



## The Third Sunday in Lent

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • March 8, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Assisting: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

**Opening Organ Voluntary**

*Attende Domine* (Opus 8, No. 3)

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

**Welcome**

**Entrance Hymn 439**

“What wondrous love is this, O my soul”

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing!
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

**The Penitential Order**

*Book of Common Prayer 355*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**The Decalogue** *The people kneel, as able*

*BCP 350*

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice  
the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything  
that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

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.**

## Kyrie



From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## The Collect of the Day *The people stand, as able*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord,

"What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95** (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

- 1 Come, let us sing to the / Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-/vation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with / thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with / psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great / God, \*  
and a great King above all / gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the / earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his / also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he / made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the / dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the / knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our / Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, ✓ and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his / hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his / voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, ✓ as your forebears did in the / wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, ✓ when they / tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the / test, \*  
though they had seen my / works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and / said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; ✓ they do not know my / ways."  
*(Second half of chant)*
- 11 So I swore in my / wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my / rest."

## The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a

righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand, as able.*

## The Trisagion

*Sung three times.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who

gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain,

but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

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

## **The Sermon**

*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.**

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Reverend John Kennedy

**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**

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

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

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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

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

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mark, and of all the saints, let us commend  
ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*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

*O magnify the Lord*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lydia Cseh Dahling, mezzo-soprano

O magnify the Lord, and worship him upon his holy hill. [*Psalm 99:9*]

*The people stand, as able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;  
that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments,  
they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*The people stand or kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **The Memorial Acclamation** *(spoken)*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

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. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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,**

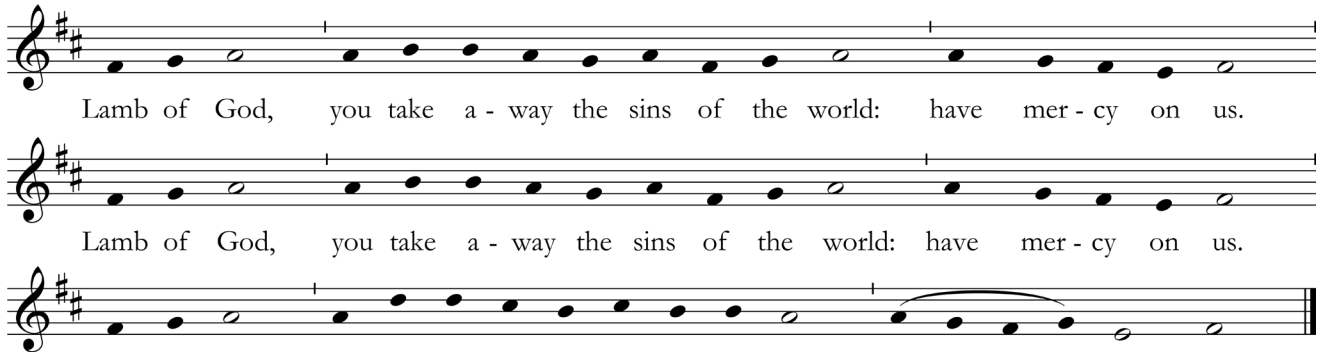
**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

*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

**Hymn 140 (choir)** “Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun”

**Hymn 706 (choir)** “In your mercy, Lord, you called me”

### 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 527

“Singing songs of expectation”

1. Singing songs of expectation,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light:  
trusting God we march together  
stepping fearless through the night.
2. One the light of God's own presence,  
o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
brightening all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires.
3. One the strain the lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love for evermore.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.  
Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

## 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

*Toccata* (Symphonie IV)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

**Ned's Notes:** Our **Offertory Solo**, *O magnify the Lord*, is a movement from one of Handel's 11 “Chandos Anthems,” so-named because he wrote them as composer-in-residence at Cannons, a stately home in Middlesex (England) built by James Brydges, the 1st Duke of Chandos. Each anthem consists of several movements, some for soloist(s) only, others for full choir, and a small group of instruments.

There are many fine solo and chorus movements in these works, but they are overshadowed by solo/chorus movements of Handel's well-known oratorios, *Messiah* being the prime example. *O magnify the Lord* is the sixth movement of Chandos Anthem No. 8, *O come, let us sing unto the Lord*, a setting of **this morning's proper Psalm, 95**, with other verses from Psalms 96 and 99.

## We thank the following who are serving today:

**Lectors:** John Harrison, Janet Prill

**Intercessor:** Eric Thunem

**Greeters:** Amanda Sutton, Nancy Geary

**Ushers:** Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Elizabeth Ker,  
Joe Leo, Paul Reiss, Eric Thunem, George Wright

**Chalice Ministers:** Lise Leist, Duke Beecher,  
Eleanor Lisher, Gary Ward, Deb Luchs

**Acolytes:** Thea Rucci, Merritt Hopkins, Erik Roomet

**Organist-Choirmaster:** Ned Tipton

**The St. Mark's Choirs and Soloists  
Flower Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Katherine Sherwin, Alice Clark, Eloise Killeffer,  
Hillary McGrail, Natalie Venetos, Beth Torrenzano

**Coffee Hour:** Emily & James Morgan

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# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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](http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org).

