



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • January 26, 2025

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Gathering Music

Sonata, A major (L. 238)

Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 537

“Christ for the world we sing!”

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| 1. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal. | 3. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord. |
| 2. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair. | 4. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong. |

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

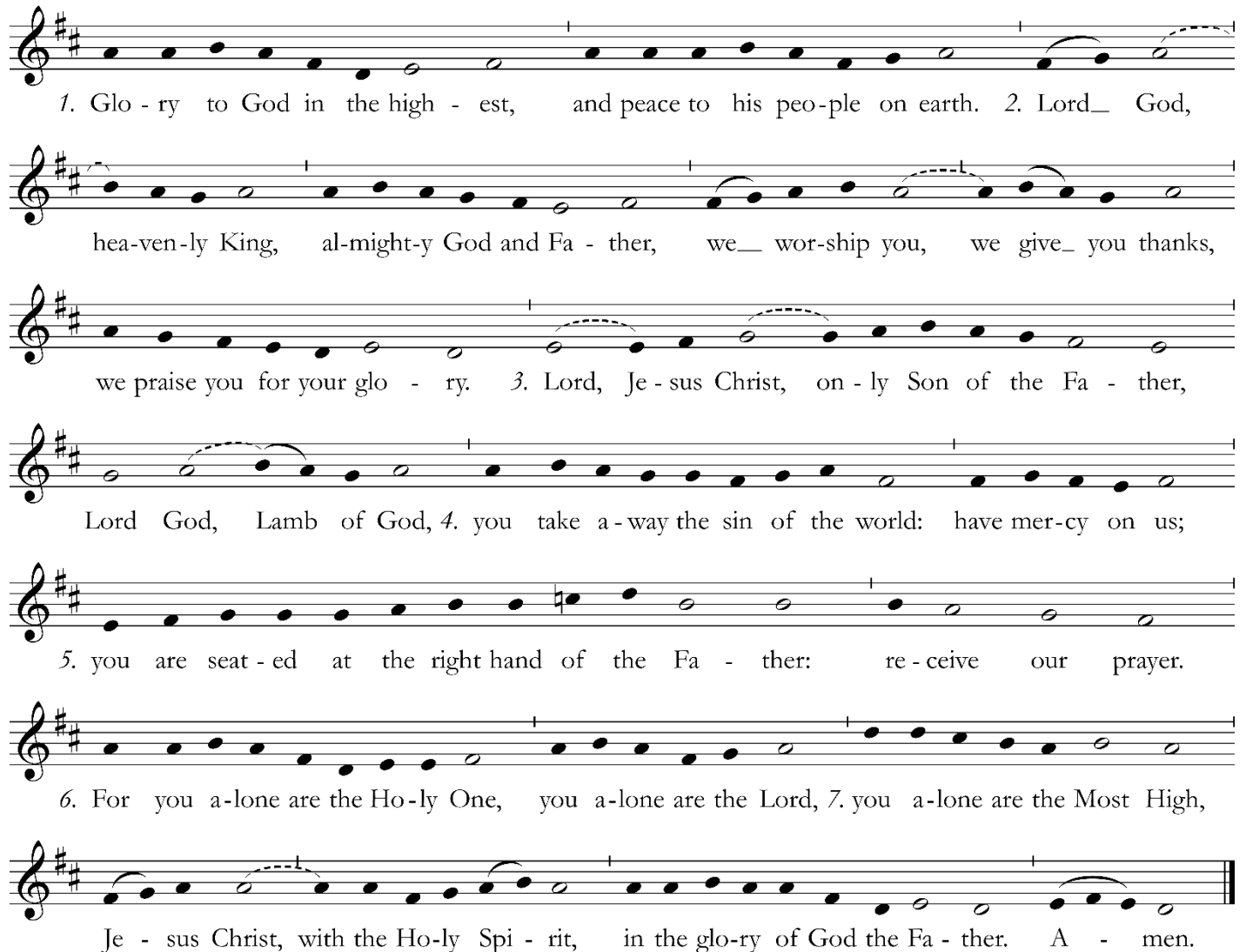
The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing, as able, and sing the following.

