SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

October 11, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

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.

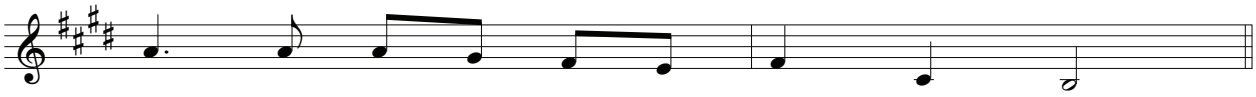
Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening song.

Opening Song

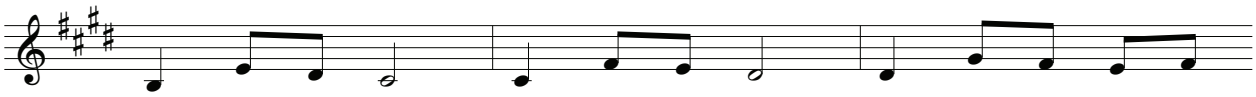
1 Praise God for this_____ ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose_____ word we find
3 Praise God who through_____ Christ makes known

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.



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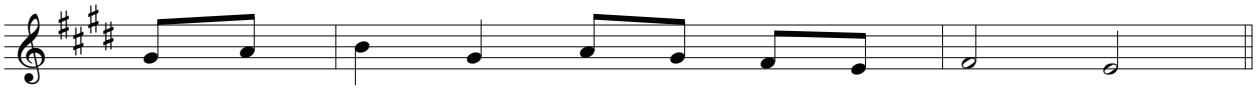


God's_____ good - ness is_____ e - ter - nal.

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 **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Philippians 4:1-9

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

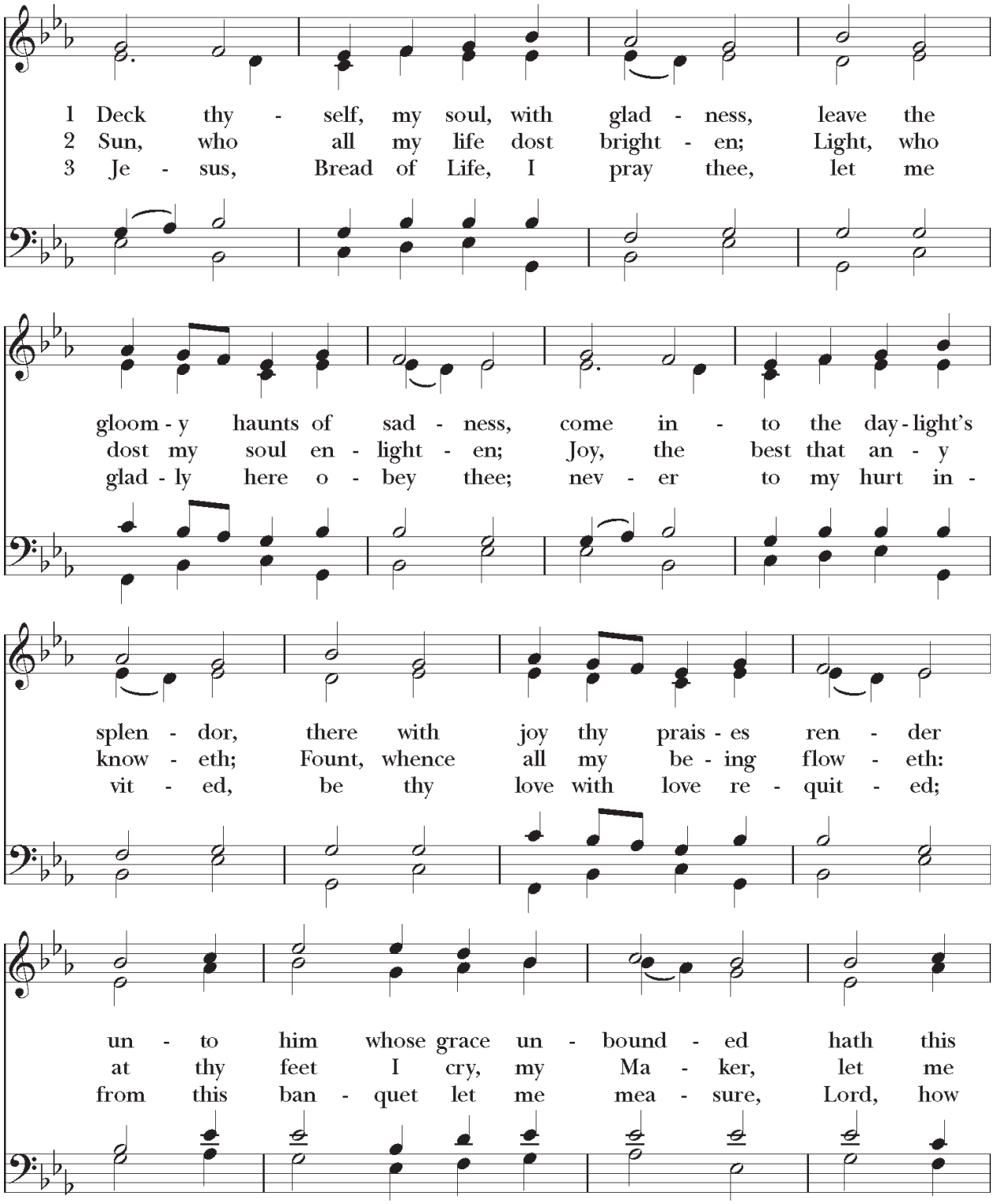
My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 339