## Weekly Worship

### Worship and Program Schedule

#### Sunday Holy Eucharist

**8AM** In the Chapel

**9AM** Outdoors

**10AM** Indoors & live-streamed

#### 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)

**Flowers for pastoral arrangements** this week are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jim Bettridge, by the family and friends who miss him.

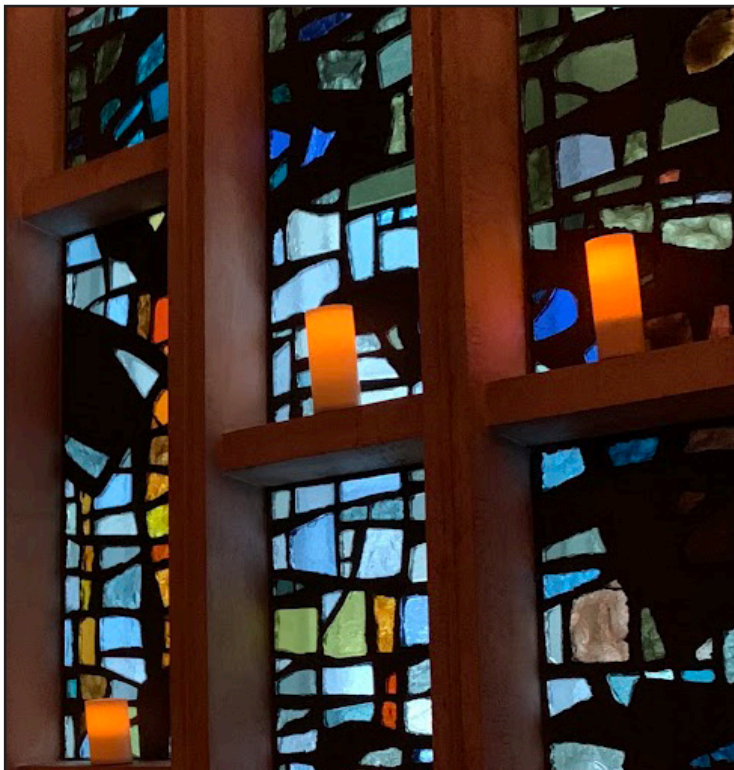
## Today's Guest Speaker: Michele Conderino



### TODAY at 11:30AM in the Library

Michele Conderino, Executive Director of Open Doors, will speak about the realities of homelessness and poverty in our area, the work of Open Doors, and ways to get involved.

**Next Sunday, March 15:** Maggie Mitchell Salem, Executive Director of IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services), will speak about the work of IRIS and the broader realities of refugees and refugee resettlement in Connecticut.



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## An Evensong for Lent

Powell: *Preces & Responses*  
(*St. James Hendersonville*)

Morley: *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis*,  
plainsong/fauxbourdons

Tallis: *Remember not, O Lord God*

Howells: *O pray for the peace of  
Jerusalem*

The Choir  
of St. Mark's Church  
Michael Burnette, organist  
Edward J. Tipton,  
conducting

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026, AT 5PM

This is a free event.  
A light reception follows the service,  
hosted by The Friends of Music at St. Mark's

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# What's Happening in Lent?

For all of the latest offerings and updates on Lent at St. Mark's, visit our website. **Scan the QR code to learn more.** You can read about several of these exciting opportunities on the following pages.



## Children

### Mindful Mornings

Over the next several Sundays, each of our church school classes will have a "Mindful Morning" during regular class time.

Registered yoga instructor and church school teacher Melissa Harold will lead each class in age-appropriate exercises to help us become more fully aware of our thoughts, senses, and surroundings. We also will also consider how to routinely practice Christian values such as gratitude, kindness, and compassion, and how to become more accepting of others without judgment. We begin this week, March 8, with *Holy Moly*. All other classes will meet as usual and we will join our families in church for communion.

### Help Buy a Bike for a Rural Community

As our Lenten project, the children of the church school are collecting money to buy a bicycle (or better yet, more than one!) to send to a rural area of Africa.

By donating a bike through Episcopal Relief and Development, we will enable local volunteers to cover greater distances with lifegiving necessities for neighbors who are struggling with hunger, poverty, and disease.

### Look for our collection box in the hallway outside of the Library.

Then, watch us build a bike as we receive donations.



## Youth

### Nightwatch at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28

This Lent, St. Mark's youth (9-12th grade, as well as members of the Confirmation class) are invited to take part in Nightwatch, a one-night pilgrimage in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic Cathedral. Father John will lead the group.

**Cost:** \$200 (\$150 program fee + \$50 for food, including dinner in the city on Friday night). **Note:** Please do not purchase your own Nightwatch tickets. St. Mark's has already secured a block of tickets for our group.

**Registration:** Please scan the QR code below to sign up through the St. Mark's Nightwatch registration page.

Check-in at the Cathedral is 6:30–7PM on Friday, and the program concludes with breakfast on Saturday morning.

**The deadline for registration is Friday, March 13.**

**Please be in touch with Father John** ([jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org)) with any questions or to learn more.

