SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

All Saints' Sunday

Holy Eucharist at Nine O'Clock

November 7, 2021

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

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, regardless of vaccination status.

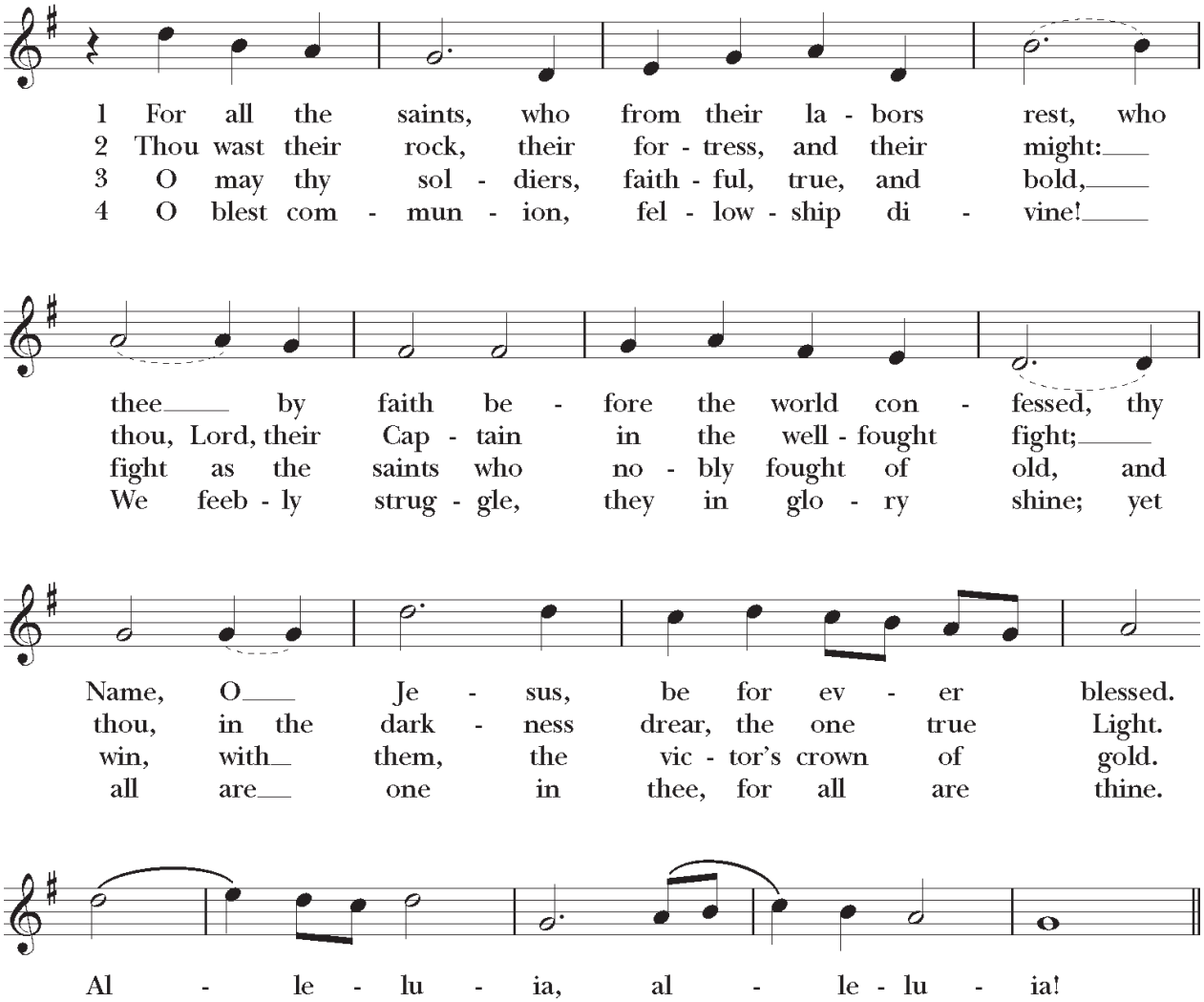
We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our whole community.

