



The Second Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist at 11 am

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!



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 Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (Now comes the savior of the nations), BWV 659,
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

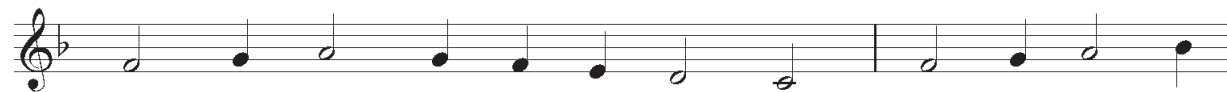
After the candle is lit, the children addresses the congregation.

Children Let us walk together in Christ's light.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 67



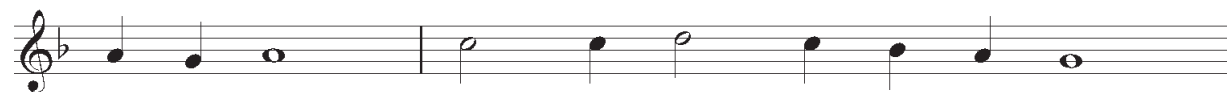
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



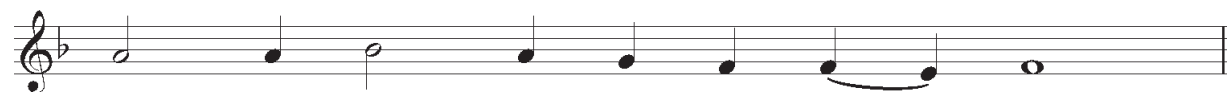
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Opening Sentence

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

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie St. Bartholomew's Choir

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Music: Mass XVII, plainsong.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First 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.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Music: Plainsong, tone VIII.1.

The Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13

Lector A reading the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the processional cross from the front of the church to the chapel for children's worship time. Adult family members are welcome to join.

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
 feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
 na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
 lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.
 Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988).

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 Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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| 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...and those we now name. |
| <i>The people may add their own petitions.</i> | |
| | 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...and those we now name. |
| <i>The people may add their own petitions.</i> | |
| | 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. |
| <i>The people may add their own petitions.</i> | |
| | And make us ready for the good that is to come. |
| Intercessor | Christ, be our light. |
| People | Christ, shine in our hearts. |
| Presider | 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. |
| All | Amen. |

Those who desire to be welcomed fully into the life of St. Bart's are invited to come forward at the invitation of the Presider.

The Welcoming of Newcomers

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new sojourners into this community of St. Bart's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter I present these persons to be welcomed fully into the life of this parish.

Clergy Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ in the community of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York?

Newcomers I do.

Clergy Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

Newcomers I will, with God's help.

Clergy Will you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of welcome and embrace, you make your home among mortals, and in you, we all have a place. Come, Emmanuel, and dwell with us here. May this be our place. May this be your place: a place to belong and a place to become; a place to pray and a place to play; a place to be joyful and a place to grieve; a place to believe; a place to receive; a place to give; a place to grow; a place to connect; a place to know; a place to ask and a place to doubt; a place to learn; a place to turn; a place to love and a place to be known; a place to be fed; a place to call home.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

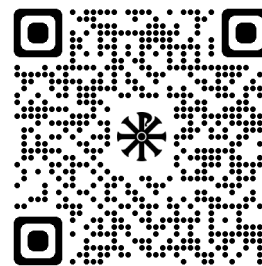
Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

❖ *Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed.*
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.*



Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Fuit homo missus a Deo,
cui nomen erat Joannes.
Hic venit in testimonium,
ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine,
et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.
This man came as a witness,
to give testimony about the light,
and to prepare for the Lord a perfect people.

Words: John 1: 6-8.
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 597

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944).

Music: *Jerusalem*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) arr. Jane Wyatt (b. 1934).

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus St. Bartholomew's Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Music: Mass XVII, plainsong.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

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

The Invitation to Communion

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

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar rail. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. 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.*
- *At the High Altar, communion may be offered by unmasked ministers. Those who would prefer to receive communion from a masked minister should proceed to the communion station in the West End (rear) of the church.*
- *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.*

Agnus Dei St. Bartholomew's Choir

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Music: Mass XVII, plainsong.

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Blow out the trumpet in Sion
and sound the alarum in thy holy mountaine.

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord cometh,
for it is high at hand.

Words: Joel 2:1.
Music: Martin Peerson (c. 1572-1651).

Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would make all things new.
God on earth, Savior true;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, among man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Savior, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.
Music: *Personent Hodie* (*Piae Cantiones*, 1582), arr. Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

The people stand.

