

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

September 25, 2022



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!

Prelude

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your

angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your

love's sake.

All Amen.

Hymn



Words and Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

All

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Together, let us pray.

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

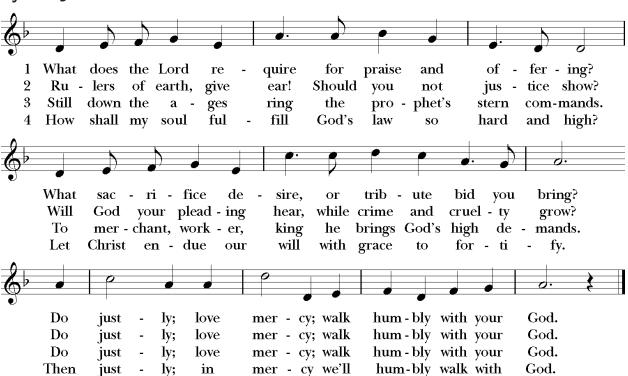
Lector A reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 605



Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Music: *Sharpthorne*, Erik Routley (1917-1982).

The Holy Gospel Luke 16:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus said, "There v

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius

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

The Prayers of the People



Words and Music: Paul Andress (b. 1956).

Intercessor Good and Gracious God, you have promised to hear those who cry to you day and night.

Hear now our fervent prayers.

Advocate for the persecuted, you call us to work for justice and to care for the oppressed. Open our eyes to the reality of suffering within this city and throughout the globe. Make us servants, eager to attend to others' needs. Guide us as we hold the powerful to

account and fight for the liberation of the poor.

People Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for

each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Intercessor Healer of brokenness and disease, you wash away our sadness and our pain. Bind the

wounds of all who are injured in body, mind, or spirit, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Heal, too, the wounds of our world: end violence, soothe bitterness, and make us well.

People Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for

each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Intercessor Refuge of the weary, you invite us to lay aside our burdens and rest in you. Send your

angels to those who are dying and to those who have died, including those we now

name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Receive them into your glorious inheritance, and comfort those who mourn.

People Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for

each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Intercessor Source of all blessings, you have entrusted us with gifts beyond measure. We thank you

for this remarkable community, in which we have each found a place, for food and shelter, for our family and our friends, and for every one of your gifts, including those we

now name:

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us as we strive to be good stewards of this, our church home. Challenge us to ask boldly for the generous support of its mission. Inspire us to share joyfully from our

resources so that it can prosper and thrive.

People Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for

each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Presider God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets, your covenant binds us in one human family:

help us to overcome the scandal of poverty, the fixed chasm of indifference, and to recognize you in the wounded poor; through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges.

People 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.
- # Friendly Reminder—Declare your 2022 pledge today at stbarts.org/pledge.
- # Thank you for gifts to the ministry and mission of St. Bart's!

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Interlude

The people stand.

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

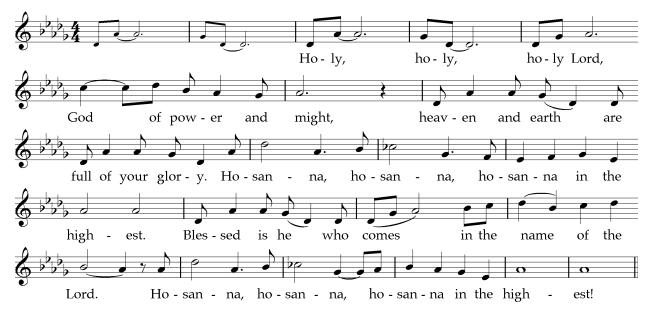
Presider It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, Relentless and Stubborn God, for you never

give up on any of us. When one sheep wanders off, you follow resolutely after. When one coin goes missing, you sweep the whole house until you have reason to rejoice. You welcome young and old, rich and poor, the arrogant and the humble, the greatest and the least. Sinners and doubters, complainers and fools—all alike have a place at your table.

