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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Contemplative Eucharist
at Five O'Clock

May 9, 2021

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022



**We invite you to make
this place yours.**

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.

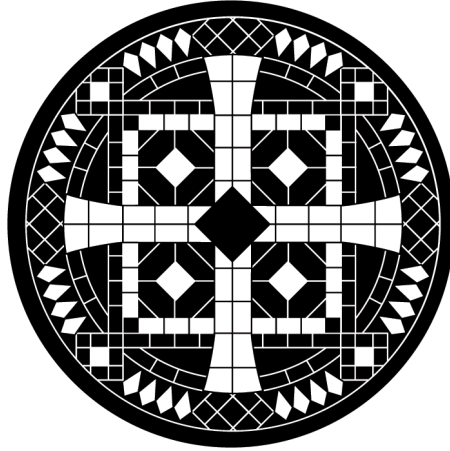
What we are against

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!



**Welcome back to the church building! It's good to see you.
We ask for your patience as we all adjust to this new reality.**

**For your health and safety and for the health and safety of those around you,
please follow the directions of the ushers, maintain six feet of distance
from those outside your party, and keep your masks on at all times.**

**If you need to use the restroom, please use one of the restrooms located in the narthex.
The ambulatory is closed to the public for the time being.**

We're glad you're here.

Prelude

The people stand.

The Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

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

Presider Let us pray.
All **Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise your marvelous victory song. Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

All **Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

**The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

The Second Lesson 1 John 5:1-6

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

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

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

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, Assistant Rector

The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Lector Risen Christ, bursting from the tomb: we yearn for the joy you bring. Burst into our lives and lift our hearts with resurrection joy as we pray.

Guide us in this time of uncertainty and fear. The first witnesses to your resurrection also were uncertain and afraid. Calm us as you calmed them.

People Risen Christ,
hear our prayer.

Lector By defeating death, you have freed us from the grip of sin. Release our nation and its leaders from prejudice, cruelty, and every sinful way.

People Risen Christ,
hear our prayer.

Lector The bright light of Easter promises a new day to those in pain. Shine its warm rays on all the sick and suffering, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People Risen Christ,
hear our prayer.

Lector In rising from the grave, you have raised us, too. Receive all who have died into the glory of heaven, including...and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People Risen Christ,
hear our prayer.

Lector Easter is good news! You beckon us to go forth and share it with others. Strengthen your Church to proclaim faith in the midst of doubt and hope in the midst of despair.

People Risen Christ,
hear our prayer.

Presider Risen Christ, our compassionate Mother, extending to us the same love you received from your Parent: we praise you for all who do the work of mothering, whatever their gender or life circumstance. Teach us to accept with gratitude the love of others and to give love freely to those in need of our care. In your name we pray.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people acknowledge one another, while maintaining six feet of distance, and then sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

St. Bart's depends on your generous giving especially during this difficult time. Please visit stbarts.org/giving or place your offering in one of the basins near the rear doors at the end of the service.

Organ Interlude

The people stand at the direction of the presider.

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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you 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 This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *Those who would like to receive communion are invited to follow the instructions of the ushers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, communion is offered to the people in one kind (bread) only.*
- *The clergy sanitize their hands immediately before the distribution of communion, and bread that is distributed to the congregation is kept covered on a separate table during the Eucharistic Prayer.*
- *Please maintain six feet of distance from others and keep your mask on as you approach the communion station from the center aisle. After receiving bread from the priest, step aside, remove the side of your mask, and consume the wafer. Ensure that your mask is completely on before returning to your seat via the side aisle.*
- *This process will take longer than usual. Please be patient and respect others' space.*

Spiritual Communion

Those who choose not to receive Communion may, if they wish, say this prayer.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me:

Here, the supplicant may add particular blessings for which they wish to give thanks.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The people stand at the direction of the presider.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Please wait for the ushers' instructions before departing and maintain six feet of distance from those outside your party until you are outdoors.

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening.

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

Lector Miriam Schneider

Ushers Holly Bellows, Mary Coit, Bob Kiely, Percy Preston

Altar Guild Tina Shelby

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Director of Facilities Corey Durney

Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez

Flower Guild Mary Anna Smith

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To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit stbarts.org/connect/calendar-of-events

Or scan this QR code with your mobile device:



Today is Episcopal Charities Sunday

Episcopal Charities is a major contributor to the work of Crossroads at St. Bart’s. Some disheartening statistics: Last May, 10% of New Yorkers reported being food insecure. That number jumped to 14% by December and 19% of adults in New York reported having children in their households who were not eating enough. Episcopal Charities was founded in 1996 and, since then, they have granted more than \$17 million to local programs affiliated with parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of New York serving these people in need. All of this is made possible by generous individuals, congregations, foundations and corporations that share in their commitment to caring. We encourage you to give as able.