Prelude Grand Chœur, Théodore Salomé (1834–1896)

Welcome

The people stand.

Hymn 287 *(Stanzas 1–4)*



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897).
Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
People **who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

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

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–9

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

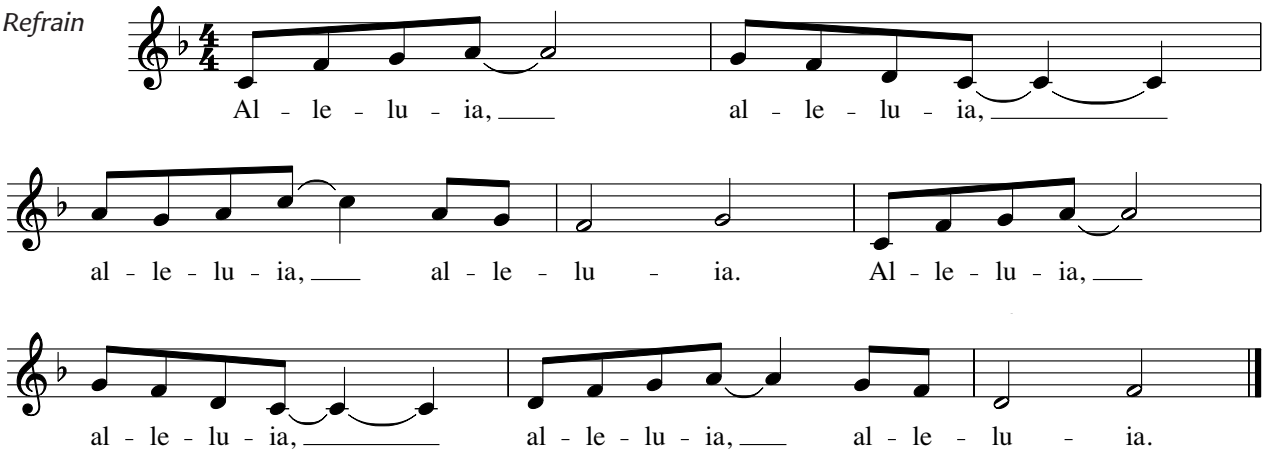
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain



The choir sings the verse.

Word of God, Jesus Christ, show us how to live,
Challenge your church, call us to rise with you today.

All sing the refrain again.

Words and Music: *Mass of Hope*, Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957).

