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

The Second Sunday of Advent

**Holy Eucharist at 9 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**

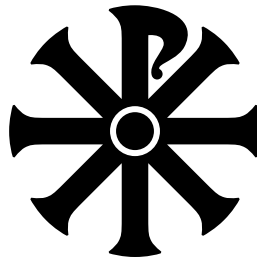
A carpeted play area with supply bags, leaflets, and activities for children is provided under the front-right balcony of the church. Rocking chairs are available for pregnant women and parents of infants. We encourage you to take advantage of this space during the worship service.

#### **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](mailto: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)

### **Welcome**

*The people stand.*

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

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

*Presider* God has promised that in the days to come every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low;

*People* **The crooked shall be made straight, the rough ways smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

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

*Presider* Let us walk together in Christ's light.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# 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



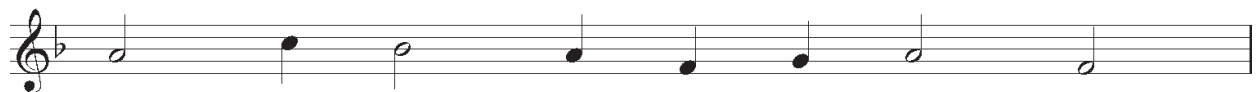
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



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

## The Confession of Sin

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

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

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

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

*People* **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### The Collect

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

*Presider* Together, let us pray.  
*All* **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

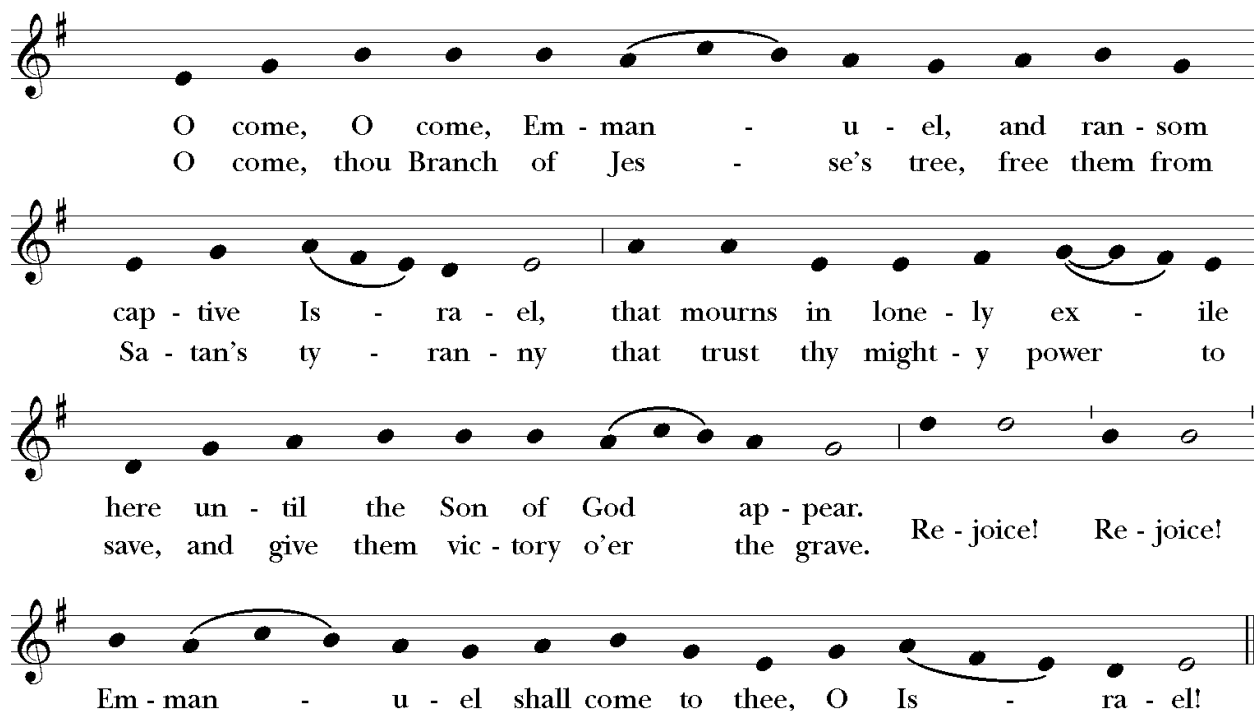
*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.**

*The people stand.*

### Gospel Acclamation



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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

