



The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 9 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!



Children, Youth, and Families

Nursery available from 8:45 am – 12:45 pm in Room 53

10 am Activities Hour in the Community House

StoryMakers (Grades K-5), Room 52

Youth at the Center (Grades 6-12), Room 33

Our ushers will be glad to guide you.

11 am Kids' Church (Grades K-5)

Children are invited to follow the cross to the chapel during the second hymn for singing, a lesson, and prayers designed especially for elementary schoolers. Parents and younger children are welcome to join in. Children will return to the church during The Peace.

Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground

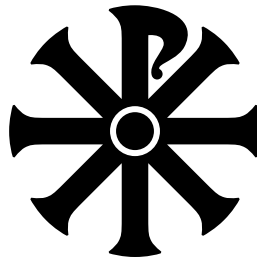
A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church. Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants. We encourage you to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Following a morning rehearsal, the choristers sing at the 11am service alongside St. Bartholomew's Choir. In addition, the ensemble rehearses on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons. St. Bartholomew's Choristers is open to all children ages 8 through 18. To inquire or to arrange an audition, speak to Alexander Pattavina (apattavina@stbarts.org), the Director of St. Bartholomew's Choristers.

Sacramental Participation

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.



Prelude Chorale Prelude on *Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth* (Puer nobis nascitur),
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Welcome

The people stand.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider We light this candle as a sign of the coming of Christ.

As the following is said, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

Presider God has promised that in the days to come nations shall beat their swords into
plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

People **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

After the candle is lit, the presider addresses the congregation.

Presider Let us walk together in Christ's light.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 14 (*Lift Every Voice and Sing*)



1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
2. No more cry-in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
3. No more dy-in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;_____



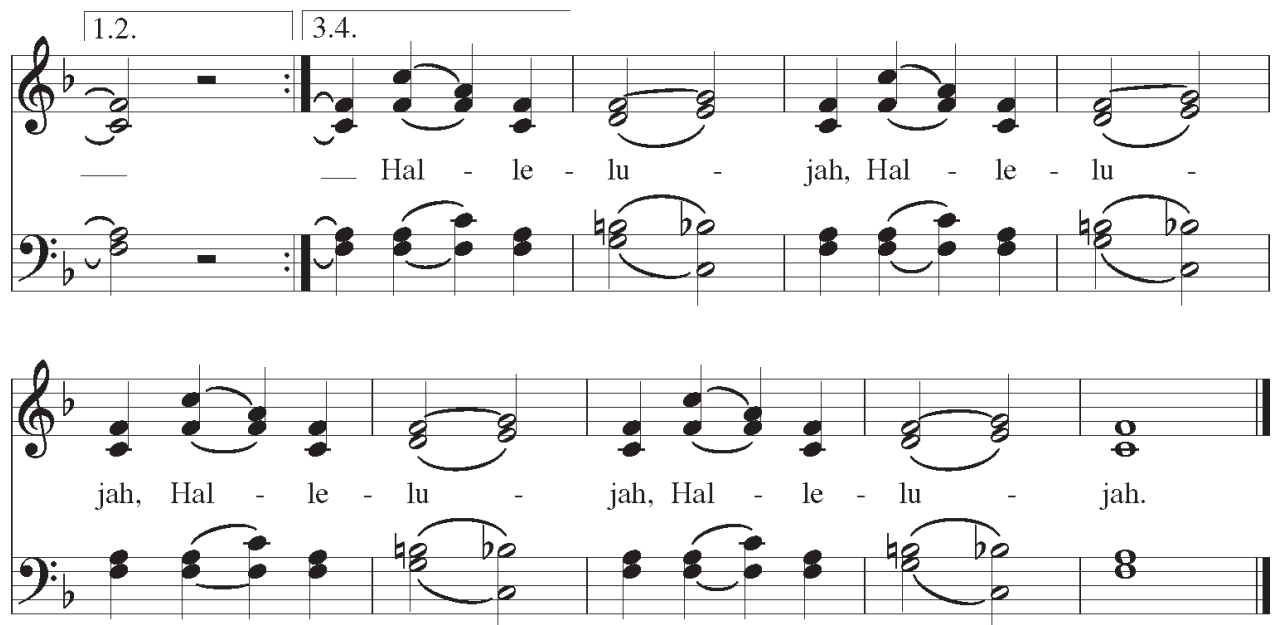
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3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;



Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah,_____ we're goin' to see the King!



