



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • September 6, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Opening Organ Voluntary

Voluntary III, D major

William Croft (1678-1727)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 48

“O day of radiant gladness”

1. O day of radiant gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God Triune.
2. This day at the creation,
the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious
a triple light was given.
3. This day, God’s people meeting,
his Holy Scripture hear;
his living presence greeting,
through Bread and Wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
renewed with heavenly might,
from grace more grace receiving
on this blest day of light.
4. That light our hope sustaining,
we walk the pilgrim way,
at length our rest attaining,
our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the Church her voice upraises
to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
st. 4, *Hymnal 1982*

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song;
harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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*

Ezekiel 33:7-11

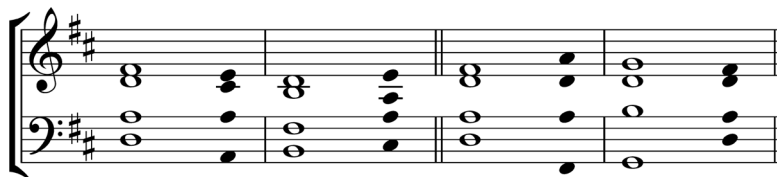
You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 (*To be sung by congregation and soloist.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your / statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the / end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, ✓ and I shall keep your / law; *
I shall keep it with all my / heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your com-/mandments, *
for that is my de-/sire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your de-/crees *
and not to unjust / gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; *
give me life in your / ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your / servant, *
which you make to those who / fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I / dread, *
because your judgments are / good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your com-/mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my / life.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a

one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

The people stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

The Prayers of the People

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

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

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops;
Peter and Elizabeth, 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

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

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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help us connect with you.



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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo

Behold, God is my salvation

William Croft

Ryland Angel, tenor

Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust in him and not be afraid,
for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song, and he is also become my salvation.
[Text: Isaiah 12:2]

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.

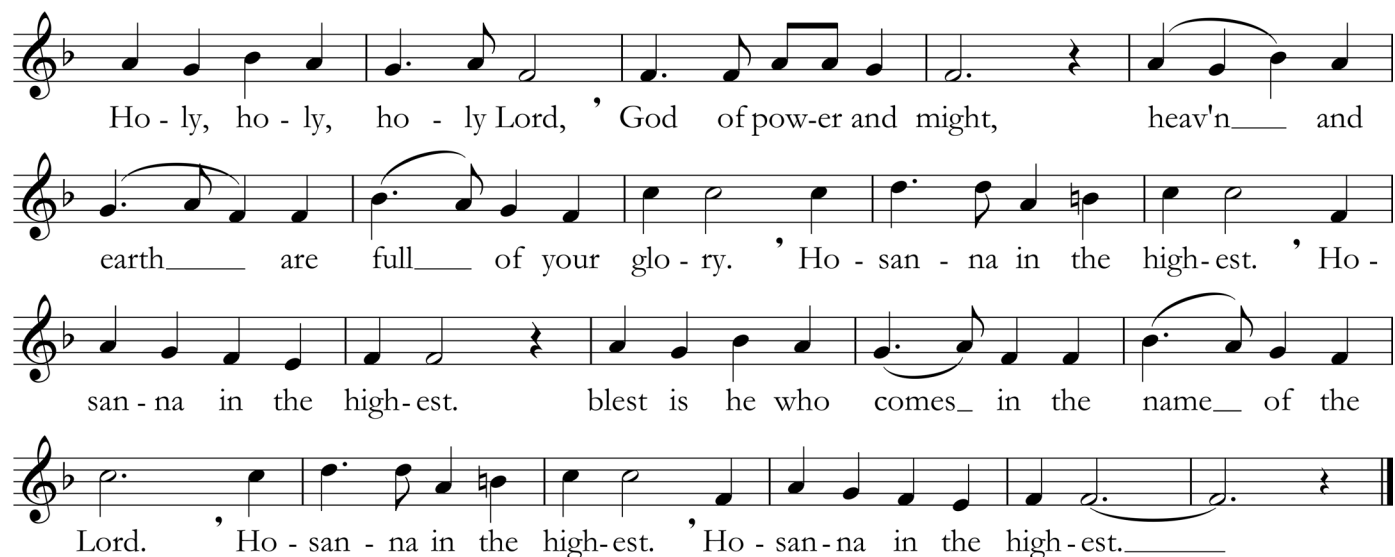
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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



A - men. A - men. A - - men.

