



The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 5 pm

December 4, 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

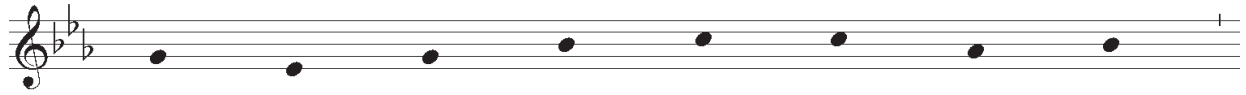
Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

Welcome!

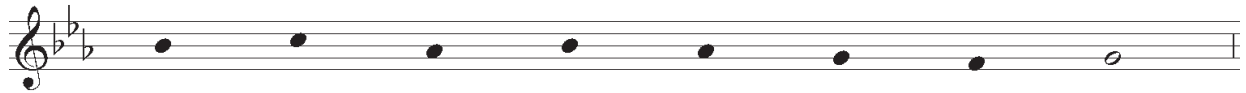
Prelude

The people stand with the presider.

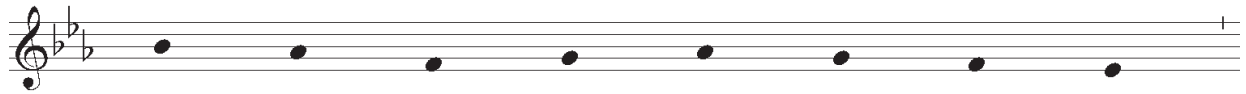
Hymn 60



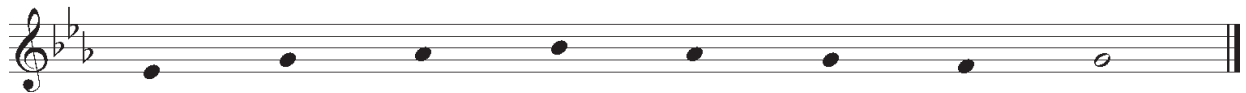
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

Opening Words

Presider If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Litany for the Darkness of Waiting

Presider We gather in darkness,
darkness that scares,
darkness that threatens,
darkness that make us feel alone.

And yet—
within the darkness,
we find peace, calm, and light,
and reason to praise you, O God.

For the darkness of waiting,
of not knowing what is to come,
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
we praise you, O God:

People **for darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Presider For the darkness of staying silent,
for the terror of having nothing to say,
and for the outrage you give us
when we are told to say nothing,
we praise you, O God:

People **for darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Presider For the darkness of loving
in which it is safe to surrender
to let go of our self-protection
and to stop holding back our desire,
we praise you, O God:

People **for darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Presider For the darkness of choosing
when you give us the moment
to speak, and act, and change,
and we cannot know what we have set in motion,
but we still have to take the risk,
we praise you, O God:

People **for darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Presider For the darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and the laboring of all creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom,
we praise you, O God:

People **for darkness and light to you are both alike.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump 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. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymn 81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung,
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery 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); ver. Hymnal 1940.
 Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

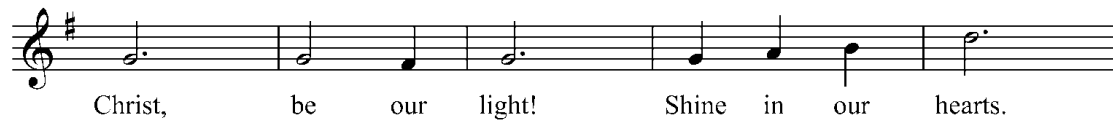
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Vicar

The people stand as the 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Christ, be our light.
People **Christ, shine in our hearts.**

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.

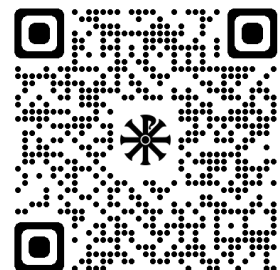
Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Ushers can assist you.

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Interlude

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

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.

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 the Table

Presider Come to the banquet for all is now ready; taste and see that God is good.

The people sit.

At the Communion

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

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **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 Evening Canticle and Antiphon

All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Blessing

Hymn

1. We wait the Peace-ful King - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2. Where is the Peace-ful King - dom? When will this new day start?
3. When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
4. That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the Cho - sen Way,

in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart,
when na - tion meets with na - tion and call the oth - er "Friend,"
to share the Peace - ful King - dom, to greet God's new - born day.

when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home--
still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun;
The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,

a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
we pray that all Cre - a - tion will one day find Sha - lom.
Sha - lom for all Cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
to bring through Word and Ta - ble the Day when jus - tice reigns.

