

A graphic in a stained glass style with various shades of blue and purple. A large white star is on the left. In the center, a black circle contains white text. On the right, there are three candles: a pink one, a blue one with a yellow flame, and a purple one.

⌘ SAINT ⌘
BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
⌘ NEW YORK ⌘

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 am

November 27, 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!

The people stand as the presider enters.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Opening Sentence

Presider If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm 122

All

**I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;**

**To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

**For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.**

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

**Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.**

**For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.**

**Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."**

The Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14

Lector A reading the letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Presider

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore 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 people stand.

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.”

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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

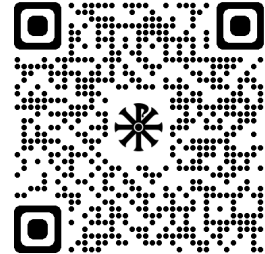
Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ❖ *Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed or as you exit. Ushers can assist you.*
- ❖ *You may donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit bit.ly/STB-Give.*

The people stand.



The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your 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. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
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.**

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst 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.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar rail. 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 **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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant

Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez

Facilities Anthony Thomas

The Vestry of St. Bart's

Miriam K. Schneider, William ("Bill") Fry IV, *Wardens*

Joe Bessey, Kathleen Breiten, A. Christian Burke, David Lee Carson, Luke Failla,
Rachel Farrar, James Ferrara, Tim Hook, Astrid Horan, J. Patrick Hornbeck II,
Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, Keith Rook, Craig Simmons, Robert Watson

We continue to hold in our prayers:

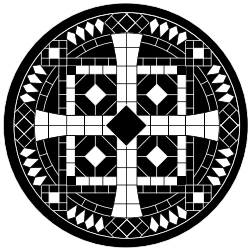
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2022 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. BART'S

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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.

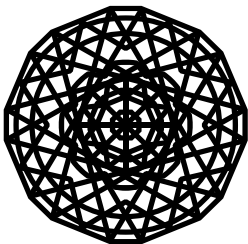
❖ Free Parking

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.)



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

MEET US AFTER CHURCH



Virtual Coffee Hour

12:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Meet other virtual worshippers immediately after the service.

Advent Fair for All Ages

12:15 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Prepare for the festive holiday season with crafts, refreshments, music and more.

Peace Book Club

2:00 PM VIA ZOOM

We continue our focus on Norman Wirzba's This Sacred Life.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

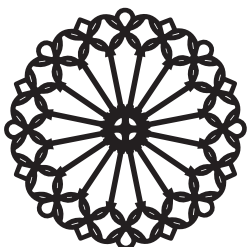
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

November 20s/30s Hangout

6:30 PM AT CLINTON HALL (230 E 51ST STREET)

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for some drinks and appetizers.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S



Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

❖ 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

Understanding Jesus and Paul means Understanding Jewish Practice and Belief

Amy-Jill Levine, prolific author and the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, places Jesus and Paul within their Jewish context and reflects on how the Jewishness of early Christians is so often overlooked.

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.



Make a Gift to Christmas Flowers and Music

The season of Advent and Christmas offers an opportunity to memorialize a loved one or offer thanksgiving for a special blessing. In your leaflet this morning is an offering envelope. It contains all the information you need to make a gift toward the flowers and music of the season. You may also make a gift at stbarts.org/tributes.

The deadline for listing in the Christmas Eve leaflets is December 15, 2022.

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

TONIGHT AT 5 PM

Our combined choirs offer Advent carols and anthems in alternation with readings of the beautiful prophecies of the coming of Christ.

Offer Radical Welcome this Christmas

Additional Greeters and Ushers are needed for our Christmas Eve services at 12:05 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm and also on Christmas Day at 11 am. Help ensure that all who enter St. Bart's receive a warm welcome and that our services run smoothly. No experience needed—we'll train you! To sign up, please email Christian Burke (cburkeo8@gmail.com).

Be Still in Advent

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 5:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Advent is the season in which we prepare for the coming of the Light of the World, that is, Jesus' birth. Give yourself the gift of time for stillness and reflection on this great mystery. Join us via Zoom for a short, 30-minute session of encouragement and practice of being still from 5:30 pm to 6 pm on the 4 Wednesdays in Advent.

Make Your Will: Step by Step is back for Session #2

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7 PM, VIA ZOOM

Join us for a check-in for anyone who is working on their will and other important documents. If you missed Session #1, that's not a problem. You can sign up for this offering of support, encouragement, and shared stories with the Reverend Meredith E. Ward, member Ray Vandenberg, and Jama Toung, Director of Stewardship and Development here: bit.ly/STBMakeYourWill.

Holiday Cabaret

DECEMBER 2 & 3 AT 7:30 PM

"That Holiday Feeling"—The St. Bart's Players annual holiday cabaret will be on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm in St. Bart's Chapel. Suggested donation: \$20 at the door.

Welcome Sunday

DECEMBER 4 AT 11 AM

Get ready to celebrate new members of our community at our first Welcome Sunday since the beginning of the pandemic! On December 4, we'll recognize newcomers with a special liturgy during the 11 am service. Afterwards, we'll have the chance to connect and celebrate during a festive reception. If you've joined St. Bart's since 2019 and have yet to participate in Welcome Sunday, you're invited to be officially welcomed! Newcomers, email bregan@stbarts.org to RSVP by Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 pm.

Caroling on the Steps

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5:45 PM

Join us on the steps of St. Bart's for our annual carol sing-a-long—a welcoming way for parishioners, friends, and commuters to pause together in pre-Christmas joy!

The Joyous Christmas Concert

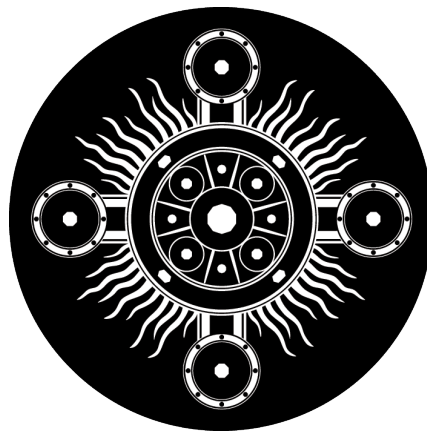
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 PM

The musicians of St. Bartholomew's Choir frequently appear at many of the city's most prestigious venues: from Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, to Broadway stages and New York's finest Jazz clubs. Hear them celebrate the holiday season in our beautiful sanctuary with beloved traditional carols as well as festive new arrangements of sacred and secular Christmas favorites, all accompanied on our famed pipe organ. Purchase tickets at mmpaf.org.

LGBTQ+ Community Christmas Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT 5:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Come and celebrate the holiday season with the LGBTQ+ Fellowship at their annual Christmas party! Join us for food and drink and festive music. All are welcome.



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