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

At the river

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Hymn 617 (Soloist)

"Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round"

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

Voluntary VI, G major

William Croft

Ned's Notes: English Organist William Croft, composer of our **Organ Voluntaries** and **Offertory Solo**, was one of the foremost musicians of his day, eventually occupying the post of organist at Westminster Abbey. English pipe organs of the 17th and 18th centuries did not have pedal keyboards as do our modern instruments. Consequently, composers for the organ wrote as much “bass” into their compositions as possible. Composer, critic, writer, teacher,

pianist, and conductor Aaron Copland was referred to by his peers as the “Dean of American Music”. The open harmonies in much of his music are typical of what many consider to be the sound of American music, evoking the vast landscape of our country. Our **Communion Solo**, Copland's arrangement of a mid-19th-century hymn by American Baptist minister, poet, and composer Robert Lowry, is one of his most popular works.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Gwen Reiss, Phil Restifo

Intercessor: Stan Twardy

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

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Eleanor Lisher,
Deb Luchs, Stan Twardy

Greeters: Jeff & Lise Leist

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

Soloist: Ryland Angel

Flower Guild

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

Coffee Hour: The Fry and Pottharst families

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 6, 2026 • The Fifteenth 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

Call in: 978.990.5000 (access code: 811368)

Centering Prayer

Thursday at 12:15PM in the church

Don't Miss Everything Happening on September 13

The St. Mark's Choir returns!

The full St. Mark's Choir will back "on duty"! **Want to join them?**

Singers are needed in all sections for this diverse, enthusiastic, and dedicated group, essential to the beauty and spiritual depth of sung services. **Contact Ned Tipton** (ntipton@stmarksnewcanan.org)



Church School begins!

New to Church School? There will be a welcome table outside Morrill Hall where you can complete a short registration form.

Details on the next page.



Join us for the Parish Picnic!

The Parish Picnic will take place at **11:15AM** in the courtyard, between the Church and Morrill Hall. ALL are welcome. Please wear your nametag. If you don't have one, we can make one for you. We'll provide food for the grilling (burgers and hot dogs) and green salads will also be provided. We welcome your fork-friendly, ready-to-serve sides and desserts to share. Helping hands are needed to set up and break down tables and chairs, and clean-up after the picnic.



Sign Up



High School Gathering at the Rectory (September 20)

High schoolers: We want to hear from you.

What matters to you? What would you like to do with and for your church during your high school years?

Join Father Peter at the Rectory on September 20 at

5:30 PM for dinner, time to hang out, and a conversation about what you want youth ministry at St. Mark's to be.

Parents are invited to join at 6:45 PM for dessert, hear what the youth have been talking about, and join the conversation.

Your voice. Your ideas. Your youth group. Your church.

All students in grades 9–12 are welcome. Bring a friend!



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The Regular Church School Year Begins Sunday, September 13

Our 10 AM program includes:

Lion Cubs childcare for children ages 2 and under

Frolic playgroup for three- and four-year-old children
(These two groups remain in the preschool classrooms for the entire service.)

Godly Play 1 for kindergarten

Godly Play 2 for first and second grades

Holy Moly for third and fourth grades

Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades
(These classes join families in church at the Peace.)

New to Church School? There will be a welcome table outside Morrill Hall on September 13 where you can complete a short registration form.

Upcoming Special Events: Teach and Sing Sunday, Blessing of the Birds, Advent Wreathmaking, The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant, and more!

Questions? Contact Jan Maynes, Director of Children's Ministry, at children@stmarksnewcanaan.org

Confirmation Registration is Now Open

Confirmation Class is a process of discernment in which confirmands are encouraged to ask questions, seek answers, and explore their spiritual depths both in community and in quiet reflection and prayer. It is hoped that this journey be a joyful one for all who participate! The Gospel message is one of joy. Confirmands are invited and encouraged to come as they are, to be honest and authentic, and to have fun.

Plans are still being finalized for the 2026-2027 Confirmation Class schedule. **Please scan the QR code to be kept informed and help us prepare for this year's class.**

Youth confirmation is open to young people in **8th through 12th grade.**

Regional confirmation will take place at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 24, 2027.



Red Cross Blood Drive (September 8)

You can help save lives by donating blood on **September 8 in Morrill Hall**. Due to a shortage of much-needed blood, **the hours have been extended, beginning at 9AM.**



Hospitals throughout Connecticut depend on donated blood for surgeries, cancer treatment, emergency care, and more. Every donation makes a difference.

Please sign up today. Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

A Service of Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (September 27)

Join us on September 27 at 5PM for Solemn Evensong, perhaps the most uniquely Anglican or Episcopal service in Christian worship and one of our most beautiful means of outreach to the broader community.

Featuring the Choir of St. Mark's and organist Marnus Greyling, this service will be sung in observance of the

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (transferred from September 29). The evening will feature music written especially for the feast alongside well-loved Evensong repertoire, including works by Neary, Stanford, and Edgar Bainton.

No ticket required. All are welcome. A reception follows.

Save the Date: St. Mark's Men's Retreat (February 5–6, 2027)

Join the men of St. Mark's for a retreat at **St. Birgitta Convent in Tokeneke, Darien**, a peaceful waterfront setting overlooking Long Island Sound.

Led by The Rev. Dr. Justin Crisp, our time together will offer a chance to get away from the usual pace of life, enjoy good fellowship, and make space for conversation, reflection, and renewal.

Please note our new date: Originally planned for October 2026, the retreat will now take place **February 5 at 3PM through February 6 at 4PM.**

For now, save the date and plan to join us by the Sound. **Registration and additional details are coming soon.**

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