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

### The Holy Gospel Matthew 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.

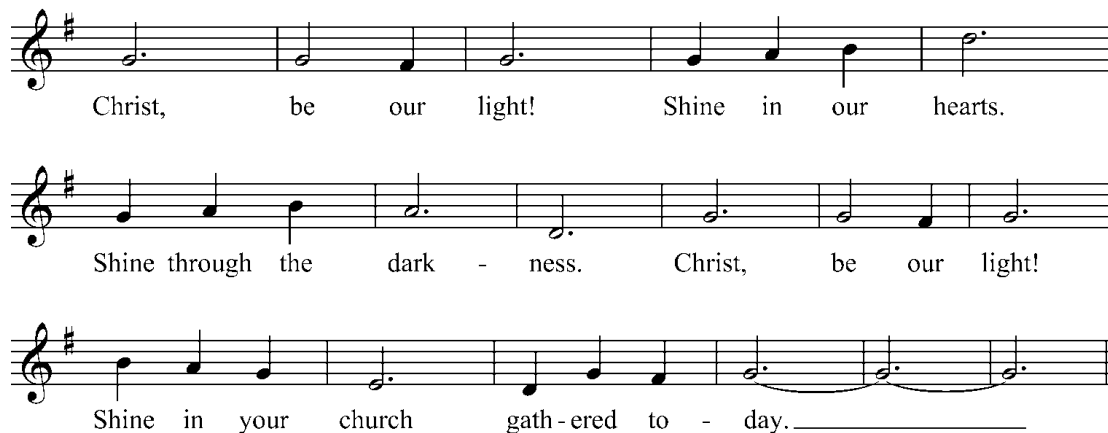
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.*

**The Sermon** The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

*The people stand as music begins.*

### The Prayers of the People



Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

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

*Intercessor* “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.” You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy, may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.

*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**

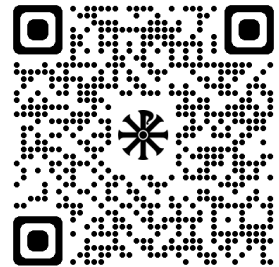
*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

### **Announcements**

#### **The Offertory**

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



#### **Anthem** St. Bart's Singers

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 Holy Communion

*The people stand.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

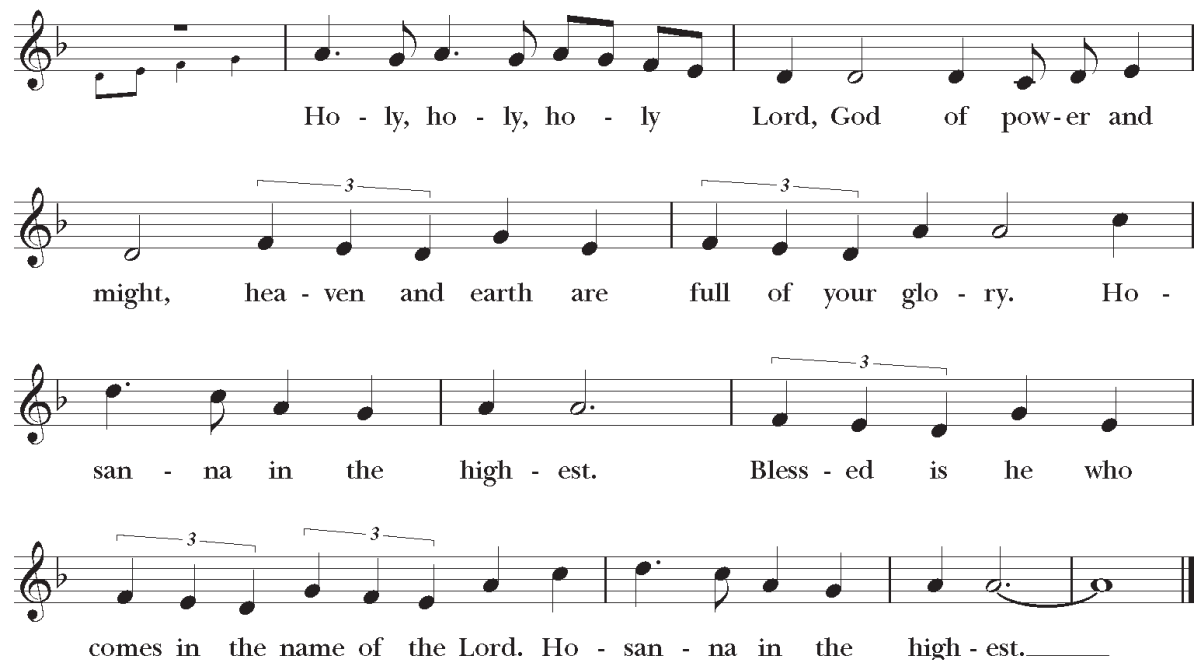
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

## Sanctus and Benedictus



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

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

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

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

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932).