Words and Music: Andrae Crouch (1942-2015).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Christ has come to save us from our sins and set us free. In silence, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Presider The prophets proclaim peace, but we grumble against one another. Have mercy on us, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider John the Baptist calls us to repentance, but we insist that we have done nothing wrong. Have mercy on us, Christ.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Joseph changed his mind, but we refuse to consider other paths. Have mercy on us, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider May the God of unexpected grace, through the goodness of Christ, forgive your sins and fill you with all joy and peace, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

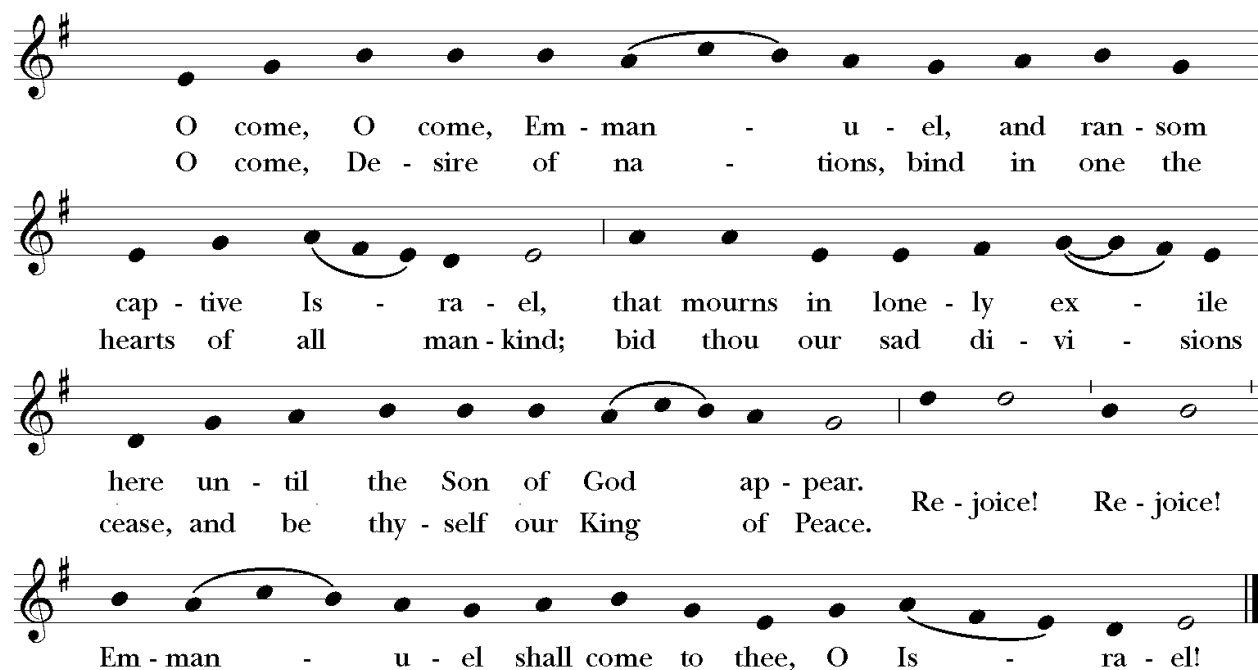
Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon 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."

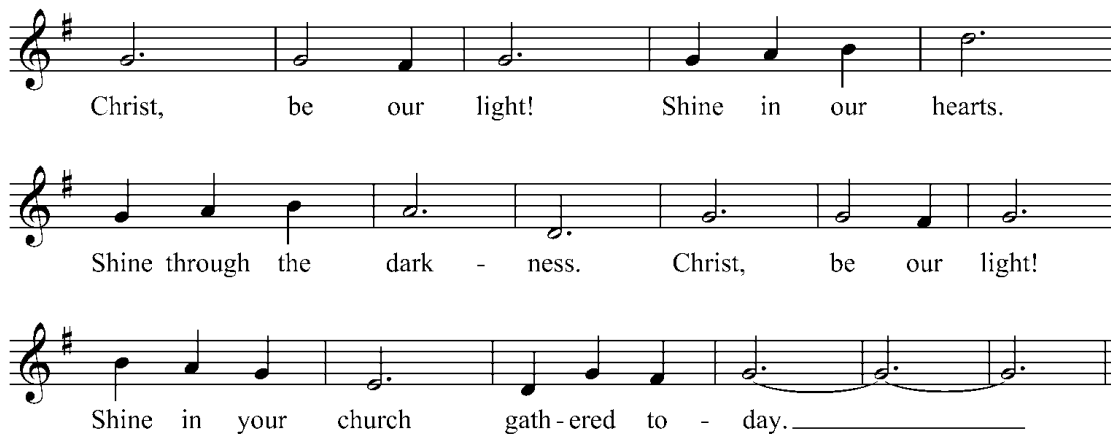
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Assisting Priest

The people stand as music begins.

