



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • May 3, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Preacher: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Assisting: The Reverend John Kennedy

### Opening Organ Voluntary

*A Ground in Gamut* (Z 645)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### Welcome

### Entrance Hymn 518

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion’s help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted lovingkindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

### 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!

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading *All may sit*

Acts 7:55-60

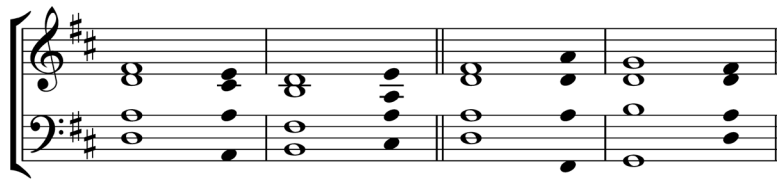
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out

of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (To be sung by congregation and choir. ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; ✓ let me never be put to / shame; \*  
deliver me in your / righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your / ear to me; \*  
make haste to de-/liver me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, ✓ a castle to keep me safe, ✓ for you are my crag and my / stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, ✓ lead me and / guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of / strength.
- Second half of chant*
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my / spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ✓ O God of / truth.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your / hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, ✓ and from those who / persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your / servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness / save me.

**The Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops;  
Peter, Elizabeth, and John, our clergy; and all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry,  
the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for...

I ask your prayers for...

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially...  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*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 Confession and Absolution

*BCP 360*

*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

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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help us connect with you.



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your generosity.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*At the Name of Jesus*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The full text can be found at No. 435, *The Hymnal 1982*,  
with one additional stanza (*see Music Notes*).

*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.

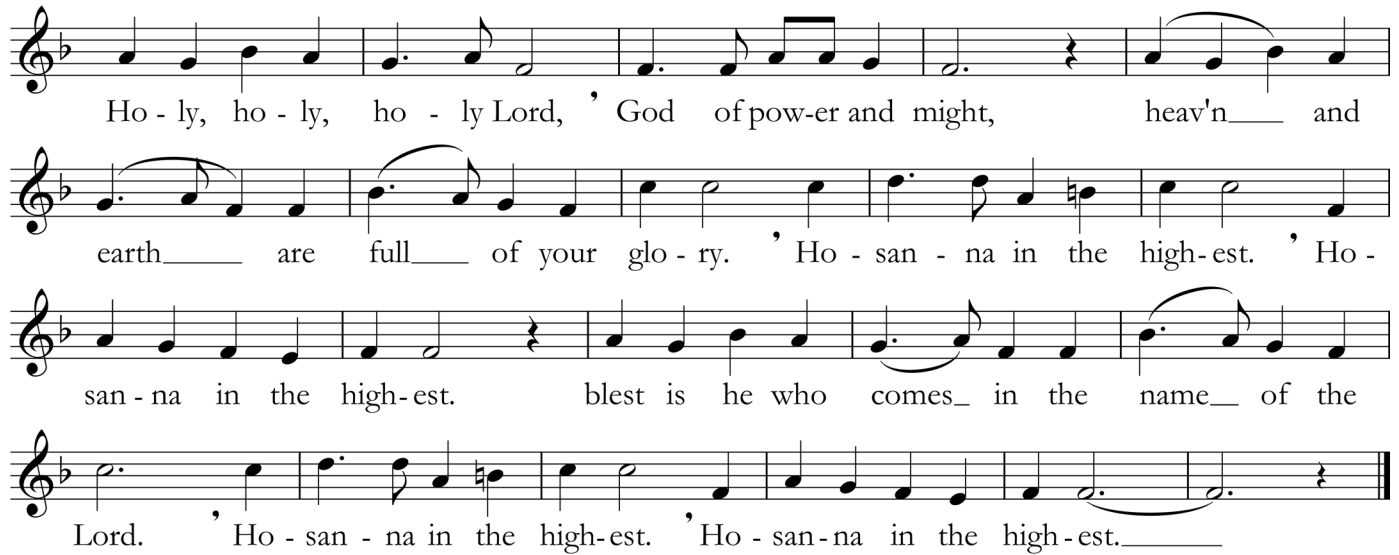
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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."

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,



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,  
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* 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

*O Salutaris Hostia* Melody from *Andernach Gesangbuch* 1609  
Harm. *The English Hymnal* 1906, St. 2 harm. EJT 2013

*Sung in Latin.*

O salutaris hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia: da robur, fer auxilium  
Uni trinoque Domino, sit sempiterna gloria, qui vitam sine termino, nobis donet in patria.

*O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give strength, bring aid.  
To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for life without end he gives us in (God's) Kingdom.*

#### Hymn 457 (Choir)

“Thou art the way”

## 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 487

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## 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

*Fugue*, Op. 12

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*(sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons)*

**Ned's Notes:** Our **Opening Organ Voluntary** and **Opening Hymn** are from the hand of Henry Purcell: the hymn-tune *Westminster Abbey* is an adaptation of the final section, *Alleluia!*, of Purcell's anthem *O God, thou art my God*, a setting of Psalm 63. Purcell was organist of Westminster Abbey from 1679 until his death, in 1695, at the age of 36. The great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams composed a number of hymn tunes that remain popular, and which are so well suited to the text that it would be difficult to think of them sung to any other music. His sturdy tune *King's Weston* was

written specifically for the text we'll hear today as our **Offertory Anthem**, *At the Name of Jesus*, sung in setting ("for a festival") by the composer.

2): At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the Angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders, in their great array.

Vaughan Williams also composed the tune of our **Closing Hymn**, "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life," found originally as one of his *Five Mystical Songs* for Baritone, Chorus, and Orchestra; first heard in 1911.