You are only fully satisfied when everyone is present.

And so, grateful for your love—generous and extravagant, uncompromising and allencompassing—we bow before you and exclaim:

Sanctus and Benedictus



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

Presider

Blessed indeed is Jesus, the Christ, who comes in your name. While we are still on the way, he heals us, delivering us from exclusion and shame. Frustrated by our petty divisions, he dares us to fight evil with good and urges us to treat others as we would like to be treated. In a tense and conflict-ridden world, strengthen us to be his disciples: to learn from his teachings; to emulate his example; to take up our cross and follow him.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

God of the living, Attentive and Compassionate One: we cry to you day and night for Christ's return, for the manifestation of your reign on earth. Do not delay long in hearing us: fill the hungry; grant justice to the oppressed; bridge the chasms that are fixed between us.

May this meal we now share be a foretaste of Paradise, of perfect unity with one another and with you. Send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine and upon all of us gathered here, that we may partake in Christ's Body and Blood and be Christ's Body in all that we say and do. Make this community a haven for the burdened and despairing and a beacon of your love and peace. Keep us longing for an end to falsehood and violence, and bless us with the endurance of the saints, who faced every kind of trial and still persevered.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the One who laid down his life for us, and who abides with you and the Spirit, Three in One and One in Three, forever and forevermore.

All

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Αll

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 Come to the banquet 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 at the front of the chapel. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please wait for the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it.
- Wine is only received by drinking from the common cup. Those who do not choose to drink from the common cup may cross their arms to indicate that they would prefer not to receive wine. They are also invited to touch the chalice should they wish.
- At the request of the Bishop of New York, St. Bart's does not permit intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) at this time. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please be assured that you are still a full partaker in the Eucharistic feast.
- 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.

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help

us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have

loved us. 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



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

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein
Preacher The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius
Lector David Carson
Usher Mairim Pina

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez Facilities Anthony Thomas

We continue to hold in our prayers:

Christine, Donna, C.T., Gail, Tatyana, Lee, Magdalena, Selena, John, Raven, Mike, Eric, Richard.

Remembering

Memorial services for the following members of the St. Bart's community will be held in the coming days: Julian Hart Robertson, Jr. (Friday, September 30 at 11 am, St. Bart's)

The Reverend Warren Haynes (Saturday, October 1 at 11 am, St. Bart's)

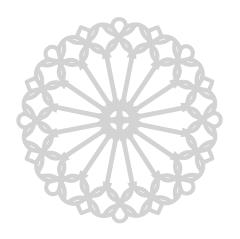
Marjory Ward, mother of The Reverend Meredith Ward (Saturday, October 1 at 11 am, Christ Church, Short Hills, NJ)

Judy Beard (Saturday, October 1 at 2 pm, St. Bart's)

We invite your prayers for all four families and your presence at each service.

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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.
- **To make a prayer request** please visit **stbarts.org/prayers**.



Free Parking

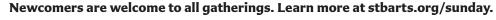
We offer parking free of charge for Sunday services. The garage is on the south side of East 51st Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues). Request a parking voucher from an usher or someone at St. Bart's Central. Vouchers are valid for 12 hours or until midnight, whichever comes first. (Because some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



2022 Stewardship Update

We enjoyed connecting with you at the St. Bart's Fair! Let's keep the conversation going! Stay tuned, here, for news of our 2023 Pledge Campaign. Whether you're making a year-end gift or making the final gifts toward your stewardship pledge, there are lots of ways to give. We've updated our website and you can read all about it at **stbarts.org/ways-to-give**. Thank you.

MEET US AFTER CHURCH



Virtual Coffee Hour

12 PM VIA ZOOM

Catch up with other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.



12:15 PM

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

Reclaim our Vote Postcard Writing Summit

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Meet in the Great Hall following the 11 am service.