The Holy Gospel John 11:32–44

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

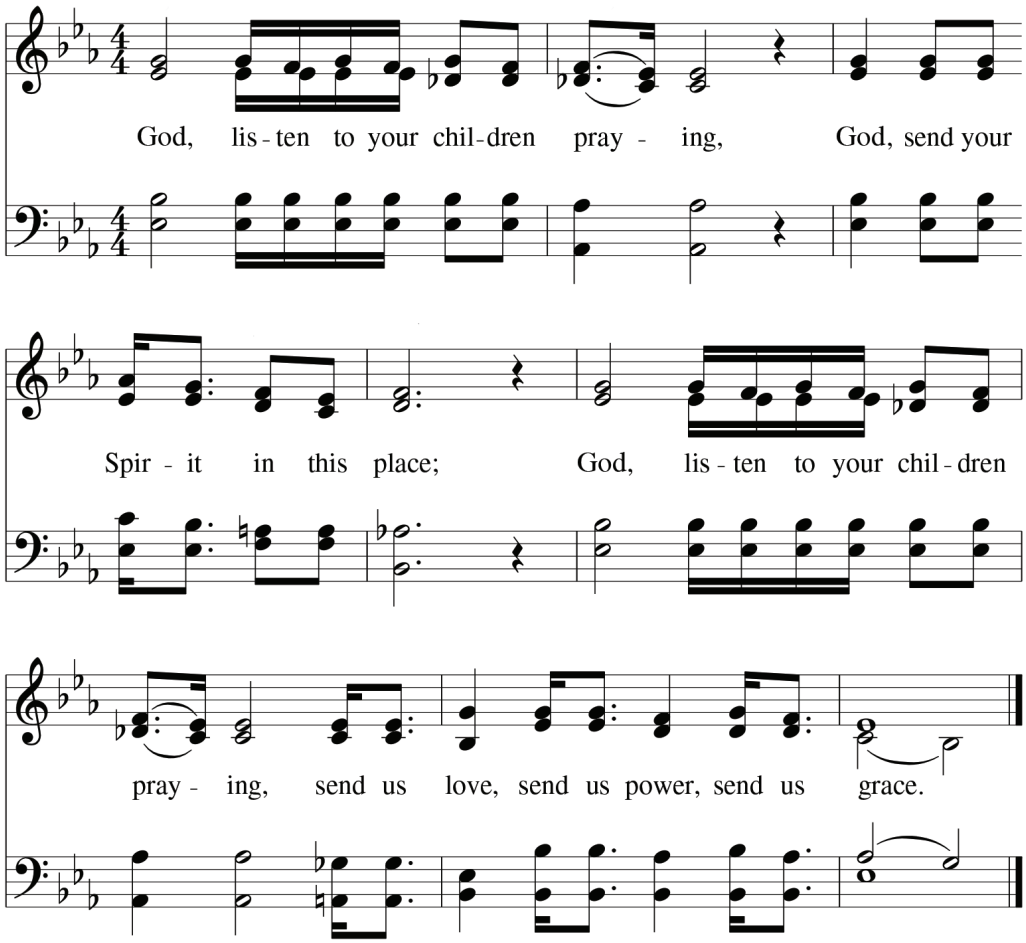
The Sermon The Reverend Meredith E. Ward, Interim Associate Rector

The people stand as the music begins.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Gracious God, we come to you in longing and in need. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church. Grant us boldness of vision and integrity of purpose. Call us to forsake our dreams of wealth and status. Challenge us to serve our neighbors rather than ourselves.



Words and Music: Ken Medema (b. 1943).

Intercessor We pray for the world. Bring unity to the human family and heal our aching earth. Calm all violence, dismantle systems of oppression, and put an end to greed. During this time of anxiety and upheaval, guide our nation and its leaders. Protect us as we face new trials and tribulations. Give us strength to persevere.

All **God, listen to your children praying; God, send your spirit in this place; God, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Intercessor We pray for the sick and the suffering, including those we now name:

The people may add their own petitions.

May all who carry heavy burdens find rest in you.

All **God, listen to your children praying; God, send your spirit in this place; God, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

The Remembrance

Presider On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember those who have died since last November, including:

The clergy read the names of the departed.

Presider We also remember all others who have died, offering their names either silently or aloud.

The people are invited to offer the names of their loved ones.

