

The background is a stylized stained glass design. It features a large white star in the upper left quadrant. To the right of the star, there are several vertical candles in shades of blue, purple, and pink. One candle in the foreground is lit, with a yellow flame. The entire scene is set against a background of various shades of blue and purple geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons, separated by white lines.

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BARTHOLOMEW'S
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IN THE CITY OF
⌘ NEW YORK ⌘

**An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
at 5 pm**

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.

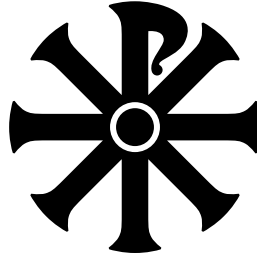
What we are against

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!



Organ Rorate Caeli, from *Twelve Chorale Preludes*
on *Gregorian Chant Themes*, op. 8, Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)
Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme,” BWV 645,
“Awake! the voice is calling us,” Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The people stand.

Introit The Combined Choirs

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Words: Matin Responsory for the First Sunday of Advent.
Music: adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594).

Hymn at the Procession

Choir 1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and
 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but
 All 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained with
 All 4. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, that
 All 5. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird
 All 6. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose

man - i - fest - thy vir - gin - birth: Let
 of the Spir - it, thou art still The
 vir - gin hon - or all un - stained; the
 roy - al home of pur - i - ty, A
 on thy flesh - ly man - tle now; the
 ad - vent sets - thy peo - ple free, Whom

ev' - ry age a - dor - ing fall; such
 Word of God in flesh ar - rayed, the
 ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God
 giant in two - fold sub - stance one, re -
 weak - ness of our mor - tal state with
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and

birth be - fits the God of all
 prom - ised fruit to man dis - played
 in his tem - ple dwells be - low
 joic - ing now his course to run
 death - less might in - vig - or - ate
 Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more

Words: attr. St. Ambrose (340–397); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866) and others.
 Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*; adapted Michael Praetorius (1571–1621); arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015).

The Bidding and Lord's Prayer

Officiant Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity and also for the day on which Christ will come again in glory and triumph. We gather this evening to renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect reign, which is at the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for all Creation.

In word and music, let us give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's reign will come; and, with John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

But first, let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray also for the leaders of the nations and for all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to hope in a divided and troubled world, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church.

A brief period of silence is kept.

Officiant We join our prayers together in the words that Jesus taught us:

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.**

Officiant When Christ comes, may we be watching and waiting.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by William Fulton, Lector, Usher

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol The Combined Choirs
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 Second Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

Read by Sarah Kerner, Member of St. Bart's Singers, Member of the Garden Committee

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol The Combined Choirs

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934).
St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925).
Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599, arr. Hugo Distler (1908-1942).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999).
Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697.

The people sit.

The Third Lesson Matthew 1:18-23

*Read by Elizabeth Min, Member of the 20s/30s Group, Member of the Flower Guild,
St. Bart's Connects Group Leader*

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

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

Carol The Combined Choirs

Adam lay ybounden,
bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter
thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden
written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady
a been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

Words: Anonymous 15th century.
Music: Philip Ledger (1937-2012).

The Fourth Lesson Luke 1:26-42

Read by Elaine Olaoye, Co-Convenor, Peace Book Club, Usher

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Ave, Maria, gratia plena;
Dominus tecum:
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus. Amen.