Gloria, S 277

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord_ God,
hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we_ wor - ship you, we give_ you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first

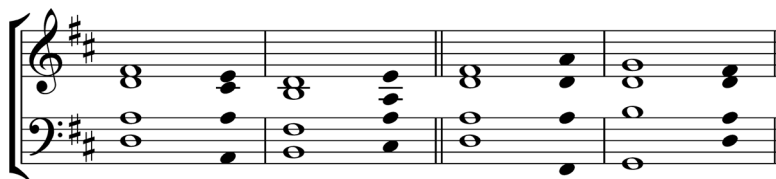
day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was

standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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

Psalm 19 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = **take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
 and the firmament shows his / handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to a/-nother, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to a/-nother.
- ³ Although they have no words or /language, *
 and their voices are not /heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the /world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; ✓ it rejoices like a champion to run its / course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens, ✓ and runs about to the end of it a/-gain; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning / heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the / soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure, ✓ and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the / heart; *
 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the / eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for / ever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous alto-/gether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, ✓ more than much fine / gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, ✓ than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant en-/lightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great re-/ward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he of-/fends? *
 cleanse me from my secret / faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; ✓ let them not get dominion / over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-/fense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your / sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my re-/deemer.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members

of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Celtic Alleluia

Cantor, then All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *The Celtic Alleluia*, Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)
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The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant,
and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were
fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this
scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend John Kennedy

The people stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

**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

God who has done marvelous things, we pray to you
in the assurance that you hear us and desire to work wonders in our lives.

Help the church to find its strength in openness, and to forge bonds of mission and ministry with others
that your glory might extend across the whole earth.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let the light of truth and justice shine forth across our nation;
may this nation be a place of peace and opportunity for all its people.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit upon this congregation that we might be a beacon of hope
and a true embodiment of the Good News for our neighbors.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

May your holy words guide us to be good stewards of your creation,
ensuring its abundance for ourselves and for those yet to be born.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Lift up the lowly and forgotten, gather the marginalized,
and bring liberty to the oppressed that the power of your love prevail.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to live in gratitude, that our lives may reflect your abundant grace.
We give thanks for...

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing spirit to bear in the lives of all who suffer from any sickness or infirmity.
Let them know wholeness and peace...

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive those who have died into your loving arms eternally...
May we some day know you face to face in your coming age.

Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hear the prayers of your people and give answer, so that we might feel your presence
and be strengthened to bear witness to your love in the world. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

People **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.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Chorister Investiture



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and interested in learning more?**
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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

'Tis the gift to be simple

Shaker text and melody,
arr. Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Joyze Noyze & The Choristers

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn
will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning we come round right.

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

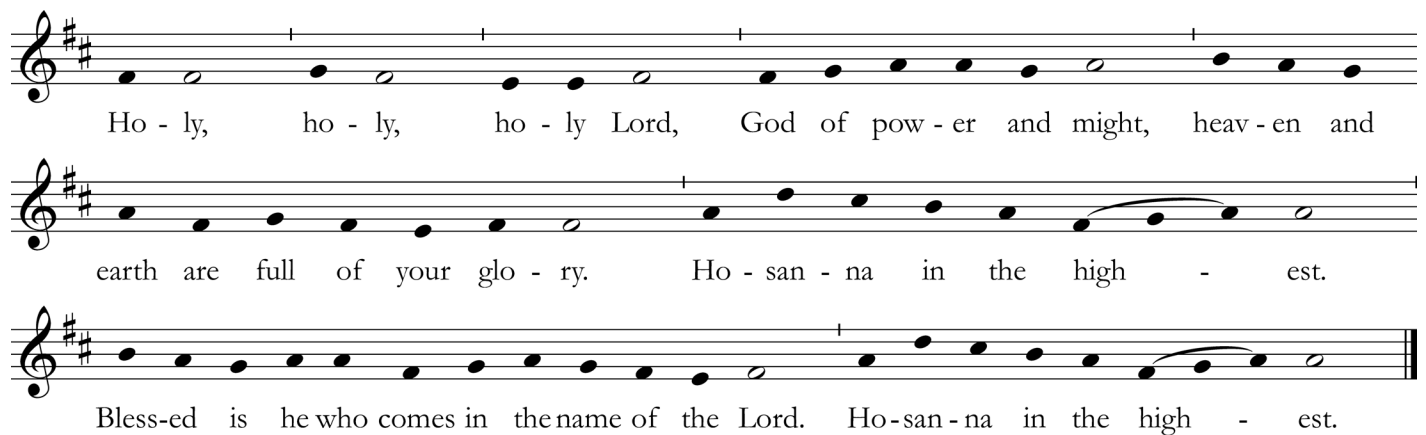
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



Setting from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b.1950)

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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 St. Mark and 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.

