

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at Eleven O'Clock

November 28, 2021



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!

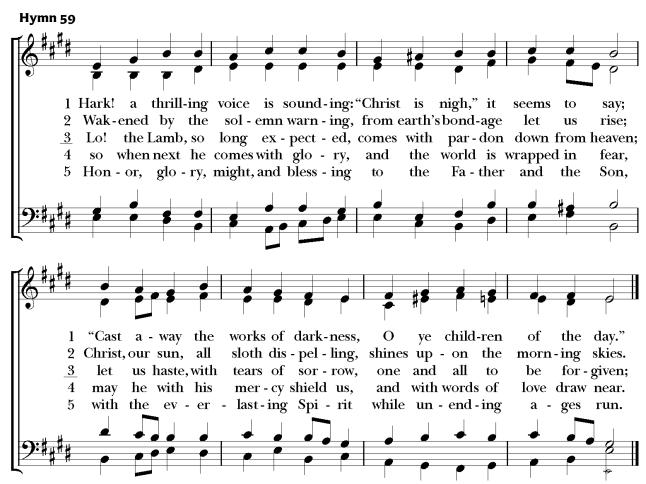


Thanks for joining us for worship this morning! It is good to see you.

Because of the continued spread of COVID-19, masks are required for all worshippers.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our whole community.

Prelude Præludium in F# minor, BuxWV 146, Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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. Lord have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Music: from Communion Service in A, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25:1-9 St. Bartholomew's Choir

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Music: Plainsong.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn 73



Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress

among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Assisting Priest

The people stand with the presider.

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

Intercessor We wait for you, Emmanuel, our long-expected Savior: come and transform us, we pray.

O come, O come, Emmanuel. Transform the world. Wake us from our apathy and self-centeredness. Dethrone the powers that subjugate and oppress. Save us from destruction and chaos. Turn us away from all fear. Bring to fruition your reign of justice and peace.

We wait for you, Emmanuel,

People Come, O long-expected Jesus, come.

Intercessor O come, O come, Emmanuel. Transform the Church. Give us compassion for the vulnerable

and the needy. Teach us to share our belongings with those who have none. Embolden us to rejoice in all things. Empower us to proclaim the good news. Baptize us with fire.

We wait for you, Emmanuel,

People Come, O long-expected Jesus, come.

Intercessor O come, O come, Emmanuel. Transform our lives. Make room in our hearts for your advent

among us. Open our eyes to see your salvation at work.

We pray in particular for those who are sick or suffering this day, including...and those we

now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Strengthen them in their time of trial. We pray also for all who have died, including...and

those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Reveal to them the full vision of your glory.

We wait for you, Emmanuel,

People Come, O long-expected Jesus, come.

Presider God our deliverer, whose approaching birth still shakes the foundations of our world: may we

so wait for your coming with eagerness and hope that we embrace without terror the labor

pangs of the new age, through Jesus Christ.

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

St. Bart's depends on your generous giving as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. Please place your offering in one of the basins passed during the service or visit www.stbarts.org/giving. You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device.

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Anthem St. Bartholomew's Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and light will be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Words: from Revelation 22, adapt. Ruth Manz (1919-2008). Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009).



Words: David Gambrell (b. 1972). Music: *Llangloffan*, Welsh folk melody: *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. The people stand.

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.

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. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Communion Service in A, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

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.

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: from Communion Service in A, Harold Darke (1888-1976).

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. At this time, communion is offered to the people in one kind (bread) only. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind.
- The clergy sanitize their hands immediately before the distribution of communion, and bread that is distributed to the congregation is kept covered on a separate table during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Please keep six feet of distance from one another while approaching the communion station. After receiving communion from the priest, step aside, remove your mask and consume the bread. Ensure that your mask is completely on before returning to your seat.
- 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 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.
- A priest will bring communion to those who are worshipping on the terrace.

Spiritual Communion

Those watching at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me:

Here, those watching at home may add particular blessings for which they wish to give thanks.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

Canite tuba in Sion, qui a prope est dies Domini: ecce venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni Domine, et noli tardare. Alleluia.

Words: Joel 2:1, Isaiah 40:4. Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599). Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. See, he is coming to save us. Winding paths will be made straight and rough places smooth: Come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

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

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Hymn 57



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778).

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Præludium in G Major, BuxWV 147, Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)



- **\$\tag{Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit \(\frac{\stbarts.org/connect/im-new}{\tag{to fill out our online Welcome Card. } \)**
- ** To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/calendar.**
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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.)



