	We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
<i>All</i>	Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
<i>Choir</i>	That thy people may rejoice in thee?
<i>Presider</i>	O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
<i>Choir</i>	And grant us thy salvation.
<i>Presider</i>	Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
<i>Choir</i>	O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
<i>Presider</i>	O Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Choir</i>	And let our cry come unto thee.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.
	Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
<i>All</i>	Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
<i>All</i>	Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
<i>Choir</i>	For it is thou, Lord, only that makes us dwell in safety.
<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy Spirit.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.
<i>Presider</i>	The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.
<i>All</i>	Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
<i>All</i>	Amen.

Anthem

Mother of God, here I stand now praying,
Before this icon of your radiant brightness,
Not praying to be saved from a battlefield,
Not giving thanks, nor seeking forgiveness
For the sins of my soul, nor for all the souls.
Numb, joyless and desolate on earth,
But for her alone, whom I wholly give you.

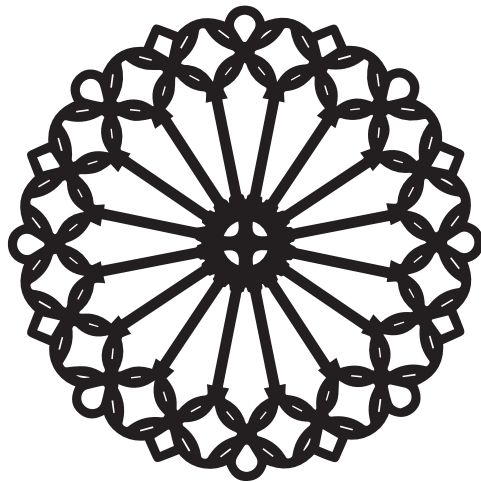
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Music: John Tavener (1944-2013).

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Presiders The Reverend Dr. Ayla Lepine, The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

The St. James's Singers

Harrison Knights, Associate Choral Director, St. James's Piccadilly, London





September 27, 2026 The Eighteenth 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**
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN THE UK
The Reverend Lucy Winkett, Rector of St. James's Piccadilly, looks at Christian nationalism within the United Kingdom, contending that it represents both a political problem and a theological one.

✧ **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

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



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.

Volunteer at the St. Bart's Bookstore

Love books and meeting people? The St. Bart's Bookstore is looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors and support the Bookstore. To learn more, contact Kimberly Tellus at ktellus@stbarts.org or (212) 378-0241.

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 NYC venues:

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.

2026-27 St. Bart's Connects Groups

REGISTER BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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.

A Choral Feast: W.A. Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C major, K. 258* ("Piccolomini")

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 11 AM

Several Sunday services throughout the year are designated A Choral Feast, celebrating a specific theme, composer, or major choral work and offering the opportunity to experience great sacred choral repertoire in its original context of worship. Next Sunday, the 11 am service will feature Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C major, K. 258* ("Piccolomini"), performed by St. Bartholomew's Choir and St. Bart's Singers with soloists and orchestra. Learn more at stbarts.org/choralfeast.

The Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, AT 11 AM

We recognize St. Francis of Assisi and the whole of God's good creation with the Blessing of the Animals at our 11 am service of Holy Eucharist. Bring your pet (or a photo) to be blessed by the clergy.

Feels Like Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT 7:30 PM IN CHAPEL

Mezzo-soprano Wendy Gilles joins Parthenia Viol Consort, a modern string quartet, pianist Lana Norris, and guest vocalists for Feels Like Home, an eclectic program that spans more than 400 years, moving from Renaissance masters Byrd and Gibbons to Kate Bush, Joni Mitchell, Randy Newman, The Beatles, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, and others, exploring themes of home, family, and love. For tickets visit mmpaf.org.

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.

Saturday Mornings at St. Bart's

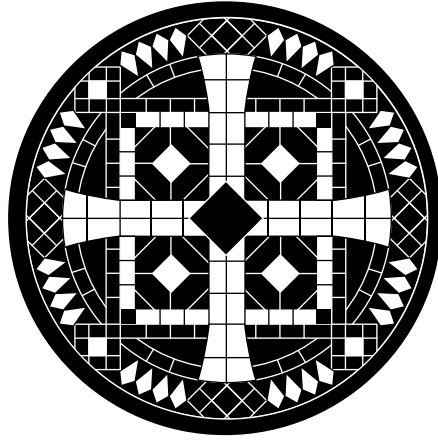
SEPTEMBER 19–NOVEMBER 21, 10 AM, VIA ZOOM

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.

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/upsideup.



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