1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;
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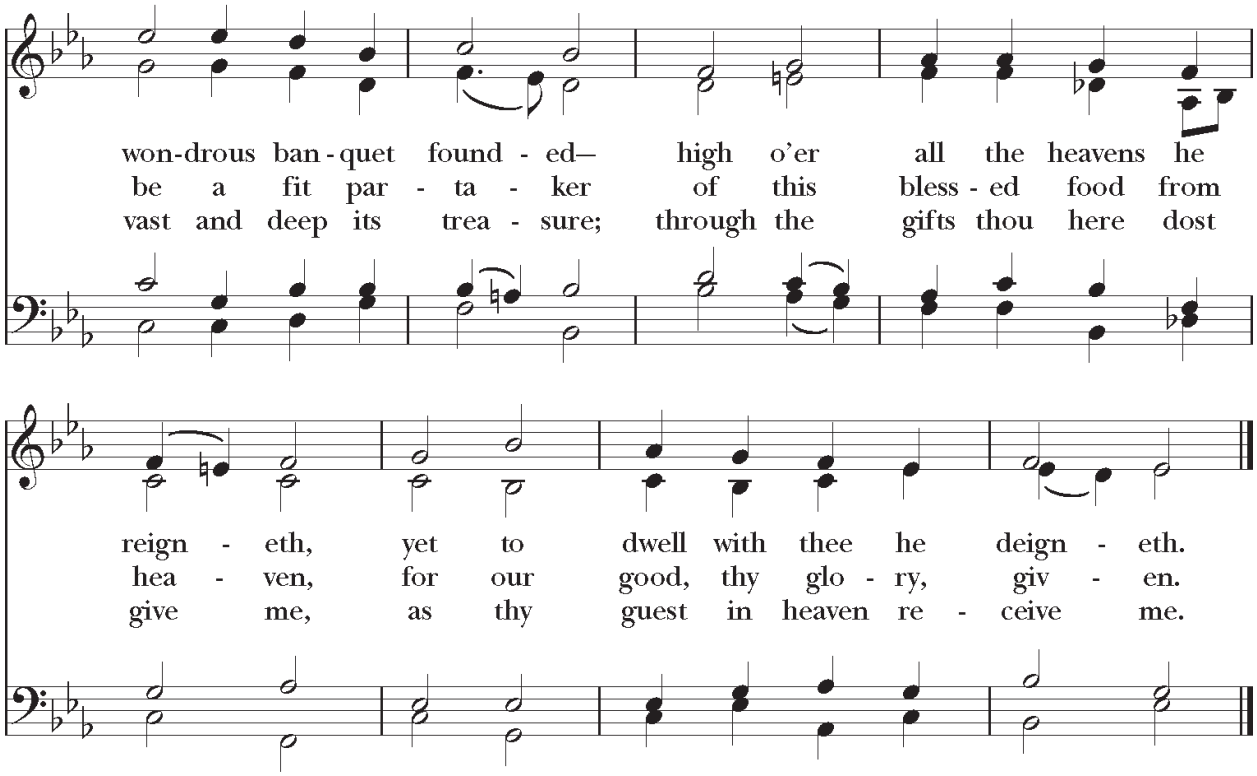


Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. T*he English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

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

Presider Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

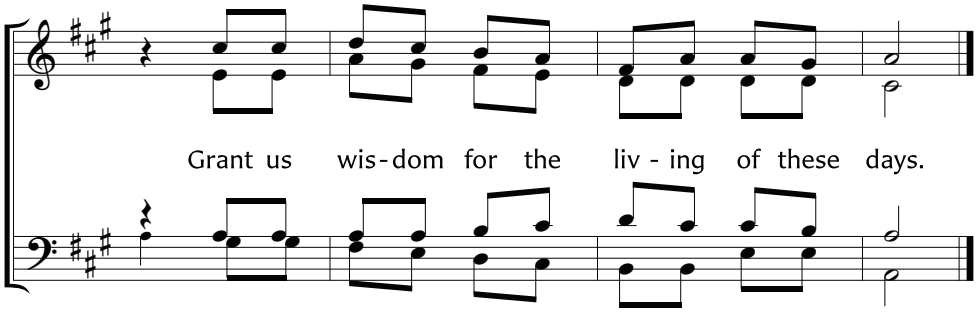
An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, 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, O God, for our parish, St. Barthlomew'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



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 Living host, call us together, call us to eat and drink with you. Grant that by your body and your blood we may be drawn to each other and to you. We make this prayer in the name of 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. 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

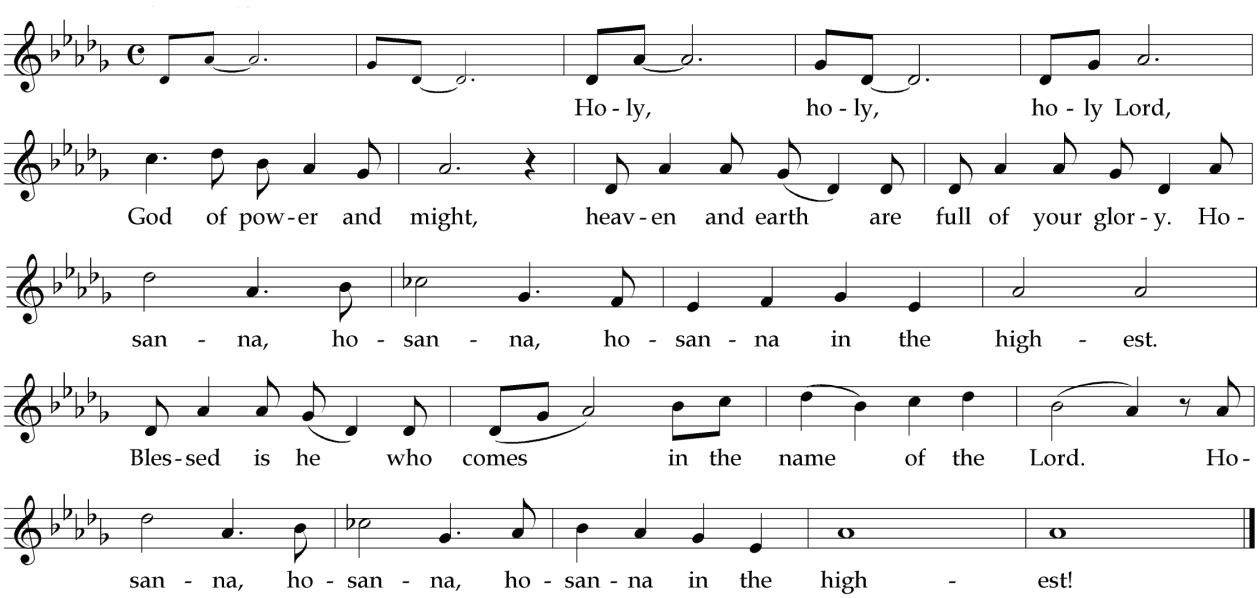
Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to 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