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

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

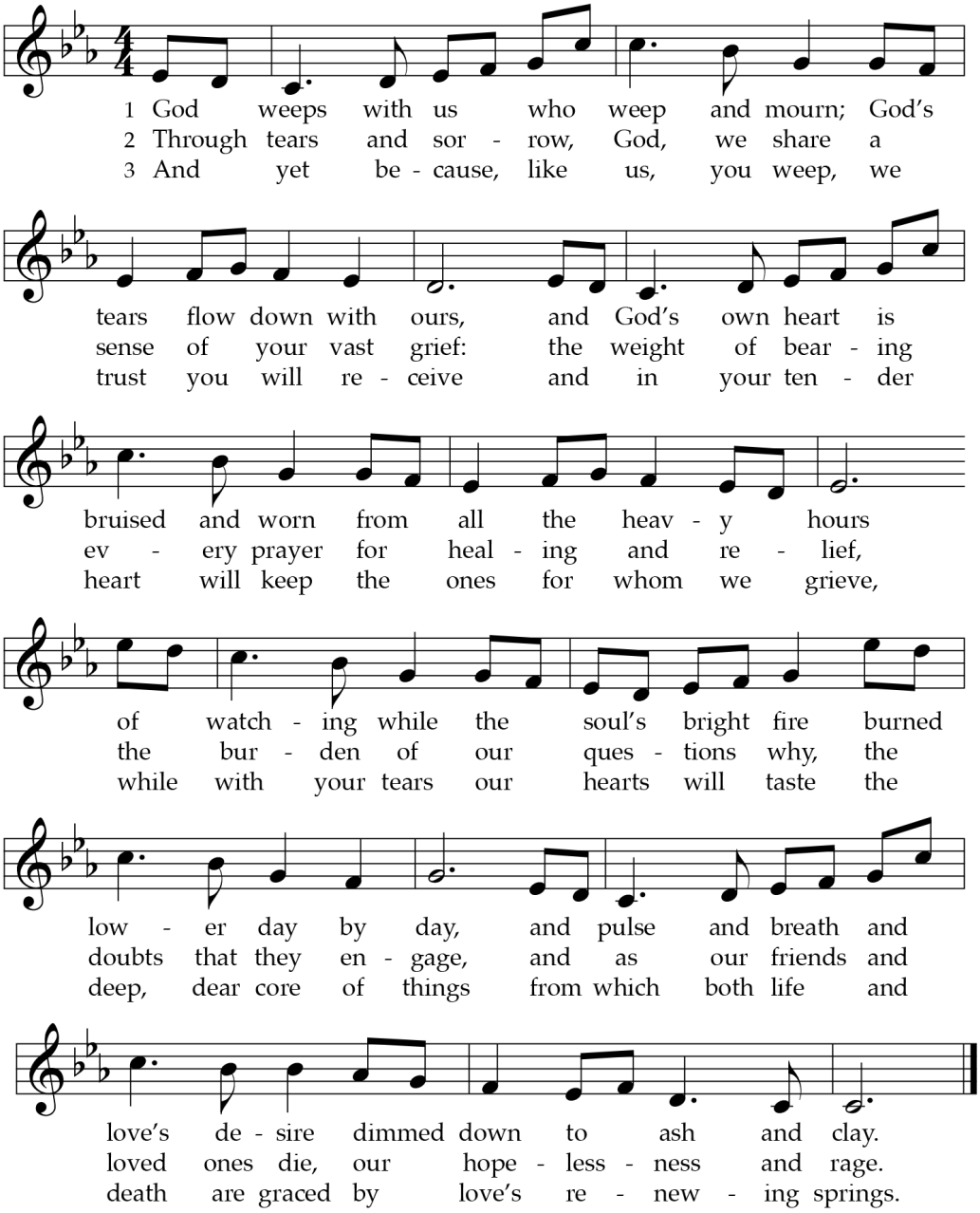
The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

Hymn



Words: Thomas H. Troeger (b. 1945).
Music: *Moshier*, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952).

The people stand.