The Great Amen

The People sing.



Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant 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 Ministration of Communion

During the Communion

Anthem	<i>Christ hath a garden</i>	English melody, arr. Gerald Near (b. 1942)
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Christ hath a garden wall'd around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenc'd by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand: by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come: That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green. [*Words, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*]

Hymn 431 (choir) "The stars declare his glory"

Post-Communion Prayer (*said together*)

**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.**

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

People **We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go
may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing

People **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 616 (Stz. 1-3, 5)

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,
great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
5. O’er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein Wldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm.

A Student’s Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go and make disciples who live
a deeper life in Christ
a more holy communion with one another and
a greater love for the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Organ Voluntary

Postlude, D Major

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ned’s Notes: Our **Offertory Anthem** is a Shaker song that first appeared in 1848, and is attributed to a certain Elder Joseph Brackett from the Shaker village in Alfred, Maine. The proper name for the Shaker sect is the United Society of Believers in Christ’s Second Appearing, founded c. 1747 in England, then later in the United States in the late 18th century. They were initially known as “Shaking

Quakers” because of their ecstatic movement during worship services. The composer of our **Gathering Music**, Domenico Scarlatti, was almost an exact contemporary of Bach. Although born in Italy, he spent much of his life in the service of Spanish and Portuguese royal families, who afforded him the time to compose 555 keyboard sonatas.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Philip Restifo, David Kalal

Intercessor: Jennifer Dalipi

Greeter: Viktoria Cooper

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, David Kalal, Elizabeth Ker, Joe Leo, Paul Reiss, Stan Twardy

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Eleanor Lisher, Amanda Sutton, Cindy Tye, Deb Luchs

Acolytes: Avery Barth, Hunter Fewster

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark’s Choirs and Soloists

Flowers: Flower Guild members and attendees of Friday’s Sustainable and Seasonal Flower Arranging Workshop with Elisa Bulgrin

Altar Guild: Margot Thorsheim, Amy Crane,

Molly DePatie, Miki Porta, Joanne Renwick, Kerry Robinson

Coffee Hour: The Armstrong Family, The Scheler Family, Emily & James Morgan

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 26, 2025 • The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to St. Mark's. We are a community of love formed by the grace of God.

Together we seek to follow the spiritual practices of a Jesus-centered life. We hope that you will join us as we seek a deeper life in Christ, a more holy communion with one another, and a greater love for the world.

You can find more information on our website: www.stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Weekly Worship

Worship and Program Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8AM In the Chapel

9AM Outdoors

10AM Indoors & live-streamed

5PM In the Chapel

Weekday Morning Prayer via Zoom

Monday-Friday • 8:30AM • Morning Prayer Rite II

Praying of the Rosary

Wednesday at 8:45AM via conference call

Call in: 978.990.5000 (access code: 811368)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Anne F.C. Richards by Dick and Lois Sandberg, and designed by St. Mark's Flower Guild and Elisa Bulgrin of Longfield Farm, New Canaan.

Wildfire Response

Emergency responders are still working to contain the fires that are consuming land, homes, places of worship, parks, and businesses all across Southern California.

You can help by donating to either of these two groups:

The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and
Episcopal Relief & Development.



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& Development

May Fair

Dear friends,

Just 103 days until May Fair 2025, May 9 & 10! It's not too soon to begin to think about how we can all make this year's May Fair enjoyable and successful for both volunteers and visitors.

I would ask you to consider a few ways you can play a part:

- **Volunteer your time.** Requests will begin in March / April.

Your involvement can run from as little as 3 hours to as much as you care to be with us!

- Start now to **set aside items to donate to white elephant** (jewelry, artwork, collectibles, unique books, furniture, rugs, lighting, Christmas items, and more).

- **Suggest a local business** you would be willing approach to see if they would enjoy becoming a fair sponsor. Opportunities range from \$800-\$1,500.

After my first year as chair my biggest takeaway is that all those who volunteer develop a special bond - one that I believe helps knit our St. Mark's community together so that we are more able to be there for each other and for others in need outside our parish throughout the year. I hope you will feel the same after May Fair 2025.

