



The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 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.

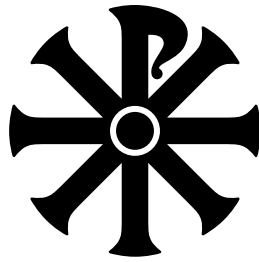
What we are against

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!



The people stand as the presider enters.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Opening Sentence

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

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

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

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.
Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee 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

All **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.**

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

People **Glorify be to thee, O Lord.**

Presider 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.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Vicar

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

Presider With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Presider Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

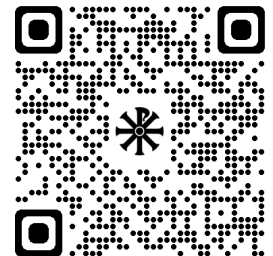
Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ❖ Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed or as you exit. Ushers can assist you.
- ❖ You may donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit bit.ly/STB-Give.

The people stand.



The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All **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 in the highest.**

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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. 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 **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Lector and Altar Guild Sarah Bessey

Interim Director of Facilities Charles Bryant

Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez

Facilities Anthony Thomas

The Vestry of St. Bart's

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

Joe Bessey, Kathleen Breiten, A. Christian Burke, David Lee Carson, Luke Failla,
Rachel Farrar, James Ferrara, Tim Hook, Astrid Horan, J. Patrick Hornbeck II,
Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, Keith Rook, Craig Simmons, Robert Watson

We continue to hold in our prayers:

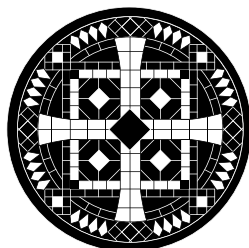
Selena, Eileen C., Gertrude, J.D., Michael, Dwight, Claire, Fiona, Adrian, Santha, Jeanne

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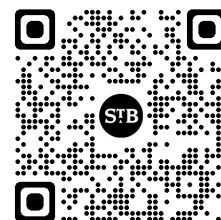
❖ **Thank you for joining us today.** If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit stbarts.org/connect/im-new or scan the QR code to the right to fill out our online Connect Card.

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

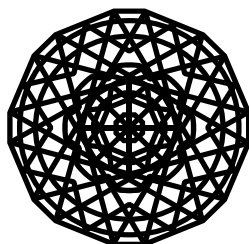
❖ **To make a prayer request** please visit stbarts.org/prayers.

❖ **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

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

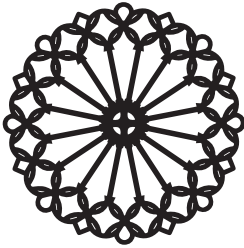
This Christmas, encounter St. Nicholas and open your heart to the spirit of love that he embodies by making a Christmas Gift to St. Bart's. Your gift will support the mission, ministry, and music of St. Bart's throughout the coming year. Gifts can be made in all the usual ways. Designate your gift in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

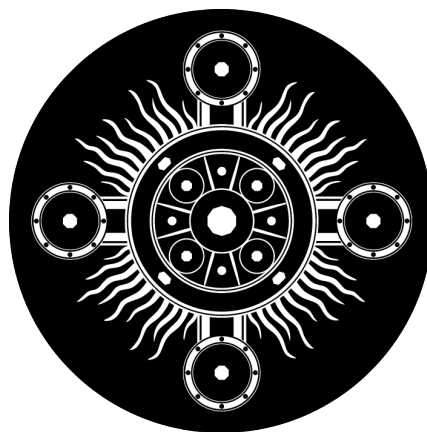
Come and celebrate the holiday season with the LGBTQ+ Fellowship at their annual Christmas party! Join us for food and drink and festive music. RSVP: bit.ly/STB-Holiday-Party. All are welcome.

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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