The Prayer After Communion

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| <i>Presider</i> | Let us pray. |
| <i>All</i> | Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen. |

The Blessing

Hymn 65



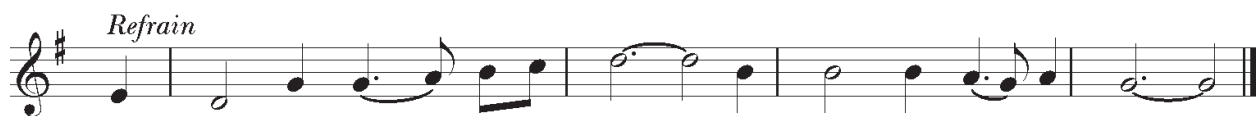
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Coffee Hour in the back of the Church

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.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Zack Nyein

Preacher The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Deacon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Subdeacon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

Lectors Craig Simmons, Dulcie Mapondera

Intercessor Leslie McCullough Jeffries

Altar Guild Luke Failla, Lara Mizrack

Verger Barbara Neale

Crucifers Elliott Brown, Grace Wilson

Acolytes Tivaun Cooper, Luciana Lyrio

Ushers Percy Preston, Marianthe Colakis, Valentina Naumova, Steve Sakson, Linda Tejpaal,

Susanne Vorster, Michael Waterson, Robert Watson, Jill Witten, Robin Woodward

St. Bartholomew's Choir

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Associate for Newcomer Welcome and Engagement Bailey Regan

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Livestream Producers Leo da Silva, Chloe Pitkoff

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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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**Please join us in officially welcoming
the following individuals into the life of St. Bart's!**



Willie Blassingame

Rowena Blackman-Stroud

Nick Cunningham



I was born in Southern California and was first introduced to the Episcopal church in my elementary and middle schools. My wife, Lauren, and I moved to New York City in 2010. We currently live in Manhattan on the Upper East Side with our 12 year old cat, Smalls. I look forward to getting to know other members of St. Bart's!



Emily Gan

Hi! I'm Emily and I'm from NYC and I've also lived in CA. Currently, I reside on the island with my ginger cat, Aslan. I was recently baptized and I'm hoping to grow more spiritually and make lasting connections with others here at St. Bart's!



Gloria Gonsalves

Pervinia Hundley

Natalie Johnson



My husband and I moved back to the city (Midtown East) in 2020 after living in Westchester County for 35 years, raising our 3 children there; the last 20 years in Chappaqua, NY. We lived here in the 1980s and are happy to be back to enjoy all the culture that NYC has to offer. Our children are grown and we have 2 grandchildren (so far). I love St. Bart's for its inclusive, welcoming spirit.



Susan Lay

I'm a life-long Lutheran but have felt very welcome at St. Bart's and hope to become a more active member of the community.



Victoria Mbithi



The Newnes Family

We are the Newnes family— Tess, Paul, Miranda (Andie) and Chloe. Chloe is a native New Yorker, and the rest of us are originally from Australia. Paul was a cradle Catholic, we were married in an Anglican church and then attended Baptist churches for many years, until we found St Bart's online during the pandemic.



Pamela Perkins

Animal lover, perpetual student of poetry, Slavist...



Barbara Rose

I recently retired from a 40-year legal assistant career and am finally enjoying my freedom! I love visiting art museums, reading historical and mystery fiction, knitting and crocheting, cooking, and walking.



Heidi Schumann

Melvin Thomas



I am an ecumenical Christian Catholic so I believe in the unification of all Christian churches and denominations as we all believe Jesus Christ died for our sins and for all humankind as the Messiah.



Diana Villada

Michael Waterson



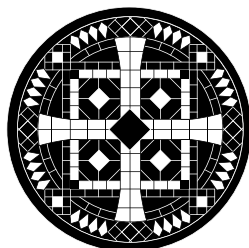
I began attending St. Bart's in January when we moved here for Zack to start his position as Senior Associate Rector. I've enjoyed getting to know folks here in the parish and serving as an usher and lector and becoming a member of the Garden Guild and 20s and 30s group.

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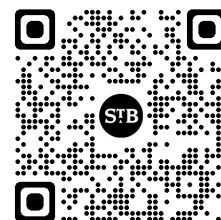
❖ **Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit stbarts.org/connect/im-new or scan the QR code to the right to fill out our online Connect Card.

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

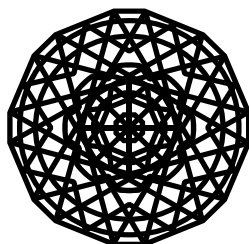
❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit stbarts.org/prayers.

❖ **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.

Coffee Hour

12:30 PM IN PERSON

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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

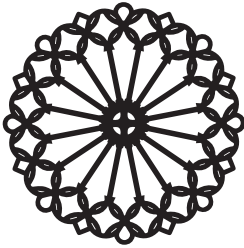
This Christmas, encounter St. Nicholas and open your heart to the spirit of love that he embodies by making a Christmas Gift to St. Bart's. Your gift will support the mission, ministry, and music of St. Bart's throughout the coming year. Gifts can be made in all the usual ways. Designate your gift in 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 (cburkeo8@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

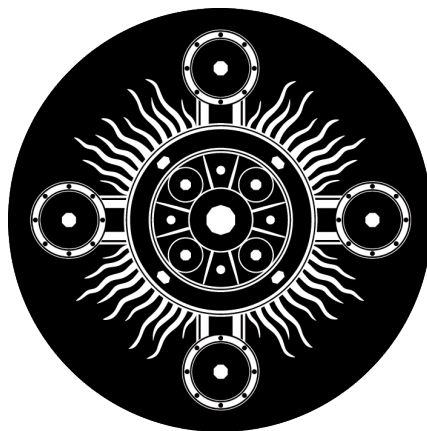
Come and celebrate the holiday season with the LGBTQ+ Fellowship at their annual Christmas party! Join us for food and drink and festive music. RSVP: bit.ly/STB-Holiday-Party. All are welcome.

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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