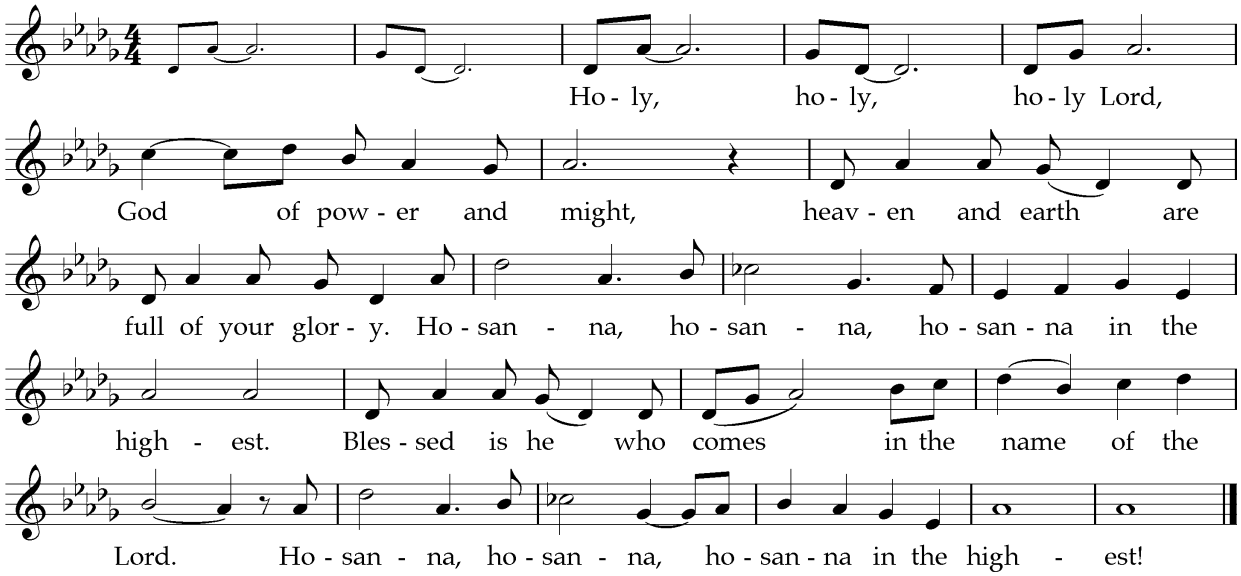
The Great Thanksgiving

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 Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe. You created all that was; you nurture all that is; you imagine all that will be. You are the pattern of community, Three-in-One God of mercy. From the beginning of time, you have created us for relationship with one another, with the earth, and with you. When we reject your call to community, choosing isolation over partnership and brokenness over healing, you call us back, again and again, with words of grace and the promise of new life.

Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and all places, who forever sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: from *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William K. Trafka (b. 1956).

Presider We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table. Through Christ's birth, you took on flesh, affirming the goodness of our bodies and world. Through Christ's life, you took on suffering, sharing the truth of hope in desperation. Through Christ's death, you took on death, revealing the depth of your love for us. Through Christ's resurrection, you brought new creation, embodying the promise of life everlasting.

We remember with thanksgiving Christ's Passover meal, shared with his closest of friends, in which he took the bread and blessed it, broke it open, and gave it to them, saying: This is my body. Take and eat it, remembering me. We remember how he took a cup, saying: This is the new covenant in my blood. Drink it, all of you, and remember me.

And so we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service.

According to Christ's commandment:

People **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Presider Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you.

Silence is kept as all pause for a moment of remembrance.

In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Come to the table 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. 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.*

Anthem St. Bart's Singers

My joy, my life, my crown!
My heart was meaning all the day,
Somewhat it fain would say:
And still it runneth mutt'ring up and down
With onely this, *My joy, my life, my crown*.

Yet slight not these few words:
If truly said, they may take part
Among the best in art.
The finenesse which a hymne or psalme affords,
Is, when unto the lines the soul accords.

So if th' heart be moved,
Although the verse be somewhat scant,
God will supplie the want.
As when th' heart sayes (sighing to be approved)
O, could I love! And stops: God writeth, *Loved*.

Words: *A true Hymne,* from *The Temple* (1633), George Herbert (1593-1633).
Music: Bruce Montgomery (1921-1978).

The people stand.