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider

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

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

All

AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Fraction Anthem

*The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.*

Presider

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People

**Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

### The Invitation to Communion

Presider

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

*The people sit.*

### At the Communion

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

### Chant



Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord



and all peo - ple shall see the sal - va - tion of our God.\_\_\_\_\_

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

*The people stand.*

### The Prayer after Communion

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*All*

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

### The Blessing

#### Hymn 724 (*Wonder, Love and Praise*)



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth



Of the crown - ing of the year.  
One more seed is plant - ed there.  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Him who brings new life to earth.



Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen  
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
God for fledg - ing - time has cho - sen.  
Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple look East and sing to - day—



Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965).  
Music: *Besañon Carol*.

## The Dismissal

Deacon  
People

When Christ comes, may we be watching and waiting.  
**Come, Christ Jesus, come!**

## Postlude



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

**In today's discussion, "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 the early Jesus movement is so often overlooked.**

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## Service Participants

**Presider** The Reverend Zack Nyein

**Preacher** The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

**Deacon** The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

**Assisting Clergy** The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins,  
The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

**Lector** Charlotte Storch

**Intercessor** Liza Page Nelson

**Verger** Kate Getzendanner

**Ushers** Simone Hu, Wendi Nichols

### St. Bart's Singers

**Organist and Choirmaster** Dr. Paolo Bordignon

**Associate Organist and Choirmaster** Alexander Pattavina

**Interim Director of Facilities** Charles Bryant

**Director of Maintenance** Willie Gonzalez

**Facilities** Anthony Thomas

## The Vestry of St. Bart's

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

Joe Bessey, Kathleen Breiten, A. Christian Burke, David Lee Carson, Luke Failla,

Rachel Farrar, James Ferrara, Tim Hook, Astrid Horan, J. Patrick Hornbeck II,

Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, Keith Rook, Craig Simmons, Robert Watson

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## 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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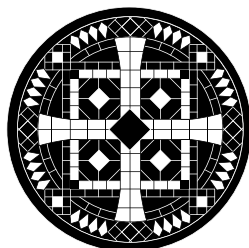
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## CONNECT WITH US TO WORSHIP AND GROW



❖ **Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit [stbarts.org/connect/im-new](https://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](https://stbarts.org/calendar).

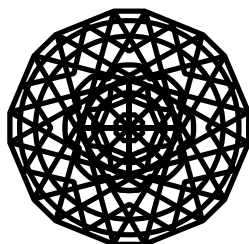
❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit [stbarts.org/prayers](https://stbarts.org/prayers).

### ❖ **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](https://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.

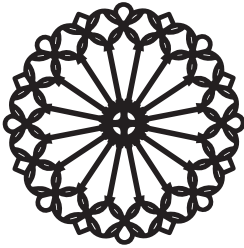


## Weekday Opening Times

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](http://stbarts.org).

NEXT  
SUNDAY  
AT  
ST. BART'S



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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://mmpaf.org).

### LGBTQ+ Community Christmas Party

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

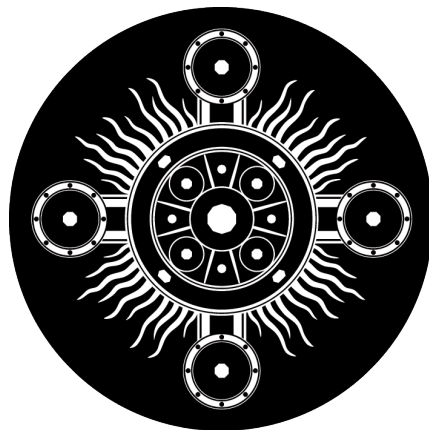
Come and celebrate the holiday season with the LGBTQ+ Fellowship at their annual Christmas party! Join us for food and drink and festive music. RSVP: [bit.ly/STB-Holiday-Party](http://bit.ly/STB-Holiday-Party). All are welcome.

### 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](https://evite.me/3XRADXedG1)



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