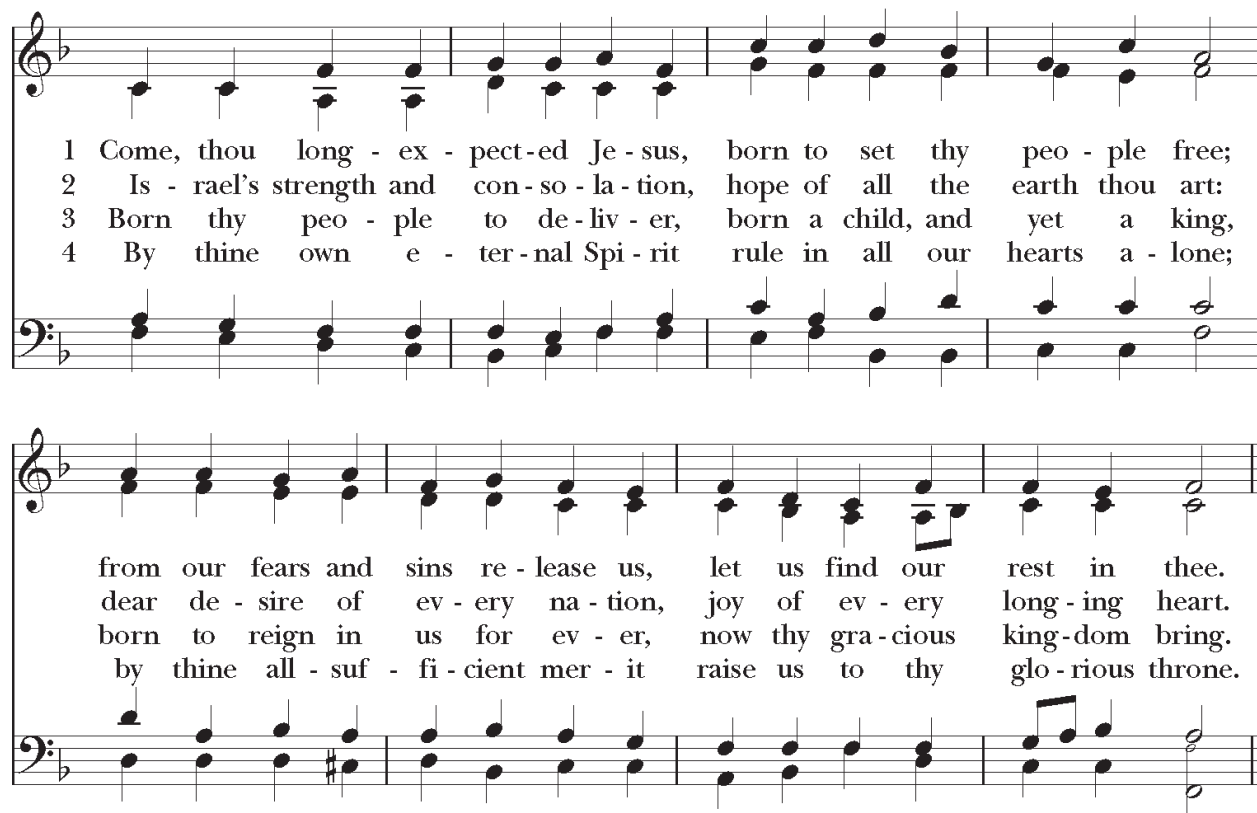
Hail, Mary, thou that art highly favoured,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women
and blessed be the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us, now and at the hour of our death,
pray for us sinners. Amen.

Music: Simon Lindley (b. 1948).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The people sit.

The Fifth Lesson James 5:7-10

Read by Bailey Regan, Associate for Newcomer Welcome & Engagement

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol The Combined Choirs

Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is e'en at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Words: Philippians 4: 4-7.

Music: Anonymous (mid-16th century, English).

The Sixth Lesson Luke 3:7-18

Read by Miriam Schneider, Warden, Director of the Altar Guild, Lector, Night Prayer Officiant

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Laetentur caeli, et exultet terra.
Iubilare montes laudem,
quia Dominus noster veniet,
et pauperum suorum miserebitur.
Orietur in diebus tuis
iusticia et abundantia paucis,
et pauperum suorum miserebitur.

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad.
Let the mountains offer up praise,
because our Lord will come,
and he will show mercy on his poor.
In your days
let justice and abundance arise for the select,
And he will have mercy on his poor.

Words: Isaiah 49:13 and Psalm 71:7.
Music: William Byrd (1539/40-1623).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The people sit.

The Seventh Lesson Romans 13:11-14

Read by Meredith Simmons, Chair of the Board, Crossroads Community Services

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Besides this, 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 armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling 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.

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

O Oriens,
splendor lucis aeternae
et sol justitiae:
veni et illumina
sedentes in tenebris
et umbra mortis.

O Morning Star
splendor of light eternal
and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten
those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death.

Words: Antiphon for Advent.
Music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951).

The Eighth Lesson Revelation 22:1-5, 12-13, 16-17, 20-21

Read by Kyler Simon, Member of Youth @ The Center, Lector, Acolyte

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. And he said, "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The tree of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have brought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: From *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith (1760-1795).
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 57



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

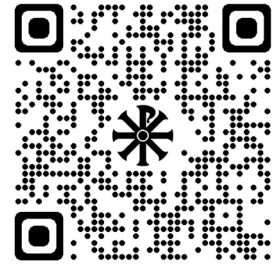
Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt. Stanza 4 harm. Colin MacKnight (b. 1993). Stanza 4 harm. Colin MacKnight (b. 1993).