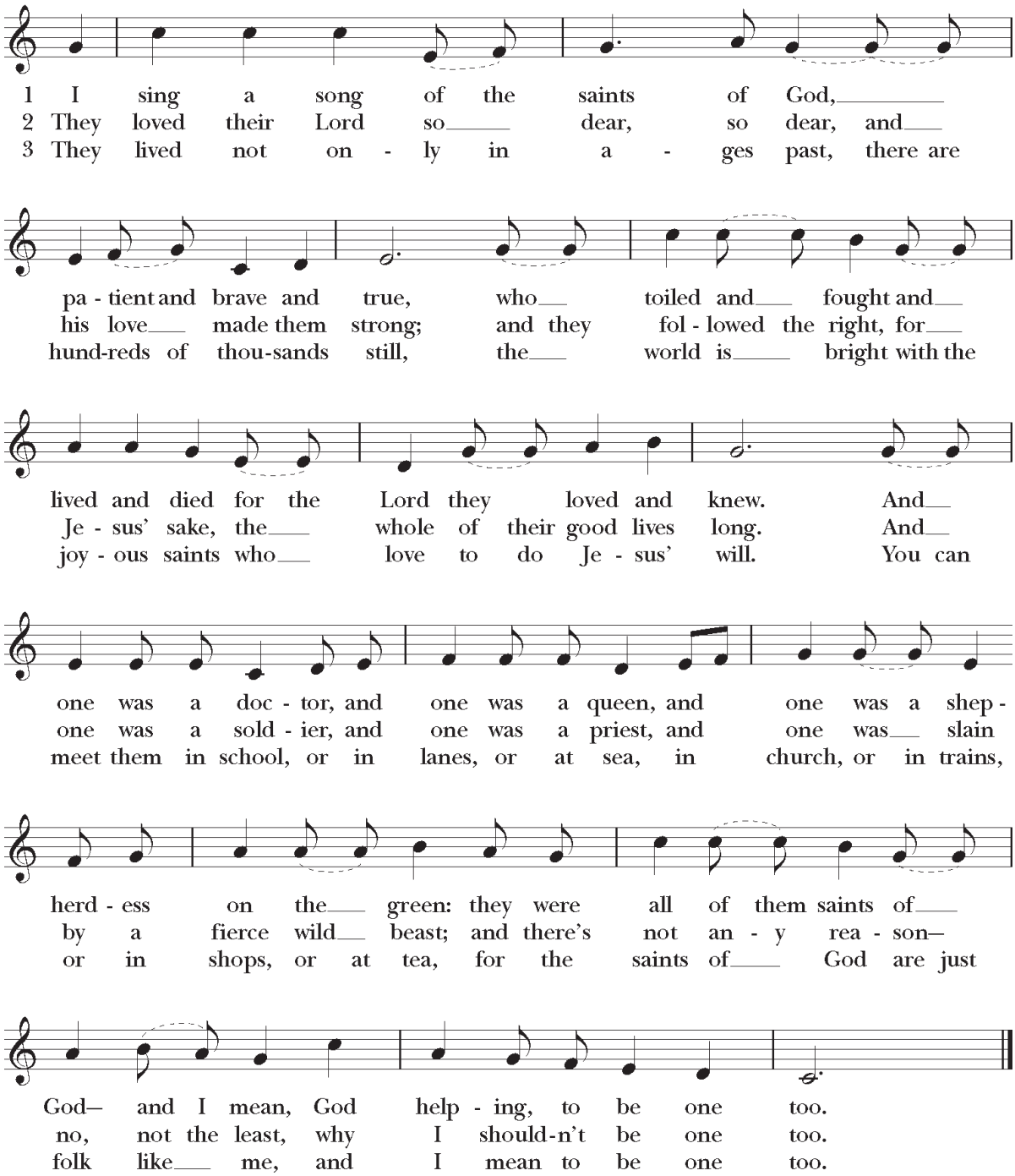
The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 293



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.
Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Immediately following this morning's service,
we warmly welcome you to attend The Forum in the Great Hall.

In today's discussion, "Dona Eis Requiem: Maurice Duruflé's Masterpiece and the Act of Remembrance," Paul Machlin, Arnold Bernhard Professor of Arts and Humanities Emeritus at Colby College, examines Maurice Duruflé's much beloved Requiem, its connection to medieval chant, and what it reveals about the composer's theological sensibilities.

THE FORUM AT ST. BART'S

If you are not staying for The Forum, please depart through the Park Avenue entrance.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Peter D. Thompson
Preacher The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

Verger Kate Getzendanner
Ushers Holly Bellows, Frank Mugabi

Lector Natalie Johnson
Altar Guild Adelaide Kent

St. Bart's Singers
Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Director of Facilities Corey Durney
Director of Maintenance Willie Gonzalez
Flower Guild Sally Sockwell

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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** to fill out our online Welcome Card.
- To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/connect/calendar-of-events**.
- Or scan this QR code with your mobile device:
- **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

12:30 pm Zoom Coffee Hour
Join the clergy of St. Bart's for conversation.