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.*

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

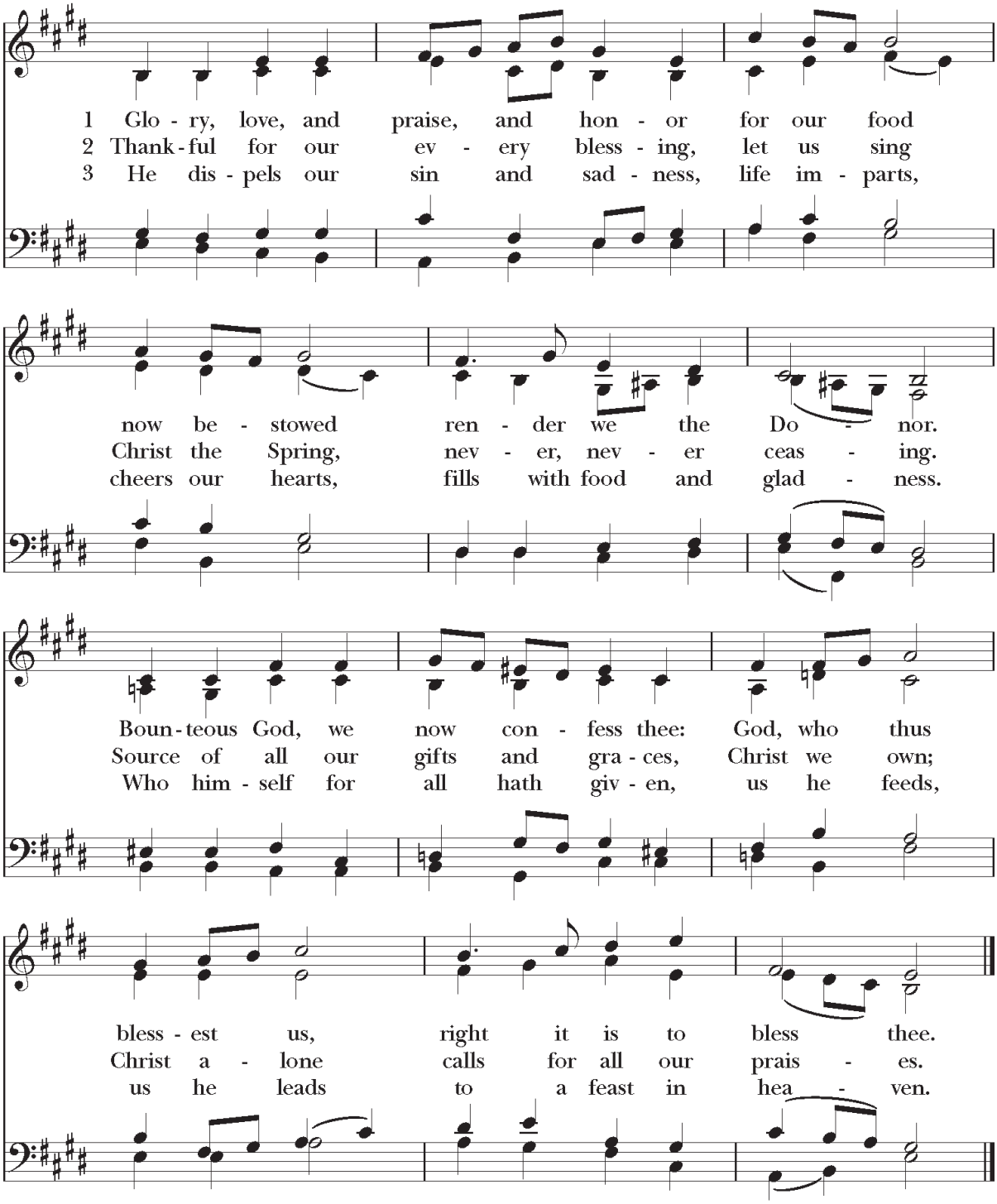
All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