The people sit.

The Rector's Greeting The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

The Offertory

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Carol at the Offertory The Combined Choirs

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885).
Music: traditional French carol; arr. Donald Cashmore (1926-2013).

The people stand.

The Advent Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant May Christ, whose coming in power we eagerly expect, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 56

All 1. O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el,
Low Voices 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - - se, free
High Voices 3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer
Choir Alone 4. O come, thou Key of heav'n - ly home;
All 5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,

and ran - som cap - tive Is - - ra - el,
 Thine own from Sa - tan's ty - - ran - ny;
 Our Spir - its by thine ad - - vent here;
 And op - en thy wide our heav'n - ly home;
 Who to thy tribes on Si - - nai's height,

That mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here
 From depths of hell thy peo - - ple save,
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 In an - cient times did give the law

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear:
 And give them vic - tory o'er the grave:
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight:
 And close the path to mis - er - y:
 In cloud and ma - je - sty and awe:

Re - joice! Re - joice! 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); arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939).

Organ Toccata on O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Please remain in place until the retiring procession is complete.

*All are welcome to a reception in the back of the church to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season.
 A brief communion service will be held in the chapel immediately following the postlude.*

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins,
The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, The Reverend Peter D. Thompson,
The Reverend Meredith E. Ward, The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius

Lectors William Fulton, Sarah Kerner, Elizabeth Min, Elaine Olaoye, Bailey Regan,
Miriam Schneider, Meredith Simmons, Kyler Simon

Verger Wendy Range

Crucifers Tim Martin, Kyler Simon

Acolytes David Carson, Mariel Glover, Henry Johnston, Charlotte Lamb

Altar Guild Caroline Clarke-Laurence

Ushers Christian Burke, Marianthe Colakis, Mark Lugo, Tonya McPhearson,
Sam Meyer, Mairim Pina, Bailey Regan, Susan Slack, Susanne Vorster

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

St. Bartholomew's Choristers Lachlan Berat, Logan Berat, Lyall Berat, Mohana Buckley, Grace Wilson

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Soprano Zoe Allen, Miriam Chaudoir, Rachel Farrar, Olivia Sue Greene, Kate Knowles, Esther Williamson

Alto Wendy Gilles, Kathleen Hayes, Gwyneth Leech, Chelsey Masterson, Katie Papa

Tenor Jack Lyons, Nicholas Prior, Joseph Rubinstein

Bass Raphael Biran, Jeff Morrissey, Christian Smythe, Robert Sweeney, Brendan Littlefield,
David Wilson, Darren Wong

St. Bart's Singers

Soprano Bernadette Chapman, Olivia Sue Greene*, Sarah Kerner, Charlotte Storch

Alto Wendy Gilles*, Chelsey Masterson, Erin Salvatore, Barbara Stetson

Tenor Nicholas Prior*, Michael Horton, Mario Viola

Bass Jeff Morrissey*, Bill Rowe, Paul Theerman

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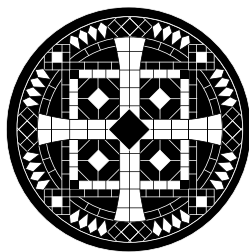
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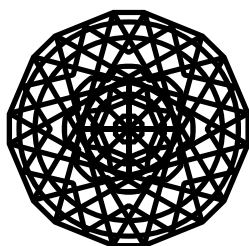
❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit stbarts.org/prayers.

❖ **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

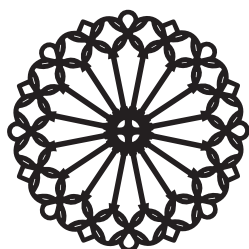
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

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

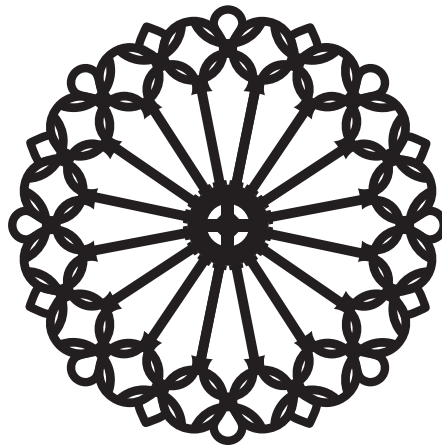
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 PM

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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