2 pm LGBTQ+ Community
Online brunch

3 pm Living Christ Sangha
Weekly meditation practice with sitting and walking meditation, reading and sharing.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S

Sunday, November 14, 2021
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Join us in person at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm. Sermons at the 8 am, 9 am and 11 am services by the Reverend Dean E. Wolfe; at the 5 pm services by the Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius.

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).

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10 am The Forum
In person and online

Seeking Everyday Faith with Thomas Merton
Author Sophfronia Scott shares her deep dive into the private journals of the famous Trappist monk, and the connection she found in his pages that led to her book *The Seeker and the Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*. As a Black woman who is not Catholic, Scott both learns from and pushes back against Merton, holding spirited, and intimate conversations on race, ambition, faith, activism, nature, prayer, friendship, and love.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

St. Bart's at the Opera

Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm
Join two fellow St. Bart's parishioners and passionate opera enthusiasts, Dr. James Ferrara and William Fulton, to examine the spiritual and moral dimensions of productions in performance this season at New York's Metropolitan Opera. The first session, on November 10, will feature two very different masterpieces: George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess and Richard Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg. Designed for both dedicated opera fans and newcomers who are 'opera-curious' and would like to know more about this powerful art form!

The Forum — November 21 at 10 am

Re-examining Radical Welcome
The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and Assisting Priest at St. Bart's, who wrote *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* fifteen years ago, takes another look at the concept as the second edition of her book is released.

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 live streamed and will include music led by members of St. Bartholomew's Choir.

Fare Share 2021

Friday, November 26 at 6 pm
Join Crossroads Community Services virtually the day after Thanksgiving. To learn more, please visit 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.

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.

Join St. Tabitha's Guild!

Upcoming online meetings:
November 14, December 5, December 19
We will knit and crochet at a distance approximately every other Sunday from 2 to 4 pm via Zoom as we work on a variety of projects for the Seamen's Institute and Crossroads Community Services. We have also formed a new partnership with Jamaica Hospital to create baby garments for newborns and afghans for hospice patients. All are welcome!

The Seeker and the Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton

Saturdays, October 9-December 18, 10 am–11 am
The Saturday morning discussion group reflects on how to live a more deeply spiritual life through Sophfronia Scott's book-long encounter with the twentieth century Roman Catholic monk Thomas Merton, *The Seeker and The Monk: Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*. Newcomers welcome.

St. Bart's Night Prayer

Do you desire a few moments of peace at the end of each day? Join the St. Bart's community for Night Prayer **each weekday evening at 8:30 pm**. Clergy and lay officiants will lead brief services based on or inspired by the ancient office of Compline.

The Transforming Power of Stillness

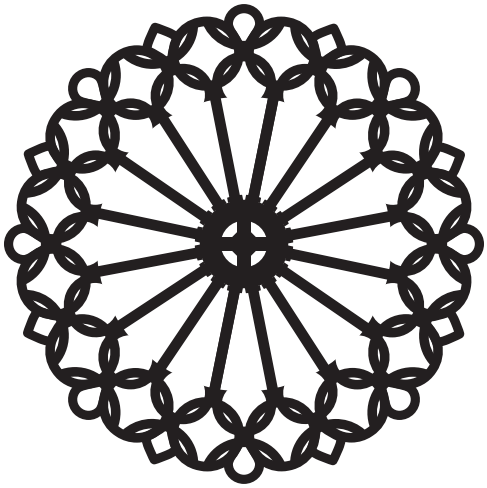
Mondays, 7-7:30 pm
Being still can be a way of taking a break from the demands of our busy world and a key to listening to our own heart. Join us for 30 minutes to learn about the power and practice of stillness.

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 pm via Zoom
Thoughtful reflection and lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings, hosted by the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector. Please contact Liz Gillespie (lgillespie@stbarts.org) to join.

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. To join our email list to receive updates on centering prayer, contact Manny Rodríguez-Leach (mrodriguez@stbarts.org).



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