Words: Kathleen R. Moore (b. 1951).
Music: *Merle's Tune*, Hal. H. Hopson (b. 1933).

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Lector Patrick MacMurray

Usher Bailey Regan

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:

Santha, Jeanne, Robert, Mary Theresa, Marie, David, Daniel, Vanessa, Nelson, Maria, Fortuna,
Rodney, Kathy

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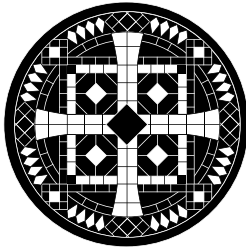
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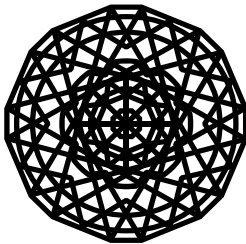
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❖ To make a prayer request please visit stbarts.org/prayers.

❖ 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.

Coffee Hour

12:30 PM IN PERSON

Refreshments will be served in the back of the church immediately after this service in celebration of our newly welcomed parishioners. Please join us; all are welcome.

Living Christ Sangha

3-4:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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



Give Like St. Nick

On December 6 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas and reclaim that spirit of gift-giving that our hearts yearn for. Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor, dedicated his life and inheritance to giving to the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He was made Bishop of Myra while a young man and became known for his generosity.

Make Your Christmas Gift

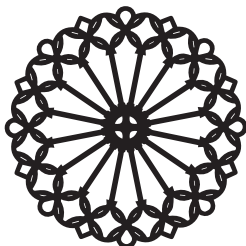
This Christmas, encounter St. Nicholas and open your heart to the spirit of love that he embodies by making a Christmas Gift to St. Bart's. Your gift will support the mission, ministry, and music of St. Bart's throughout the coming year. Gifts can be made in all the usual ways. Designate your gift in the memo line of your check, or online with the dropdown: Christmas.

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.

NEXT
SUNDAY
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Sunday, December 11, 2022

The Third 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

The Light We Give: Lessons from Sikh Wisdom

Simran Jeet Singh, Executive Director of The Aspen Institute's Religion & Society Program, talks about growing up as Sikh in South Texas and reflects on the lessons he continues to learn from the teachings of his tradition. Singh's book, *The Light We Give: How Sikh Wisdom Can Transform Your Life*, was published earlier this year.



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.

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 (cburke08@gmail.com).

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! This year we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra at our annual sing-a-long. St. Nicholas will be on hand for a photo-op with you. Hot cocoa bar and cookies served.

The Joyous Christmas Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 PM

This Friday, December 9, is when our musicians trade their robes for tuxedos, step out of the choir stalls, and take the spotlight in repertoire for the concert stage rather than the chancel. St. Bartholomew's Choir will sing familiar carols heard in fabulous concert arrangements plus many works new to St. Bart's. **Purchase tickets at mmpaf.org.**

LGBTQ+ Community Christmas Party

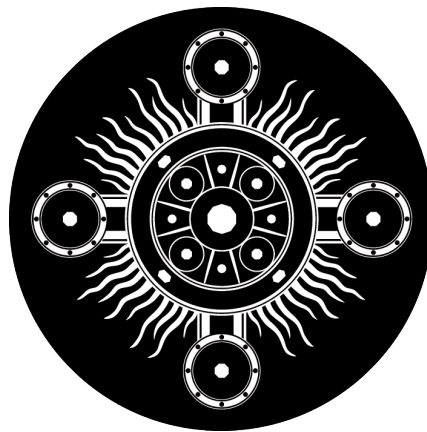
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT 5:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL

Come and celebrate the holiday season with the LGBTQ+ Fellowship at their annual Christmas party! Join us for food and drink and festive music. **RSVP: bit.ly/STB-Holiday-Party.** All are welcome.

20s/30s Christmas Potluck Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6 PM

On the evening of Saturday, December 17, we will convene in Room 33 to celebrate the Advent season and the great times we have had together in 2022. All cooking/restaurant pickup skill levels are welcome—we just want to see you there!
RSVP: evite.me/3XRADXedG1



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