Learn more: episcopalcharities-newyork.org

Give a Meaningful Mother’s Day Gift

This Mother’s Day, consider a tribute gift in honor of a mother you know and love—a thoughtful and perfect way to celebrate someone important in your life. We will print the names in next Sunday’s service leaflet.

Make a Tribute Gift Today: stbarts.org/give

Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma

Wednesdays, April 28-May 26, 7-8 pm

The whole world has been living through the trauma of COVID-19 over the past year and some months. How do we emerge in a way that allows us to simultaneously acknowledge the pain we’ve endured and move forward? Join the Reverend Peter Thompson for a discussion based on Shelly Rambo's wide-ranging book *Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma*. Please read the second chapter before the next session.

Freeing Jesus

Saturdays, May 8-June 26, 10-11 am

The Saturday discussion group reflects on the many identities and enduring appeal of Jesus. Diana Butler Bass’ book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* serves as a guide and basis for discussion. The March 21 session of The Forum focused on the book and featured Butler Bass herself as a guest.

Tallis, Byrd, and Tudor Choral Music

Tuesdays, April 13-May 11, 6:30-8 pm

Musicologist and singer Kerry McCarthy, PhD, who recently wrote authoritative biographies of Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, outlines the development of English choral music during the pivotal Tudor period.

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 pm

Thoughtful reflection and lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings, hosted by the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe. To join our Weekly Bible Study online, please contact Liz Gillespie (Lgillespie@stbarts.org).

Centering Prayer

Mondays at 7 pm, Wednesdays at 5 pm, and Fridays at 9 am.

Experience a few moments of peace and comfort through the contemplative practice of centering prayer. Newcomers welcome! To join our email list to receive updates on centering prayer, contact Manny Rodríguez-Leach (rodriguez@stbarts.org).

St. Bart's Players Present *Our Town*

Tuesday, May 11 at 7 pm

The St. Bart's Players host a reunion reading of their beloved 2014 production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Our Town," featuring nearly the entire cast from their 2014 production. The play's themes seem like the perfect tonic for these times, celebrating the truth of our moment-to-moment existence, and a reminder of what is important in our lives.

Learn more: facebook.com/thestbartsplayers

Peace Book Club

May 16, 1:30 pm

The Peace Book Club continues its exploration of *Jesus and the Disinherited*, a classic work about the connection between Christianity and social justice by Howard Thurman, the dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University who served as a major influence on The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please read chapters 3 and 4 ahead of the next discussion.

Crossroads Community Services, Inc., is seeking breakfast volunteers

If you are a morning person, we need you! Volunteers are needed to cook a delicious breakfast for our guests, serve the meal in go-to bags, or clean up after.

Volunteer today: crossroadsnyc.org

Summer Camp at St. Bart's is open for registration!

Children 2 through 6 years old will enjoy a wide variety of activities at our day camp, from games and athletics, music and movement, and arts and crafts, to science experiments, yoga and drama for the older campers. Our shaded rooftop playground and newly renovated 26,000 square foot gym provide the setting for hours of fun under the supervision of our experienced camp counselors. Each session is two weeks. 10% sibling discount.

Register online: stbarts.org/summercamp

St. Bartholomew Community Preschool is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year

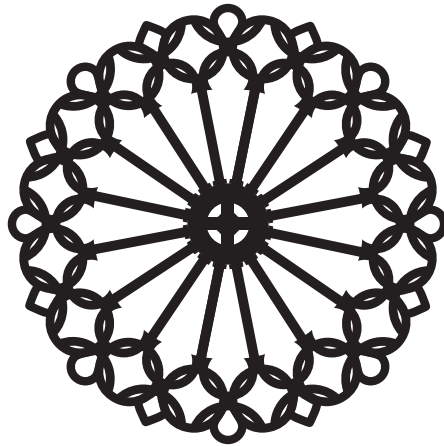
For over 40 years, our preschool has provided a warm, nurturing first school experience.

Learn more: stbarts.org/preschool

St. Bart's Night Prayer

Do you desire a few moments of peace at the end of each day? Join the St. Bart's community for Night Prayer **each weekday evening at 8:30 pm**. Clergy and lay officiants will lead brief services based on or inspired by the ancient office of Compline.





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