

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

# Holy Eucharist at 8 am

August 7, 2022

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 to St. Bart's! Thanks for joining us for worship this morning. We are glad that you are here.

Because of the continued spread of COVID-19, masks are required for all worshippers. We also ask that, when possible, you allow space between your party and others.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our whole community.

The people stand as the presider enters.

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

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

#### **The Collect for Purity**

- Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
  All Amen.
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#### Gloria in excelsis

All 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.

### The Ministry of the Word

#### The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider People	The Lord be with you. <b>And with thy spirit.</b>
Presider	Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All	Amen.

The people sit.

#### The First Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

#### Psalm 33:12-22

All Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

happy the people he has chosen to be his own! The Lord looks down from heaven,

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

#### The Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*Presider* Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care

#### **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

Presider	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
People	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Presider People	For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Presider	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Presider	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Presider	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Presider	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Presider	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Presider	In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People	To thee, O Lord our God.
Presider	O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
All	Amen.

#### **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

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

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Presider And with thy spirit. People

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

#### Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### **The Offertory**

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as you exit the chapel. Ushers can assist you.
- Sou may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit bit.ly/STB-Give.
- Friendly Reminder—Declare your 2022 pledge today at stbarts.org/pledge.
- Thank you for gifts to the ministry and mission of St. Bart's!

The people stand.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit. Presider Lift up vour hearts. People We lift them up unto the Lord. Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. People It is meet and right so to do.

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

> Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: All Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee. O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst Presider make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

#### All AMEN.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

PresiderAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore 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. At this time, communion is offered to the people in one kind (bread) only. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind.
- 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 keep six feet of distance from one another while approaching the communion station. After receiving communion from the priest, step aside, remove your mask and consume the bread. Ensure that your mask is completely on before returning to your seat.
- 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 you would like a blessing.

All

#### **The Prayer after Communion**

#### Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### **The Blessing**

- *Presider* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
- All Amen.

#### **The Dismissal**

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

#### We continue to hold in our prayers

Michael, Melissa, Jacqueline, Mary, J.D., Steve, Judy, Jimmy and Ione, Alva, Selena, Marie, the people of Ukraine, Paula, Karen, Jo, Tom, Dwight, Hal, Erin, Valentina, Jeanne, Gillian, Barry, Eva, Avery, Neil, Tony, Nick, Eric, Judy, Karen, William, Betsy, Connie.

### **Service Participants**

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lector Bill Rowe

Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez Facilities Anthony Thomas

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- Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit <u>stbarts.org/connect/im-new</u> or scan the QR code to the right to fill out our online Connect Card.
- **To learn more about our upcoming events** and to register for classes, please visit **<u>stbarts.org/calendar</u>**.



# Free Parking

We offer parking free of charge for Sunday services. The garage is on the south side of East 51st Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues). Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central. Vouchers are valid for 12 hours or until midnight, whichever comes first. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart's \$15.)

#### St. Bart's 2022 Stewardship Update

At this halfway point in the year, we are writing with an update on St. Bart's 2022 Stewardship goals to raise \$3.3M and steward 50 new donors. As of June 30, St. Bart's has received over \$800K in stewardship pledges from more than 200 households. We received an additional \$336K in gifts from 230 households, including 43 new donors. Thank you for sharing your love for St. Bart's through your gifts and for your generosity!

If you haven't made a pledge, please take this critical step along your faith journey. Any stewardship gifts you've made in 2022 will count toward that pledge. If you find it in your heart to increase your pledge, please reach out to let us know. With full support from everyone across the congregation, we will meet St. Bart's financial needs and move one more step forward in transformational witness in this world. Your gift matters. We need everyone to reach our goal.

Pledge today at stbarts.org/give/declare-my-2022-pledge.



#### Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings. Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

#### **Coffee Hour on the Great Terrace**

12:15 PM

Meet us after church to enjoy some coffee, tea, or lemonade.