St. Tabitha's Guild

2 PM VIA ZOOM

Close-knit and crochet from a distance.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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

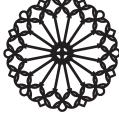
20s/30s September Happy Hour

6 PM AFTER THE 5 PM SERVICE

Join us for worship at 5 pm and then we will head to Clinton Hall for happy hour.

NEXT **SUNDAY**





Sunday, October 2, 2022

The Seventeenth 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 (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook Live (@stbartsnyc).

The Forum at 10 am

The Unjust Steward: Wealth, Poverty, and the Church Today

How did Jesus and the earliest Christians approach issues of economic justice? Miguel Escobar, Executive Director of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, provides an overview based on his new book.

ONGOING & UPCOMING

Weekday Opening Times

The Church is open Monday through Friday, 9 am-5 pm for prayer and meditation.

The Bookstore is also open during these hours.

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

St. Francis Day with Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bring your animal friends along and come celebrate St. Francis of Assisi on the first Sunday of October! Our 9 am and 5 pm services of Holy Eucharist feature The Blessing of the Animals. At the 11 am Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's Choir offers Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb.

Imagine Worship NYC: Good News

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Rob Wright of Atlanta, and mass choir under the direction of acclaimed gospel artist Jason McGee, live under the dome of St. Bart's! Through singing, prayer, dialogue, and communion-in-the-round we will respond to MLK Jr.'s famous question: Where will we go from here: chaos or community? Join us for this embodied and immersive worship experience as we find courage, hope, and joy for a new day! stbarts.org/imagine.

C.S. Lewis and the Inklings

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 5-NOVEMBER 9, 6:30-8:00 PM

The Reverend John Wirenius, Deacon, leads a discussion on the life and work of C.S. Lewis. Sessions will also touch on the Inklings, a group of Lewis' literary and scholarly friends.

Disability and the Body of Christ: A Bible Study

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 15, 7-8 PM

The Reverend Zack Nyein and accessibility consultant Janina Sajka examine what scripture tells us about disabilities and the people who have them.

Women and the Gender of God

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 20-DECEMBER 8, 7-8 PM

(no class on Thanksgiving Day, November 24)
The Reverend Peter Thompson and the Reverend
Meredith E. Ward tackle the controversial topic of God's
gender through Professor Amy Peeler's new book,
Women and the Gender of God, described as "a robust
theological argument against the assumption that God
is male."

Small Groups at St. Bart's: Join St. Bart's Connects!

Would you like to make new connections with fellow St. Bart's parishioners? Perhaps you'd like to get to know St. Bart's members who live in your neighborhood. New small groups will be established in early October. Please sign up at stbarts.org/connects by October 9.

The Saving Acts of Jesus

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8-OCTOBER 13, 6:30-8 PM

St. Bart's favorite Larry Welborn, Professor of Theology at Fordham University, explores collections of miracle stories found within the Gospels themselves.

Grief, Hope, and Healing Together

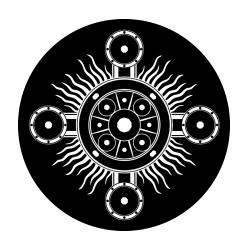
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 6 PM VIA ZOOM

This is a support group for those who have experienced the recent loss of a friend or loved one or are going through a longer-term bereavement process. The group does not provide formal grief counseling. We gather for conversation in a safe and supportive environment to express our sorrow and to begin to find hope and healing together.

Support Rob Radtke and Episcopal Relief and Development!

Starting October 10, parishioner Rob Radtke is walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route to raise funds for Episcopal Relief & Development's flagship program addressing the needs of children, Moments That Matter®. To learn more about his pilgrimage and to follow his progress check out his website (www.robradtke.com). You can also follow him on Instagram and Twitter (@RobRadtke). Rob asks everyone at St. Bart's to hold him in their prayers and invites people to support his fundraising effort, which you can do through his website. Every gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.





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