



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • May 11, 2025

Celebrant: The Reverend John Kennedy

Preacher: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Assisting: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Opening Organ Voluntary

Preamble

Percy Whitlock (193-1946)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 645

“The King of love my shepherd is”

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| 1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever. | 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth. | 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever. |

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23
Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise, *sung by all*

“Pascha Nostrum”

1 God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; _____
2 Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; _____
3 In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: _____

— There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; _____
— death has no more do - mi - nion o - ver him; _____
— though A - dam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, _____

— for - sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. _____
— Through him we die to sin and live to God. _____
— in Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. _____

— Al - le - lu - ia! _____
— Al - le - lu - ia! _____
— Al - le - lu - ia! _____ A - men!

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
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The Collect of the Day *The people stand, as able*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

Acts 9:36-43

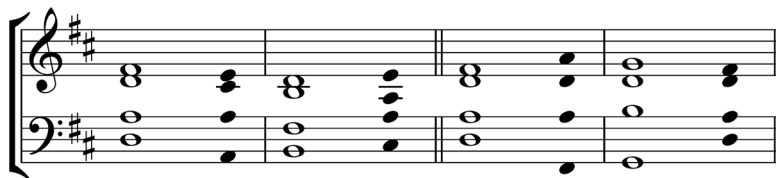
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that

Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = **take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ The Lord is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
- ³ He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ✓ I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me; ✓ your rod and your staff, ✓ they / comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, ✓ and my cup is running / over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.

The Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

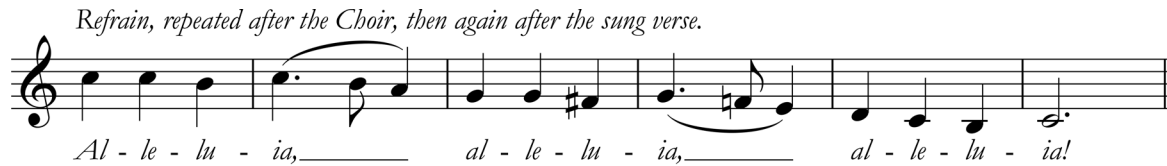
I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night
within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to
springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We give thanks for...
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name forever and ever.

We remember all those commended to our community for prayer...
Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died...
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetually shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:"
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City,
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me Words and music, Nathalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

St. Mark's Joyful Noyze

Ev'rywhere I go, the Lord is near me. If I call upon him, he will hear me.
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.

In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in his sight no ill may harm me.
I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.

He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay.
From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness, I will praise his name with songs of gladness;
For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.

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.

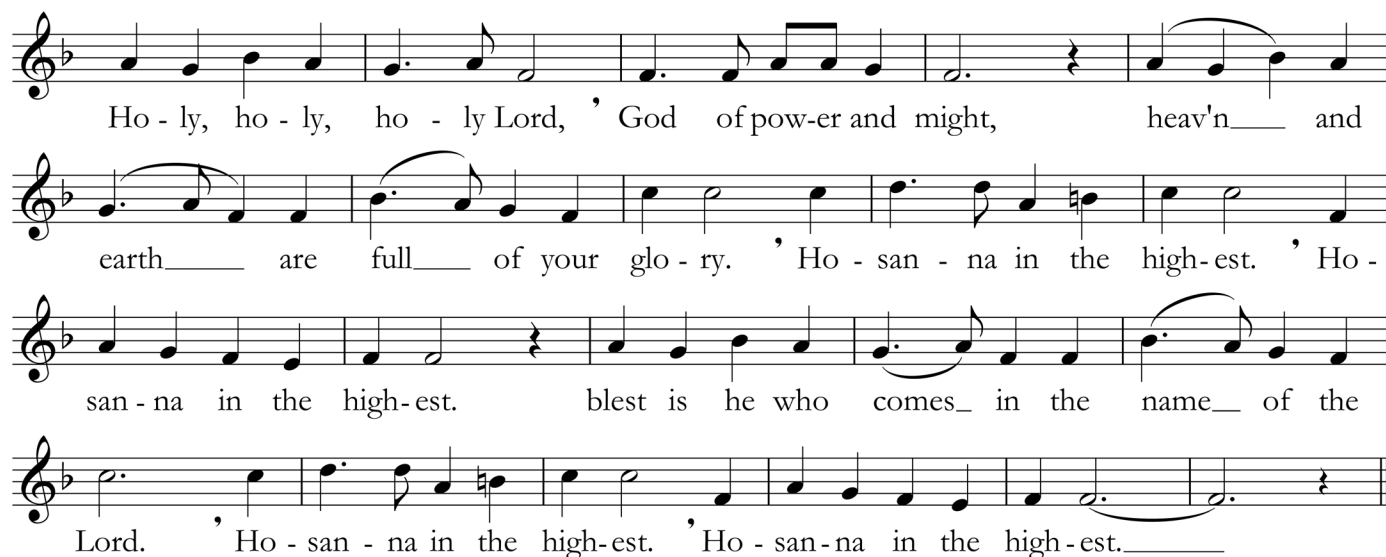
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, ' God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est. ' Ho -
san - na in the high-est. blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Music: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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."

The Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The People respond.



We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion, We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

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



Setting: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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 (Choir)

Psalm 23

setting by Martin How (1931-2022)

Kitty Drugge, soprano soloist

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. The Lord is my shepherd.

Hymn 383 (Choir)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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 535

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

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| 1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all. | 3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb. |
| 2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. | 4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love. |

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catholisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765;
harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Closing Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Ned's Notes: Our **Opening Organ Voluntary**, Whitock's *Preamble*, was inspired by verse 2 of this morning's **Proper Psalm, 23**: "*He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort,*" and is a movement from his from suite called *Seven Sketches for*

organ, based on psalm verses. Nathalie Sleet, the composer of our **Offertory Anthem**, and Martin How, composer of our **Communion Anthem**, were both strong proponents of music education for children.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Jenny Volanakis, Amanda Sutton

Intercessor: Bob Bayne

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Paton Larkin, Ellen McMahon, Kevin McMahon, Paul Reiss, Eric Thunem, George Wright

Greeters: Jim & Eleanor Lisher, Jeff & Lise Leist

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Eleanor Lisher, Gary Ward, Wendy Hilboldt, Deb Luchs

Acolytes: Heidi Neubohn, Avery Barth, Graham Bossin

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists

Flower Guild: Peppi Jones, Sarah deMenocal

Altar Guild: Barbara Noble, Sara Smith, Shelby Cromwell, Wendy Hurst, Amy Reid, Pamela Shea

Coffee Hour: Emily & James Morgan, Katie Bues

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 11, 2025 • The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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Please note that the 5PM service will take a summer pause beginning June 1. The last service will take place on Sunday, May 25.

Bishop Mello Visiting (June 8)

Bishop Mello will make his visitation to St. Mark's on Sunday, June 8. He will be our preacher and will officiate over Baptisms, Confirmations, and Receptions (a sacrament for the already-baptized who are coming from a different denomination and would like to be officially recognized in the Episcopal Church). **If you**

would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, or if you would like to be sacramentally Received into the Episcopal Church, please be in touch with the church office at (203) 966-4515 as soon as possible. It's going to be a great day!

Parish Picnic (June 8)

Join us for the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 8, at 11:15AM, following the 10AM Service. This festive event is for everyone, and will take place in the courtyard between the Church and Morrill Hall. Wear your nametag, and if you don't have one yet, let us know so we can make one for you. Grilled burgers and hot dogs, plus fresh green salads will be provided. Please

bring along your favorite fork-friendly side dish or dessert to share. Help make the day even more special by lending a hand with set up and clean up – contact Emily and James Morgan at atscrappypickles@gmail.com or the Church Office at churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org to sign up. See you there!

Personal Care Supply Drive (Begins May 18)

St. Mark's Samaritan Ministry is hosting a drive to collect personal care essentials for the New Canaan Food Pantry from **Sunday, May 18 through Sunday, June 8**. Collection bins will be placed in the Narthex and outside Morrill Hall.

Items needed:

- Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes (individual packaging)
- Toothpaste (medium to large)

- Feminine care items (feminine pads, tampons)
- Shampoo (medium to large)
- Conditioner (medium to large)
- Bars of soap (standard size)
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors for men and women
- Boxed tissues

Thank you for your support!

Gospel Garden Summer Planting Session (May 31)

We're kicking off the summer planting season on May 31 from 9-11:30AM and need your help in the garden. Please consider signing up to help us plant, grow, and harvest existing Spring planting as well as plant future Summer vegetables for donation to the

New Canaan Food Panty and Person to Person.

For questions or to sign up, contact John Michael Bain-Colon at johnmbain@gmail.com

Many thanks for all your help in the garden!

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@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Youth

St. Mark's Youth Summer Service Trip to South Carolina • July 22 - July 27, 2025

For High School Youth (9th-12th Grade)

Join us for a week of service and community in St. Helena Island, SC! Partnering with the St. Helena Gullah Housing Project, we'll help repair homes for those in need while learning about the rich Gullah culture. We'll stay on scenic

Spring Island, providing space for rest and reflection.

Cost will be finalized soon, but last year's trip was under \$300. **Interested? Scan the QR code** or contact Fr. John

(jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org) to reserve your spot. **Incoming 9th graders and graduating seniors are welcome!**



2025 Men's and Women's Retreats: Save the Date

The 2025 Men's Retreat will be October 17-18.

Stay tuned for further details.

The 2025 Women's Retreat will be November 14-16

at Camp Washington.



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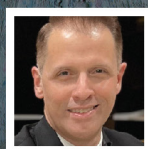
Friends of Music

“Two Frenchies, four hands”

Maurice Ravel: *Ma Mère l'Oye* (“Mother Goose”)

Gabriel Fauré: *Dolly Suite pour piano*

and solo works by Claude Debussy and Lili Boulanger



Ned Tipton & Andrew Kimsey
Piano

THE PORTAL OF ROUEN CATHEDRAL, CLAUDE MONET

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, 5PM

General admission \$30, students \$10 (\$35 & \$15 the day of the event)
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A light reception will follow.



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