



The Third Sunday of Easter A Celebration of Creation

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • April 19, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Opening Organ Voluntary

Préambule (No. 1 of 24 *Pièces en style libre*)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Prelude on 'Bunessan'

G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 8

“Morning has broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation, of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

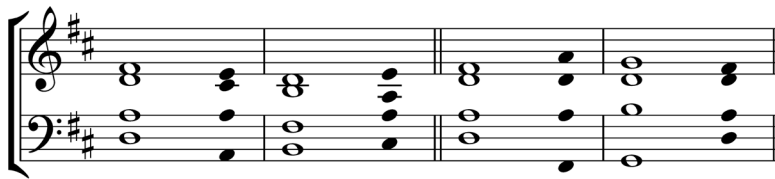
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (To be sung by congregation and choir. ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ I love the LORD, ✓ because he has heard the voice of my suppli-/cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up-/on him.
- ² The cords of death entangled me; ✓ the grip of the grave took / hold of me; *
I came to grief and / sorrow.
- Second half of chant*
- ³ Then I called upon the Name of the / LORD: *
“O Lord, I pray you, ✓ save my / life.”
- ¹⁰ How shall I repay the / LORD *
for all the good things he has / done for me?
- ¹¹ I will lift up the cup of sal-/vation *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- ¹² I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people.
- ¹³ Precious in the sight of the / LORD *
is the death of his / servants.
- ¹⁴ O Lord, I am your / servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; ✓ you have freed me from my / bonds.
- ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- ¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people,
- ¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ✓ Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to

trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.


The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

Refrain, repeated after the Choir, then again after the sung verse.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see

him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **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

All-loving God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

God of Creation,

Hear our prayer

O God of the poor, help us to seek out and serve the endangered,
abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

In peace, may we live as brothers and sisters, sowing compassion, not destruction.

God of Creation,

Hear our prayer

We ask your blessing on St. Mark's Gospel Garden,
its leaders and volunteers who till and keep it; and its founder, Brian Hollstein.
May its harvest be plentiful this year, and its fruit and vegetables satisfy the hunger of many.
God of Creation,

Hear our prayer

Teach us to discover the worth of each created thing,
to be filled with awe and reverence for your creation,
and to have eyes to recognize your image in each other.
We pray especially for all those in any need or trouble, especially...
God of Creation,

Hear our prayer

Especially in this Eastertide, we pray with certain hope in the resurrection
for all those who have died, including...
and any others we name silently or aloud.

God of Creation,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements



**New to St. Mark's or Visiting
and interested in learning more?**
Please scan the QR code and
help us connect with you.



To give to St. Mark's
please scan the QR code.
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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

One more step along the world I go

Sydney Carter/Philip Dietterich

The Joyful Noyze Choir

One more step along the world I go, from the old things to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me trav'ling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn,
all the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me. *And it's from the old I travel to the new, ...*

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me traveling the way I should,
where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know. *And it's from the old I travel to the new, ...*

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do, keep me traveling a-long with you. *And it's from the old I travel to the new, ...*

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you. *And it's from the old I travel to the new, ...*

One more step along the world I go ... [Words, Sydney Carter (1915-2004). Music, Philip Dietterich (b. 1931)]

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,
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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah,
Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body,
one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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,
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.**

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

At the Communion

Anthem *Garden Hymn* *The Southern Harmony*, 1835, arr. EJT

The Lord into his garden comes, the spices yield a rich perfume, the lilies grow and thrive:
refreshing showers of grace divine, from Jesus flow to every vine, and make the dead revive.
O that this dry and barren ground in springs of water may abound, a fruitful soil become.
The desert blossoms as the rose, when Jesus conquers all his foes, and makes his people one.
The glorious time is rolling on, the gracious work is now begun, my soul a witness is;
I taste and see the pardon free for all of you, as well as me, who come to Christ may live.
[Words: anonymous, in The Christian's Duty, pub. Peter Leibert, 1801, Germantown, Pennsylvania, alt.]

Hymn 305 (choir) "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"

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 400 (Stz. 1-4, 7)

“All creatures of our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice: **[Refrain]**

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light, **[Refrain]**

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show: **[Refrain]**

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: **[Refrain]**

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* (“My faithful heart rejoices”) Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Ned’s Notes: Our **Closing Organ Voluntary** is the only “cheery” (“green,” perhaps?) piece in Brahms’ set of 11 chorale-preludes, for organ solo, Op. 122, the very last works he completed before his death in 1897. The hymn on which Brahms’ work is based, *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen*

was written in the early 16th century, and translates as: “My heart rejoices dearly in the lovely summer season, when God shall beautifully renew all things for eternity. The heavens and the earth God shall create anew; all creation shall become wholly glorious, beautiful, and bright.”