#### Virtual Sermon Talkback

**12:30 PM VIA ZOOM** Discuss the sermon with the Reverend Natosha Reid Rice.

#### Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.



### Sunday, August 14, 2022 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Soin us in person at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm.

**\* You may also join our Sunday morning livestream service at 11 am** on our website (<u>stbarts.org/worship/livestream</u>), via <u>YouTube</u> or Facebook Live (@stbartsnyc).

#### \* The Forum at 10 am

#### Present Without Leave: Don't Wait to Do the Work

Philanthropist and investor Esther Dyson, the Founder and Executive Director of Wellville, talks about the importance of getting right to business, without waiting for permission or instruction. Wellville is a nonprofit focused on improving health and wellbeing in five U.S. communities.

# **ONGOING & UPCOMING**

For more information and to register, please visit stbarts.org.

### **Weekday Opening Times**

The Church is open Monday through Friday 10 am-2 pm for prayer and meditation.

The Bookstore is also open during these hours.

### Theology and Television: Ted Lasso

#### THURSDAYS, JULY 7-AUGUST 11, 7-8 PM

Theology and Television returns with the story of Ted Lasso, an affable American football coach who travels to England to take on an English soccer team, spreading his cheer and charm along the way.

### 20s/30s Thursday Happy Hours

#### **THURSDAYS, JUNE 2-SEPTEMBER 1, 5-6:30 PM** Join Peter, Zack, and other members of our 20s/30s

group for drinks at Inside Park Restaurant on Thursdays throughout the summer. Though these gatherings are official events of the 20s/30s group, all are welcome to attend.

### Breathing Under Water: The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps

#### SATURDAYS, JULY 30-OCTOBER 1, 10-11 AM

The Saturday morning discussion group turns to Richard Rohr's work on the spirituality of the twelve steps. Countless lives have been changed for the better through Alcoholics Anonymous and other twelve step programs, but, Rohr argues, the spirituality of the Twelve Steps can change the lives even of those who don't participate in recovery groups.

### The Stories of St. Bart's

#### WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 15-AUGUST 24, 7-8 PM

Longtime members of St. Bart's reflect on important moments in the life of our community. Each week will feature a different parishioner who has attended for 30 years or more. Recordings of the sessions will be placed in the parish archives. All are welcome.

# Summer Reception on the Terrace

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 AT6 PM

Please join the Reverend Meredith E. Ward, and Vestry Members Christian Burke, Luke Failla, Rachel Farrar, Patrick Hornbeck, Astrid Horan and Craig Simmons for a reception in Room 33 and its adjoining Terrace.

### Making Your Will: Step by Step

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 7PM

The Reverend Meredith E. Ward will be joined by member Ray Vandenberg in an information session for anyone with interest in writing or updating their will and end of life documents. We will cover basic terminology and resources, offer a check-in on progress and problem-solving (fall), and conclude with a celebration (winter). This program is for informational purposes and is not intended as legal advice. For questions, email mward@stbarts.org.

### Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

The next date of Holy Baptism at St. Bart's will be **Sunday, September 4**. Any child, teen, or adult who has never been baptized is encouraged to participate in this essential sacrament of the church. To request baptism for yourself or for your child, or to learn more, contact the Reverend Zack Nyein (znyein@stbarts.org).

### St. Bartholomew's Choristers

#### **RESUMING FALL 2022**

St. Bartholomew's Choristers is inviting participants for the next choral season, beginning in Fall 2022. This auditioned ensemble, is open to children of all backgrounds, ages eighteen and under. To schedule an introductory session, please contact Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org).

### Prayer Requests at St. Bart's

We are introducing a new online system for submitting prayer requests at **<u>stbarts.org/prayers</u>**. We will be using the month of August as a trial period for this new system. Prayer requests submitted through this page will be read aloud during the Prayers of the People at the Sunday 11 am service.



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