The Prayers of the People



Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

Music: *Christ, be our light*, Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

Intercessor “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.”

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy, may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome our loved ones whose earthly lives have ended, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

And bestow the light of hope on all who mourn.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

You whose coming among us gives us reason to rejoice, accept our thanks for all the good things you have done in our midst, including those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

And make us ready for the good that is to come.

All

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light. Shine in your Church gathered today.**

Presider May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope.
All **Amen.**

The Peace

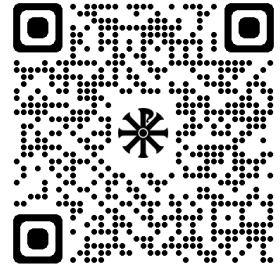
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

The 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.



Anthem St. Bart's Singers
Olivia Sue Greene, soloist

Thou shalt know Him when he comes
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be
by the holy harmony
which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Words: Anonymous.
Music: Mark Sirett (b. 1952).

The Holy Communion

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Mystery of the Winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to see your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light; for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

Jesus was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith; we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to his coming among us and the world might be touched by the footfall of his glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the words 'heaven', 'san - na', and 'comes in'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Presider We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host; transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation to Communion

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. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to 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.
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Chant



Words and music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:
keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before Christ when he comes
again. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn



1. View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
2. Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
3. Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing
Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing
Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - at - ing



in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

Words: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022).
Music: *Ar hyd y nos*, Welsh melody.

The Dismissal

Presider

When Christ comes, may we be watching and waiting.

People

Come, Christ Jesus, come!

Postlude



**Immediately following this morning's 9 am service,
we warmly welcome you to the Forum in the Great Hall.**

**In today's discussion, "Putting the Episcopal in the
Episcopal Church: The Role of Bishops," on the eve of the election
of the next Bishop of New York, our Rector, Bishop Dean Wolfe,
talks about why we have bishops and what they do.**

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Preacher The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Deacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins,
The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Lector Dulcie Mapondera

Intercessor Erin Salvatore

Verger Wendy Range

Ushers Wendi Nichols, Diana Sarbu

St. Bart's Singers

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

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:

Selena, Eileen C., Gertrude, J.D., Michael, Dwight, Claire, Fiona, Adrian, Santha, Jeanne

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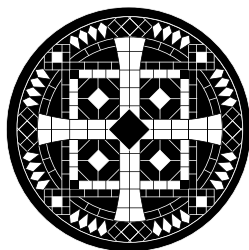
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❖ **Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit stbarts.org/connect/im-new or scan the QR code to the right to fill out our online Connect Card.

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

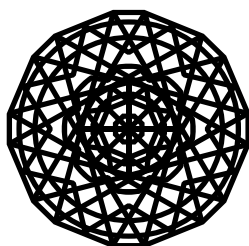
❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit stbarts.org/prayers.

❖ **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.)



MEET US AFTER CHURCH



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

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

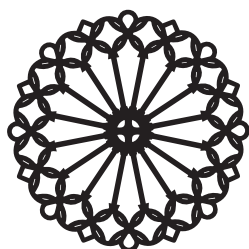
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

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

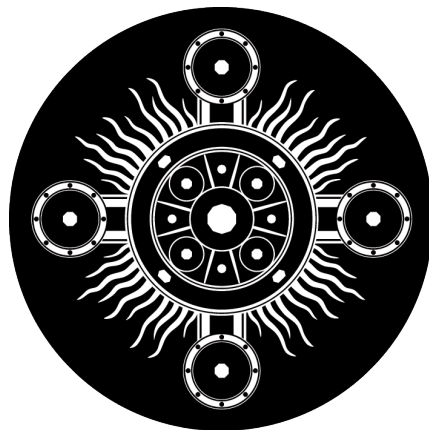
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 PM

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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