

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

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 evening. 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.

Prelude

The people remain seated during the hymn.

Hymn



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

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way,

kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture

and the breaking of the bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

All Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

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

Together, let us pray.

All God of unfailing treasure, you lead us to a homeland eternal in the heavens: grant us the

faith to persist in our wanderings here on earth until the hour comes when we reach the

Paradise you have promised. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

The people sit.

The 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.

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

Hymn Wonder Love and Praise #771



Words: Patricia B. Clark (1938-2009). Music: *Carlisle*, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815).

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon 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."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend John F. Wirenius, Deacon

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

The Prayers of the People



Words and Music: Bob Hurd (b. 1950).

Intercessor O God, hear us, as we offer our prayers for ourselves and for the whole world.

We pray for wisdom. Turn us away from superficiality, materialism, and greed. Teach us to be honest, generous, and humble. Help us to put our faith in heaven and not in fleeting things that fade away.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for courage. Give your Church the boldness to fight for truth and justice in the face of

opposition and obstruction. Empower us to be persistent in our prayers and in our deeds.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for love. Fill us with compassion and respect for all. Widen our circles to include the

marginalized and the rejected. Disturb our daily routines with the cry of those in need. Guide

us as we care for our enemies, our neighbors, and ourselves.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for healing. Confront the demons that run rampant in us and in our society. Release

us from every ailment that causes pain. Surround with your healing presence all who suffer,

including those on our Prayer List and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for peace. Quiet the distractions and worries that keep us from resting in you. Still the

storms of violence that batter our nation and the nations of the earth. Bring to eternal peace

all who have died, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for grateful hearts. Bolster our praise for the good you make happen in our lives, and

remind us continually to be thankful for your gifts, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

People O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Presider God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us

towards faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set, and our

hearts ready to be challenged and changed. In Christ's name we pray.

All Amen.

The Confession of Sin

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

People Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our

redeemer. Amen.

Presider May God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through the love of Jesus Christ, and

sustain you in the power of the Spirit, now and always.

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- * Please place your offering in one of the plates being passed. Ushers can assist you.
- * You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit bit.ly/STB-Give.
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- # Thank you for gifts to the ministry and mission of St. Bart's!



Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
People
And also with you.
Presider
People
Uift up your hearts.
People
We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right to give you thanks and praise, O God, for you are a fool in the eyes of the world.

You abandoned control, creating a universe, new and marvelous. You nurtured life: diverse, evolving, surprising and strange. You gave us different bodies and desires, different ways of thinking and speaking, and different ways of belonging and believing. And so, in awe of all that you have done and with every being in heaven and on earth, we lift our voices to

proclaim your glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: Mark Miller (b. 1967).

Presider

One came who upset the rules, who accepted the grace of the outsider, who looked for wisdom in those who did not count, who took his food in the company of the rejected. The tables of the moneychangers he threw over. The doors of liberation he threw open.

In Jesus, you defied the boundaries between sacred and secular and demonstrated respect and honor for all of creation. You confronted the powers that deny the goodness of others, challenged the status quo that seeks to keep things hidden, and commanded your children to love and to be loved.

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

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

Presider People Great is the mystery of faith: Christ became one of us;

Christ suffered for us; Christ gives us the gift of life.

Presider

Into our hands he delivers himself, Jesus, the Excluded One, the Sign of Hope for all. We celebrate in this meal his victory of life over death and love over hate.

May your Spirit take these earthly things and reveal in their brokenness the life-giving plenty that is the Body and Blood of Christ. May your Spirit descend upon us also, that we too may become Christ's Body and work for the healing of the world. Let us, we pray, be defined by what we are open to, not by what we fear; by the excess of our compassion, not by the walls along our borders.

We offer this prayer in the name of the God who includes everyone and excludes no one, the One who is in all and with all and for all.

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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation to the Table

Presider

All you who hunger and thirst for a better life, for a deeper faith, for a better world, here is the bread of life: feed on it with gratitude; here is the cup of salvation: drink from it and believe.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. 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.
- 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 Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through

you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. 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 68



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660–1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

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 The Reverend Zack Nyein Preacher The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius Lector Dickie Ann Boal Johnson Altar Guild Cynthia Brush **Usher** Mark Lugo

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon **Interim Director of Facilities** Charles Bryant **Director of Maintenance** Willie Gonzalez Facilities Anthony Thomas Flower Guild Manny Rodríguez-Leach

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- **Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/connect/im-new** 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 **stbarts.org/calendar**.



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

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**.

MEET US AFTER CHURCH



Coffee Hour on the Great Terrace

12:15 PM

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



12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

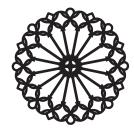
Discuss the sermon with the Reverend Natosha Reid Rice.

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

- #Join 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 (<a href="style="style-type: style-type: sty

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).

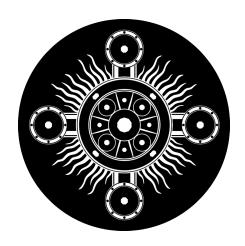
St. Bartholomew's Choristers

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 **stbarts.org/prayers**. 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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