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lector: Janet Prill, David Luchs

Intercessor: Margot Thorsheim

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves,
Joe Leo, Paul Reiss

Chalice Ministers: Laura Davis, Duke Beecher,
David Luchs, Deb Luchs

Acolytes: Thea Rucci, Margaux Dalipi, Valerie Dyk,
Paget Rollinson, Nick Chandra

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists

Flower Guild: Mary Jewett, Holly Hopkins

Altar Guild: Margot Thorsheim, Amy Crane, Miki Porta,
Kerry Robinson, Francie Thompson

Coffee Hour: Emily & James Morgan, Mayme Walsh

Church School Teachers: Victor Alvarez, Jeb Armstrong,
Rachael Field, Sharon Fry, Melissa Harold, Susie Kerridge,
Lise Leist, Robina Lewis, Hillary McGrail, Zibby Perkins,
Peter Ryan, Hilary Scheler, Laura Strobach, Rebecca Tekula,
Nancy Walton, Steve Wyckoff

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 19, 2026 • The Third 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

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)

Centering Prayer

Thursday at 12:15PM in the church

Matthew 25: Upcoming Service Opportunities

Feeding the Hungry

Gospel Garden Planting Session

May 16, 10-11AM

Location: St. Mark's Gospel Garden

Spring has arrived, and we need your help to kick off this year's Gospel Garden season! The Gospel Garden grows organic produce that is 100% donated to the *New Canaan Food Pantry* and *Person to Person* in Darien — two organizations facing growing demand. No experience

needed — just bring yourself (and your family or friends). This is hands-on work that makes a real difference. **Interested in upcoming Gospel Garden projects?** Email churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org to join our mailing list.



Visiting the Prisoner

Frederick Douglass Project for Justice Prison Visit

Tuesday, May 21, 12:30-3:30PM

Location: Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, NY

This guided visit offers the opportunity for thoughtful conversation, listening, and deeper understanding through a structured program facilitated by the *Frederick Douglass Project for Justice*. The experience concludes with a shared meal and debrief alongside members of the organization.

Scan the QR code to register.



Youth

Youth Group Bowling: Sunday, April 26

High schoolers and Confirmation class members:

Let's go bowling! On Sunday, April 26, we'll head to Bowlero in Norwalk for some time in the lanes with friends and some food. Father John will lead this gathering.



Register

When: Sunday, April 26 | 4–6PM

Where: Bowlero Norwalk (meet there)
701 Connecticut Ave, Norwalk, CT 06854

Who: High school youth & Confirmation
Please sign up in advance so we can plan for lane reservations. **Sign-ups close on**

Friday, April 24. Hope to see you there!

Youth Summer Service Trip to South Carolina

For High School Youth (Rising 9th Grade–Graduating Seniors)

This year's youth service trip to South Carolina will take place **Monday, July 20 through Saturday, July 25.**

During our week together, we will serve, learn, and live in community in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

We will fly to **Spring Island**, staying at Margaret Roscoe's family house and another nearby home generously made available to our group for the week. Our service work will take place on nearby **St. Helena Island**,

where we will serve the Gullah community through our partnership with the **St. Helena Gullah Housing Project**, assisting with home repairs for residents and supporting other community needs.

Our workdays will be Tuesday through Friday, typically beginning in the morning and finishing mid-afternoon. Alongside our time serving, the week will include shared meals, prayer and reflection, and time to rest and enjoy the beauty of the Lowcountry.

Dates: Monday, July 20 – Saturday, July 25

Location: Spring Island & St. Helena Island, South Carolina

Cost: Final cost will be confirmed soon; estimated around \$600, covering travel, lodging, and meals.

Travel details: Fly as a group from NYC to Savannah, then drive (via rental car) to Spring Island

Chaperones: Margaret Roscoe, Robina Lewis, and Anderson Kenny

Last Day to Register: Friday, May 15

Scan the QR code to sign up.

Additional details about flights, packing lists, and required forms will be shared with registered participants.



Register

Gospel Garden Interns Needed (High School Student Positions)

St. Mark's is seeking two high school interns to assist with the daily care of the Gospel Garden, which grows fresh produce for those facing food insecurity in partnership with the *New Canaan Food Pantry* and *Person-to-Person* in Darien. These are paid, part-time positions for students interested in contributing to local food justice through hands-on work in the garden.