Any early questions can be directed to me through the church office. Our entire committee wishes you and your families a healthy and blessed 2025!

Sincerely,
John Kennedy, May Fair Chair

May Fair Executive Committee
Zackary Crawford, Jenn Hladick, Deb Luchs, Zibby Perkins,
CynnTimer Thunem, Eric Thunem

Warden's Report

The Vestry met on Sunday, January 19. The primary focus of the meeting was to review the preliminary financial results for 2024 and to approve the 2025 Budget. We also had an update on the 2025 Annual Appeal and the status of the *Inspired By Love* Campaign. Fr. Peter lead a discussion about the topics to be covered at the Annual Meeting on February 22. We also heard from and thanked the Vestry members whose terms expire this year

(Gaby Beecher, Lise Leist, Rab Ker, Kerry Robinson and Senior Warden Stan Twardy). After the election of the new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting, the new Vestry will have a Retreat on February 8, with its next meeting on March 2. On a personal note, I want to say that it has been a great privilege and honor to serve as your Senior Warden the past 6 years. Thank you!

Children

Our 10AM program includes:

Lion Cubs childcare for children ages 2 and under
Frolic playgroup for three- and four-year-old children
(These two groups remain in the classrooms for the entire service.)
Godly Play 1 for kindergarten

Godly Play 2 for first and second grades

Holy Moly for third and fourth grades

Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth, and seventh grades
(These classes join families in church at the Peace.)

Questions? Contact Jan Maynes, Director of Children's Ministry, at children@stmarksnewcanan.org.

Youth

Youth Group: Escape Room! (TONIGHT)

Tonight we'll be heading to The Panic Room in Stamford to tackle their "Lost Treasure" Escape Room. It's going to be a fun and challenging evening of teamwork and problem-solving. Registration has closed.

Youth Group Movie Night

When: Friday, February 2, 5:45-8PM

Where: The Youth Room, following the 5PM service

Ready for another journey through time? Join us as we continue the adventure with *Back to the Future Part II*! This sequel takes time travel to a whole new level with exciting twists, humor, and a glimpse of the future! Food will be provided, so come hungry. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening together.

Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser • February 9

This Super Bowl Sunday (February 9), St. Mark's will give back to our community by holding a "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser for the New Canaan Food Pantry at the close of the 10AM service. Your support truly makes a difference.

St. Mark's Youth and Confirmants (8-12th grade) are invited to gather in the Narthex (church entrance) where they will be given pots and spoons (and instructions!) to collect donations. Cash and online donations (via a QR code on the pots, as well as in the bulletin) will be happily accepted.

Each year thousands of individuals and groups from all fifty states participate in fundraisers for their local food charity of choice through the national Souper Bowl of Caring movement. Since 1990, over 300,000 groups have raised over \$198 million to support local food programs in their community.

Stewardship

2024 Giving Statements are in the mail! Please check your statements carefully. If you have any questions or corrections please contact Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship, at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org or 203-966-4515.

Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

Scout Sunday • February 9

At the 10AM liturgy, Scouts from Troop 70 and Pack 70, which are housed at St. Mark's, will join us for the annual recognition of our partnership as their host and Chartering

Organization. The Scouts will serve roles in the liturgy and all who have been Scouts of any kind will be recognized during the announcements.

2025 Men's Retreat: Save the Date

The 2025 Men's Retreat will be October 17-18.
Stay tuned for further details.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed in February!

We are looking for households or individuals to sign up to help host a coffee hour in February.

All you need to do is prepare platters of goodies and arrange them on the tables in Morill Hall. You can bring food to contribute (and get your expenses reimbursed) and/or raid the St. Mark's freezer to add to the feast.

Nervous? Don't be! Hospitality hosts, Emily and James Morgan, will fully prepare you for the Sunday you've chosen.

Sign up outside Morrill Hall or scan the QR code to help host a Coffee Hour (together with a friend or family member, if desired).

For more information, reach out to scrappypickles@gmail.com or the church office at 203-966-4515, with questions.

Pick your Sunday today!



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Friends of Music

Trevor Scott and friends: Music of Benjamin Britten

Canticle I – My beloved is mine
Canticle II – Abraham and Isaac
Serenade

Sower at Sunset (1888), Vincent Van Gogh

FEBRUARY 8, SATURDAY, 5PM

General Tickets \$30 (\$35 day of event) / Students \$10
available by scanning the QR code or at the door.