## We thank the following who are serving today:

**Lectors:** Frederick Whitmer, Valeri Whitmer

**Intercessor:** Gwen Reiss

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

**Chalice Ministers:** Laura Davis, Stan Twardy,  
Eileen Kennedy, Deb Luchs

**Acolytes:** Valerie Dyk, Paget Rollinson, Avery Boyce,  
Nick Chandra

**Organist-Choirmaster:** Ned Tipton

**The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists**

**Flower Guild:** Alice Clark, Barbara Strong

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

**Coffee Hour:** The Cox & Field families,  
Emily & James Morgan

**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

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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)

#### Centering Prayer

Thursday at 12:15PM in the church

## Matthew 25: Upcoming Service Opportunity

### 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! We're rolling up our sleeves to put the first vegetables in the ground.

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.

## What's Happening This Season?



### Have you read our Eastertide booklet yet?

Grab a copy in the narthex or around the campus to learn about all the upcoming opportunities at St. Mark's. You can also **scan the QR code for a digital copy.**



## 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 school year.

### Interested?

Contact Fr. John at [jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org).

## Youth

### 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:** Monday, June 15

**Scan the QR code to sign up.**

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



# Episcopal 101: For Newcomers and Inquirers

Wednesdays, May 6 & 13 from 5:30 – 6:30PM in the Youth Room

Two sessions remain 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.

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



## **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.

## Enter Your Dog in the May Fair Dog Show

**Saturday, May 9 at 1:30PM**

### **Calling all families and their furry friends!**

The May Fair Dog Show is a fun family event that celebrates our love for animals and the joy they bring us. This live event will be held on the plaza area in front of the entrance of St. Mark's Church. Families will present their dog to the announcer and walk around the plaza for audience

members to view. Then, they will compete and complete a short course that only requires walking. Tricks and costumes are welcomed and encouraged! Spots are limited. **Scan the QR code to register today.** We look forward to meeting your sweet pets.



## Don't Miss Our May Fair Silent Auction — Open to Everyone!

Whether or not you're joining us for Thursday evening's Pre-Sale Party, you won't want to miss your chance to bid in this year's exciting Silent Auction — and the good news is, you don't have to be there in person to participate! Our auction is open to the entire community, so everyone has a shot at taking home something truly special.

This year's auction features an incredible array of items curated with something for every taste and interest. From one-of-a-kind experiences and exclusive outings to coveted tickets for sporting events and live concerts, there's no shortage of ways to treat yourself or someone you love.

**Online Bidding opens Wednesday, May 6**, 24 hours before Thursday's Pre-Sale Party, giving you plenty of time to browse at your own pace, set your sights on

your must-have items, and place your bids — all from the comfort of your home. Simply **scan the QR code below** to access our bidding platform, create your account, and start exploring everything up for grabs.

**Not sure where to start?** Spend some time browsing before the party kicks off, then check back often — in a silent auction, the fun is in the chase! Whether you're a seasoned bidder or trying it for the first time, the process is simple, seamless, and a whole lot of fun.

All proceeds directly support St. Mark's ministry, so every bid you place makes a difference. Come for the competition, stay for the community — and may the best bidder win! We can't wait to see you there.





# MAY 8 & 9

**WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE, RIDES, FOOD & FUN!**



## May Fair

### WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- 20+ Midway Amusement Rides
- White Elephant Tag Sale  
*Great Treasures to be Found!*  
*Book Sale - Outdoor & Sporting Goods - Toys - Furniture - Rugs - Fine Goods - Housewares - Appliances - Linens*
- Food Court with Holy Smokers BBQ
- Strawberry Shortcake & Ice Cream
- Face Painting & Old Faithful Rides
- Live Entertainment  
*New Canaan Town Band - Pivot Ministries Choir - Dog Show*
- NEW Calm & Care Kids' Reset Space hosted by Inclusive Together

#### MAY 8 - FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**Wristband Sales: 4PM**

**Midway Rides: 5-10PM**

**Food Court: 5-8PM**

#### MAY 9 - SATURDAY

**Midway Rides: 9AM-6PM**

**White Elephant Tag Sale  
& All Venues: 9AM-3PM**

**Food Court: 10:30AM-3PM**



#### GETTING AROUND

##### GetAbout New Canaan

Vans run both days from Lumberyard Lot by train station.

#### SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

- Tag Sale Donation Details
- White Elephant Preview Party Tickets
- Volunteers Sign Up-All Ages & Talents



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David Gottlieb, *clarinet*

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026, 7PM

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840**



# LET'S TALK NEW CANAAN

A Community  
Conversation  
Across Political  
Differences

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



Led by  
Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton

A guided morning of deep listening,  
storytelling, and connection across  
political differences.

- Build empathy
- Strengthen community
- Open to all New Canaanites



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*Come curious.  
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# 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

8:30-11 AM  11 AM-1:30 PM  1-4 PM

### Donation Drop-Off - Sunday, May 3

1-3 PM  3-5 PM

### Set-Up Week: Monday, May 4 - Thursday, May 7

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

9 AM-12 PM \_\_\_\_\_

11 AM-2 PM \_\_\_\_\_

*\*With Daily Fellowship Luncheon\**

### Job or Dept?

Preferred,  
Not Required

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### Friday Night Lights: May 8, Open 5-10 PM

Beverages  5-7 PM  7-8:30 PM

Food Court/Strawberry Shortcake  5-7 PM  7-8:30 PM

Security/Ambassador  4:30-8 PM  7-10:30 PM

### Saturday May Fair - May 9 | Open 9AM-6PM

Morning

Mid-Day

Afternoon



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