Compensation: \$18 per hour

Key Responsibilities:

- Support planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, and general upkeep of the garden
- Help prepare and occasionally deliver produce for donation
- Collaborate with and take direction from adult leaders and volunteers
- Maintain a clean and organized garden environment

Qualifications:

- Must be 16 years or older
- Valid driver's license and access to transportation for deliveries when needed
- Reliable and able to work independently and with guidance
- Ability to work outdoors and engage in physical tasks
- Interest in gardening or community service is welcome

Schedule:

- Weekday mornings, 9–11AM, Monday–Friday, with some flexibility
- Runs from the end of the school year through the start of the next

Interested?

Contact Fr. John at jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org.



Win a Great Bike for a Great Cause!



The members of St. Mark's have helped our Church School raise money to purchase bikes through *Episcopal Relief and Development* for the distribution of lifegiving necessities in rural areas of Africa and other places in need!

You can still help this worthy cause when you **buy a \$20 raffle ticket for the chance to win a Liv Tempt 4** (valued at \$700)!

Scan the QR code to buy your tickets online, or stop by the raffle table at coffee hour on Sunday, April 19.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, **April 26.**



Thank you to *New Canaan Bicycles* for their generous support and to *Episcopal Relief and Development* for facilitating the project.



Episcopal 101: For Newcomers and Inquirers

Three sessions on The Episcopal Church & Anglican way of being Christian

The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, is part of one of the great Christian traditions. It is rooted in Scripture and the Sacraments, and shaped by centuries of common prayer. This series, led by the clergy of St. Mark's, introduces that tradition to anyone new to St. Mark's, curious about what Episcopalians believe and practice, or interested in Confirmation or Reception.

Wednesdays, April 29, May 6, May 13
5:30 – 6:30PM in the Youth Room

The Bible in The Episcopal Church (April 29)

Scripture is at the center of our worship and theology. This session explores how the biblical canon came to be, what it means to call these writings the Word of God, and how Episcopalians read Scripture alongside reason and the church's living tradition.

Baptism and Eucharist:

The Sacramental Life of the Church (May 6)

The two great sacraments are the foundation of the church's life. This session traces Baptism and Eucharist from their origins in the ancient church to their place in Episcopal worship today, and explores what it means to gather around the altar as the body of Christ.

Episcopal Identity and History:

Who We Are and Where We Came From (May 13)

The Anglican tradition emerged from the English Reformation and, through it, from the ancient church. This session traces that history to The Episcopal Church in America, examines how this church governs itself, and reflects on what it means to be part of a worldwide communion.

Scan the QR code to register or call the Church Office at (203) 966-4515.



Pre-order Your Holy Smoker BBQ



This year's run of Holy Smoker BBQ is now available for presale! Don't miss out on your chance to reserve these May Fair favorites. We are accepting presale reservations for our classic brisket and pulled pork and our all-new smoked Bell & Evans chickens.

All orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 9, between 2PM and 4PM in the May Fair Food Court. Pre-sale orders are packaged in take-home containers for easy pickup.

Supplies are limited; pre-order your BBQ today to lock in your order. Just scan the QR code to get started!

LET'S TALK

A Community Conversation Across Political Differences

NEW CANAAN

Saturday, May 16
9:00AM – Noon
Lapham Center



Sponsored by The New Canaan Clergy Association



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111 OENOKE RIDGE, NEW CANAAN

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

5-7:30PM

TICKETS \$50 LIMITED CAPACITY



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*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

May Fair 2026 Volunteer Form



NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please indicate with a check mark for when and where you would like to volunteer for this year's May Fair. For Saturday, please check morning, mid-day or afternoon. We will send a confirmation email with your precise volunteer time slot. Please return the completed form to the Collection Plate, the Coffee Hour May Fair Table, or the Church Office. Thank you!

Donation Drop-Off - Saturday, May 2			Donation Drop-Off - Sunday, May 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30-11 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 AM-1:30 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 PM

Set-Up Week: Monday, May 4 - Thursday, May 7				Job or Dept?
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Preferred, Not Required
9 AM-12 PM _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11 AM-2 PM _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

With Daily Fellowship Luncheon

Friday Night Lights: May 8, Open 5-10 PM		
Beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8:30 PM
Food Court/Strawberry Shortcake	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8:30 PM
Security/Ambassador	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30-8 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-10:30 PM

Saturday May Fair - May 9 Open 9AM-6PM	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Mid-Day</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
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Beverages	_____	_____	_____
Food Court	_____	_____	_____
Information Booth	_____	_____	_____
Restoration/Clean-Up	N/A	_____	_____
Security/Ambassadors	_____	_____	_____
Strawberry Shortcake	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Artwork	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Books	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Fine Goods	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Furniture, Linens & Rugs	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Housewares & Appliances	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Jewelry	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Outdoor Tent/Sporting Goods	_____	_____	_____
White Elephant Toy Tent	_____	_____	_____
Assign Me Where Needed	_____	_____	_____