10 am Advent Fair

O come, O come to St. Bart's as we step into Advent Season to prepare for the birth of Jesus! There will be Advent wreath-making and ornament-making.

12:30 pm Zoom Coffee Hour

Join the clergy of St. Bart's for conversation.

2 pm LGBTQ+ Community

Online brunch

4:30 pm Living Christ Sangha

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



Sunday, December 5, 2021 **The Second Sunday in Advent**

Join us in person at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm. Sermons will be preached at 8 am by the Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, and at 9 am and 11 am by the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe.

You may also join our Sunday morning livestream service at 11 am on our website (<u>stbarts.org/worship/livestream</u>), via <u>YouTube</u> or <u>Facebook Live</u> (@stbartsnyc).

10 am The Forum

Exploring Dimensions of Spirituality and Dementia

The Reverend Lynn Casteel Harper, author of *On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear* and the Minister of Older Adults at The Riverside Church, will explore spiritual aspects of dementia, expanding understandings of dementia beyond progressive vacancy and dread to make room for hope, creativity, friendship, and spiritual growth.

5 pm Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

Our combined choirs offer Advent carols and anthems in alternation with readings of the beautiful prophecies of the coming of Christ.





Honor a loved one with Christmas Flowers or Music

Christmas provides a unique opportunity to memorialize a loved one or offer thanksgiving for a special blessing. All memorial and thanksgiving dedications made by Wednesday, December 15 will appear in the Christmas service leaflet.

Please visit stbarts.org/give.

Embody Radical Welcome: Be a Christmas Usher

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! For more information or to sign up, please email Christian Burke (cburkeo8@gmail.com), text or call 646-872-2113.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 24 at 6 pm

Give thanks for all of the blessings God has given at a service of Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Eve. Donations of non-perishable food encouraged for those attending in person. This service will be livestreamed and will include music led by members of St. Bartholomew's Choir.

Fare Share 2021

Friday, November 26 at 6 pm

Crossroads' annual Fare Share 2021 will take place on November 26, the Friday after Thanksgiving. In the interest of everyone's safety, we will serve a holiday carry-out dinner to over 400 guests from inside St. Bart's church, while welcoming other supporters virtually. Register and learn more at crossroadsnyc.org.

Jesus' Jewish Context

November 30-December 14, 7:30-8:30 pm

Dr. Mary Boys of Union Theological Seminary will lead us in an exploration of Jesus' Jewish context and how the "Jesus Movement" developed within first-century Jewish life. This three-class series examines the ways in which Second Temple Judaism and Jesus' identity as a Galilean Jew informed his message and his movement for the kingdom of God.

The Forum: Exploring Dimensions of Spirituality and Dementia

Sunday, December 5 at 10 am

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Hymns 101

Thursdays, October 28-December 16, 7-8 pm (no class November 25)

Learn about all your favorite hymns in this seven week class led by The Reverend Peter Thompson.

A multitude of musical examples will be included in a comprehensive sprint through two thousand years of musical and ecclesiastical history.

LGBTQ+ Community's Annual Holiday Party

Friday, December 3 from 6 to 9 pm

You are cordially invited to an evening of drinks, tapas and good company at Inside Park (the restaurant at St. Bart's). Space is limited so please respond by Monday, November 29 via email to: james.hurtt@rcn.com Suggested donation: \$40 at the door.

Weekly Opportunities for Prayer and Study Online

Register and learn more at stbarts.org/calendar

Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 1 pm hosted by the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector.

St. Bart's Night Prayer: each weekday evening at 8:30 pm via Zoom. Clergy and lay officiants will lead brief services based on or inspired by the ancient office of Compline.

The Transforming Power of Stillness: Mondays, 7-7:30 pm. Join us for 30 minutes to learn about the power and practice of stillness.

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays at 5 pm, Fridays at 9 am. Led by parishioner Kathleen Breiten, this ancient method of prayer can deepen your experience of God, offer the opportunity for renewal, and help you stay more peaceful.

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe Preacher The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers Deacon The Reveren Meredith E. Ward Subdeacon The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

Verger Wendy Range
Crucifers Bill Rowe, Sarah Bessey
Acolytes Tim Martin, Barbara Neale
Ushers Linda Tejpaul, Ron Bagden, Holly Bellows, Marianthe Colakis,
David Hilder, Steve Sakson, Becky Smith, Dave Smith, Paul Tollefson

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