Trevor Scott, tenor

Eliana Barwinski, mezzo-soprano | Susan LaFever, French horn | Tomoko Nakayama, piano

A light reception will follow.



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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT



ABSALOM JONES

CELEBRATION

February 16 at 4PM
St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk

This year, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will celebrate the official feast day of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American Episcopal priest on Sunday, February 16, at 4PM. Join with the ECCT Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network and fellow Episcopalians from across the diocese for a special service of Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's on the Green (60 East Ave., Norwalk CT).

The Rev. Dr. Tommy Watson will be the preacher, and The Rt. Rev. Jeff Mello will be the chief Celebrant. Together, we will honor the life and ministry of Absalom Jones and reflect on the enduring legacy of Black Episcopal saints whose faith and witness continue to inspire. Following the service, all are welcome to gather for a festive reception, offering an opportunity to connect, share stories, and celebrate in community. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to all who have committed

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\$1.85 MILLION**\$1,693,688****315 Pledges**

As of January 23, 2025

**GOALS****\$1.85 Million****325 Pledges****100% Participation****100% VESTRY PARTICIPATION:**
Every vestry member
increased their pledge.

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We Power
the Mission



Thank you to the 315 households who have already pledged to the 2025 Annual Fund! We're so close to our goal of 325 households. Can you help us reach it by the Annual Meeting on February 2? Pledging is quick and easy—just reach out to Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org, (203) 966-4515.



261st Annual Parish Meeting

February 2, 2025 at 11:30AM

Morrill Hall & via Zoom

Zoom link will be provided via email and at www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Prayer – The Rev. Peter Walsh, Rector
2. Opening Business – Motions & Resolutions
3. A Word About the Election – Stanley A. Twardy, Senior Warden
4. Nominating Committee Report – Suzanne Harrison, Nominating Committee Co-Chair
5. Election
 - Officers
 - Vestry
 - Nominating Committee
 - Alternate Diocesan Convention Delegates
6. Senior Warden's Report – Stanley A. Twardy
7. Annual Appeal and *Inspired by Love* Campaign Report – Janet Prill
8. Treasurer's Report – Timothy F. Dann
9. Election Results – Suzanne Harrison
10. Closing Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal

CANDIDATES

Senior Warden: Janet Prill
Junior Warden: Mark Thorsheim
Treasurer: Tim Dann
Clerk: Libbet Field

Vestry
(to elect 4)
Alexandra (Alix) Armstrong
John Harrison
Joanne Renwick
Peter F. Ryan
John Sexton
Cathy Uhlein

Nominating Committee
(to elect 3)
Jeb S. Armstrong
John Michael Bain-Colon
Gaby Beecher
Rab Ker
Kerry Robinson
Lori Wyckoff

Alternate Convention Delegates
(to elect 2)
Libbet Field
Lise Leist

Rector's State of the Parish Address at 10AM service.
Respectfully submitted, Libbet Field, Clerk

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
The Right Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan
The Right Reverend Dr. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

St. Mark's Clergy and Staff

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh, Rector
The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey, Senior Associate Rector
The Reverend John Kennedy, Associate Rector

Jill Sautkulis, Director of Operations
Beth Ralston, Director of Special Projects
Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship and Development
Ed Hill, Sexton

Ned Tipton, Director of Music Ministry
Rob Schwartz, Digital Missioner
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Edgar Gonzalez, Property Manager
Prisca Spitz, Preschool Director

St. Mark's Officers and Vestry

Officers

Stan Twardy, *Senior Warden*
Janet Prill, *Junior Warden*
Tim Dann, *Treasurer*
Libbet Field, *Clerk*

Class of 2025

Gaby Beecher
Rab Ker
Lise Leist
Kerry Robinson

Class of 2026

Jennifer Dalipi
Kate Maco
Ali van Nes
Kent Percy

Class of 2027

Rob Creighton
Robina Lewis
John Seel
Bill Wicker

St. Mark's Mission

Go and make disciples who live
a deeper life in Christ
a more holy communion with one another and
a greater love for the world

St. Mark's Vision

A church bursting with disciples who are so transformed by the Holy Spirit that
they live to give for the love of the Lord.



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