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 300



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: *Benifold*, Francis B. Westbrook (1903-1975).

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 honor of our mothers, Ann Kiser Lowder and Janice Lynn Dugan, with our love and gratitude, by Sarah Lowder and Tiffany Dugan.

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Zack Nyein

Lector Sarah Bessey
Usher Sam Meyer
Altar Guild Adelaide Kent

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant
Facilities Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers
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MEET US AFTER CHURCH

Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at **stbarts.org/sunday.**

- **Coffee Hour**
  12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
- **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
  12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- **Peace Book Club**
  1:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- **Living Christ Sangha**
  3 PM VIA ZOOM

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-First 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**
  Lincoln in the Bardo
  Composer Missy Mazzoli previews her new opera based on George Saunders' novel, the first opera by a female composer to receive its world premiere at the Metropolitan Opera.
- **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.

Faith in Action Team Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM

Anyone interested in the intersection of faith and social justice is invited to join the next Faith in Action Team Meeting following the 11 am service. We will be discussing opportunities across the parish, city, and diocese to address current social concerns.

A History of Christianity: From Pentecost to the Reformation

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 15, 1-2:30 PM

Dr. Robin Brooks Ishler offers a sweeping account of the first 1,600 years of Christian history, examining the social, political, and intellectual forces that shaped the development of Christian institutions and the Church's efforts to address the foundational theological questions at its core. In doing so, the course explores the Church's relationship to the state, power, identity, and authority as it surveys the political and religious drama of Late Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the early modern period. Taught in an engaging seminar style, the course encourages discussion, debate, and respectful dialog, with the aim of inviting participants to learn from each other as they reflect upon the Christian past. Register at **stbarts.org/history**.

Newcomer Reception

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 12:30 PM

Anyone new to St. Bart's in the last year is invited to a reception with the clergy. Learn more about the parish and how you can be involved in the life of our vibrant community of faith and belonging. For details and an invitation, please email Loriel Merritt, Associate for Community Engagement, at **lmerritt@stbarts.org**.

A Choral Feast: Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's Mass in C, Op. 169

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 11 AM

Services designated A Choral Feast celebrate a composer, theme, or major choral work and offer the opportunity to engage with larger-scale sacred choral repertoire in its original context of worship. This Sunday at 11am, St. Bartholomew's Choir offers Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's *Mass in C, Op. 16* with chamber orchestra and organ.

Youth Nightwatch at the Cathedral

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Nightwatch is an evening spent in the world's largest Gothic Cathedral immersed in a faith-based program to deepen your spiritual connection with God. During the evening, we experience community building, workshops, exploration of the Cathedral through interactive activities, candlelight meditation, music, writing, and a labyrinth walk. Participants stay overnight sleeping in the undercroft of the Cathedral. Sign up to attend with St. Bart's Youth at the Center at **stbarts.org/youthnightwatch**.

Explore Class for Newcomers

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 1–15 AT 12:30 PM, ROOM 33
WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 4–18 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM

Explore is for anyone new to St. Bart's or The Episcopal Church and interested in learning more. This three-week series provides an overview of Christian belief and practice, through a progressive and open-minded lens. No question is off the table, and all are welcome. A light lunch is offered. Sign up at **stbarts.org/explore**.

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). The book is available at the St. Bart's Bookstore. Sign up at **stbarts.org/saturdaymornings.**

Imagine Worship at St. Bart's

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.

Clergy and Staff

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