



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • July 12, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend John Kennedy

Preacher: The Reverend John Schultz

Opening Organ Voluntary

Pastorale (from *Sonata No 1*, Op. 42)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 632

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

1. O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.
3. O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

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

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

Kyrie



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

The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

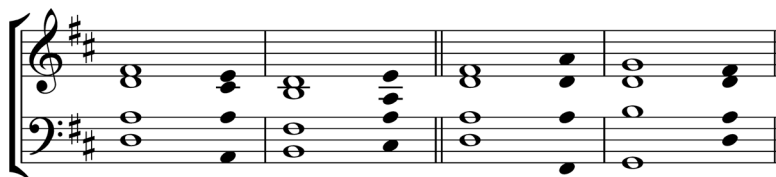
Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until
they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm 65: 9-14 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; ✓ you make it very / plenteous; *
the river of God is full of / water.
- ¹⁰ You prepare the / grain, *
for so you provide for the / earth.
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its / increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your / goodness, *
and your paths overflow with / plenty.
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with / joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, ✓ and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain; *
let them shout for joy and / sing.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this

reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the Cantor, then by all.



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

Traditional plainsong

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend John Schultz

The people stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

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

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

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops;
Peter, Elizabeth, and John, our clergy; and all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

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

We give thanks for...

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo

Panis angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Sung in Latin by Mary Petro Noonan, soprano

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

*The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals; the bread of heaven puts an end to symbols.
O wondrous thing! The Body of the Lord feeds the poor, the slave, and the humble.*

[Text, St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274]

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, McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Solo

Priez pour paix

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

(sung in French)

Priez pour paix, douce Vierge Marie, reine des cieux et du monde maîtresse ; faites prier, par votre courtoisie, saints et saintes, et prenez votre adresse vers votre Fils, requérant sa Hautesse. Qu'il lui plaise son peuple regarder, que de son sang a voulu racheter, en déboutant guerre qui tout dévoie. De prières ne vous veuillez lasser. Priez pour paix, priez pour paix, le vrai trésor de joie.

Pray for peace, sweet Virgin Mary, Queen of the skies and Mistress of the world. In your kindness and indulgence, please ask for prayers from all of the saints; and address your Son, beseeching his majesty, that it may please him to look upon his people, whom, with his blood, he wished to redeem; and that he banish war, which disrupts all. Cease not your prayers. Pray for peace, pray for peace, the true treasure of joy. [Words: Charles d'Orléans (1394-1465), trans. EJT 2023]

Hymn 505 (Soloist)

“O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

Post-Communion Prayer *(said together)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

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

The Blessing

People **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 535

“Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

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

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

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant 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

Chant Héroïque (from *Neuf Pièces*, 1945)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Ned's Notes: Our **Offertory Solo** is César Franck's most well-known choral work, *Panis Angelicus*, heard this morning in a version for solo soprano and organ. This movement is included in his *Messe en La Majeur* (his 'Mass in A Major' – musical settings of masses in France at the time were comprised of not only the expected *Gloria*, *Sanctus*, etc. movements, but also settings of other regularly-sung texts). Franck, born in French-speaking Belgium (but who has been officially adopted as "French"),

was a towering figure in 19th-century music in France. Our **Communion Solo** is a setting of a poem by Charles, Duc d'Orléans (1394-1465). Poulenc found this poem in the French newspaper *Le Figaro* of 29 September 1938, during the time of the Munich crisis when the whole world was on tenterhooks, fearing war with Germany. It is sung today, not only as a prayer for peace in France and our country, but also for our world.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Jennifer Dalipi, Janet Prill

Intercessor: Cassia Ward

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, John Harrison, Suzanne Harrison, Bill Post, Paul Reiss

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Wendy Hilboldt, Zack Crawford, Deb Luchs

Greeters: Amanda Sutton

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

Soloist: Mary Petro Noonan

Flower Guild

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

Coffee Hour: Libbet Field

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July 12, 2026 • The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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.stmarksnewcanan.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

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Centering Prayer

Thursday at 12:15PM in the church

Children

This Sunday, supervised summer activities are in the Library during regular 10AM class time for children in current Godly Play classes (K-2).

Regular childcare for younger children will be offered in the pre-school rooms. **Church School resumes on Sunday, September 13.**

Baptism - July 19



A service of Holy Baptism will take place on Sunday, July 19 at 10AM. The next baptism will be held on **November 1.** If you desire to be baptized, or to have a

child baptized, please be in touch with the church office at (203) 966-4515. **Scan the QR code** for more information about baptism.

A September Trip to Sing Sing Prison

Our July visit to Sing Sing with the *Frederick Douglass Project* is now fully subscribed. **There will be another opportunity to visit in September.** More information

on that visit will be coming soon. **If you are interested** in signing up for a September visit, please email Beth Ralston at bralston@stmarksnewcanaan.org

Open Doors: Help Fight Food Insecurity

St. Mark's is partnering with Open Doors of Norwalk to help close the summer meal gap for local families.

Summer is one of the hardest stretches for food-insecure households, as school meal programs pause and pantry shelves run low when need is highest.

Throughout the month, please drop off non-perishable food donations in the bins located in the narthex and outside Morrill Hall. **If you'd like to volunteer to drive our collected items over to Open Doors,** please be in touch: 203-966-4515 or bralston@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Grocery Pantry Most Needed Items

Low-sodium and sugar-free options are appreciated.

Manual can openers, Spaghetti, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Rice (2 lb bags), Mac & cheese, Canned vegetables,

Vegetable oil, Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags), Cereal, Oatmeal, Coffee, Tea, Spices, Fresh fruit and vegetables, Salad dressing & condiments, Canned pasta dinners, Jelly (grape or strawberry), Dried beans (red or black), Canned beans (red or black), Fruit cups or canned fruit, Canned tuna or chicken, All-purpose flour (2 or 5 lb bags), Pancake mix & syrup, Cream of wheat, Juice or juice boxes, Dry or shelf-stable milk, Reusable grocery bags.

Regular sizes are better than big family/economy size products! Many homes have limited storage, and it's also easier to carry for people who are walking or taking public transit.

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St. Mark's Church

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026
1:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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