



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • October 11, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones

Opening Organ Voluntary

Pastorale, Opus 157

Mélanie Bonis (1858-1937)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

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| 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear! | 3. Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. |
| 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
as they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart. | |

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geistliche gesänge Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	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.

Gloria in excelsis, S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

setting by Robert J. Powell (b. 1932-2025)

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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*

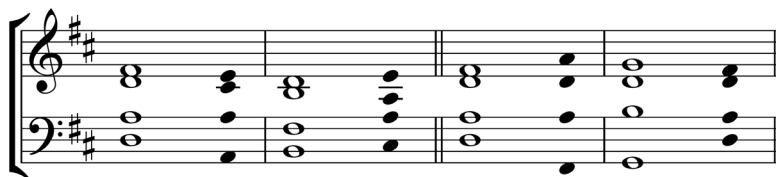
Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm
and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 23 (*To be sung by congregation and soloist.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ The Lord is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
- ³ He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ✓ I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me; ✓ your rod and your staff, ✓ they / comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, ✓ and my cup is running / over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



Traditional plainsong

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those in-

vited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones

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



**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.
We thank you for
your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anon, 16th Century English

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. *[Words, Philippians 4:4-7]*

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

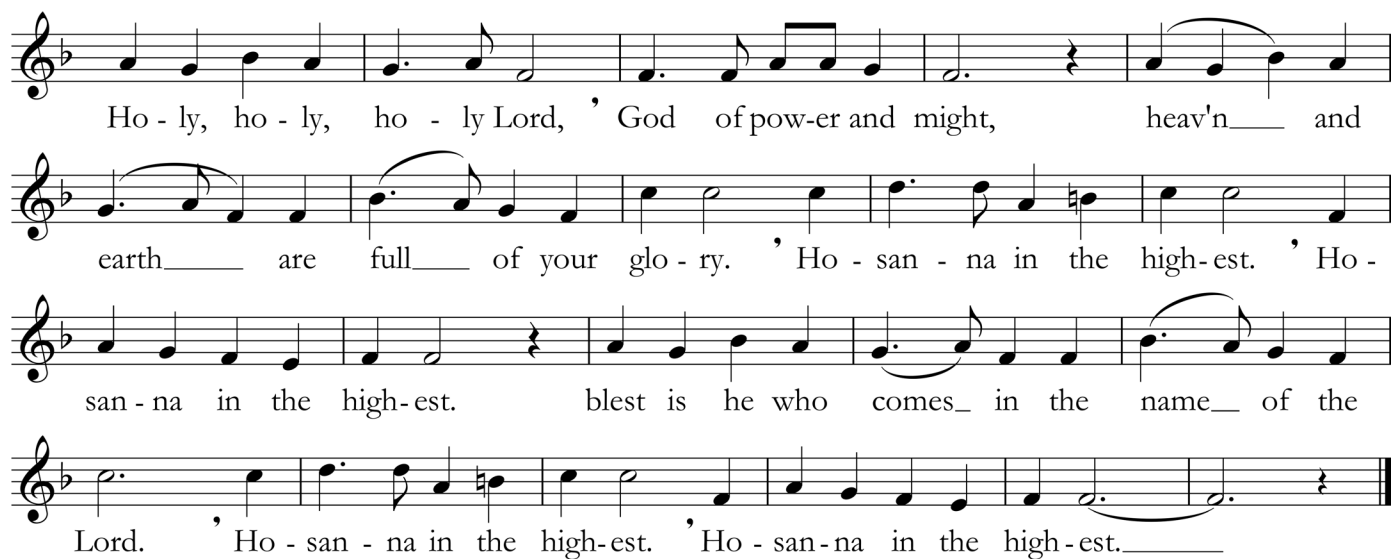
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

The Celebrant continues

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation



(*accomp.*) *All*
f Christ has died. ' Christ is ris- en. ' Christ will come a - gain.

Setting: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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

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

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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 (Choirs)

O Sacrum Convivium

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Hymn 321 (Choir)

“My God, thy table now is spread”

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 646

“The King of love my shepherd is”

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| 1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever. | 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth. | 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever. |

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23

Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willocks (b.1919)

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

Andante (from *Concerto*, Opus 4, No. 1, in G)

G. F. Handel (1685-1750)

Arr. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Ned's Notes: The composer of our **Opening Organ Voluntary**, Mélanie Bonis, was an extraordinarily prolific French late-Romantic composer: “Mél” wrote more than 300 pieces, including works for piano solo and four hands, organ pieces, chamber music, *mélodies*, choral music, a mass, and works for orchestra. At the age of 16

she entered the Paris Conservatoire, where she studied with César Franck and attended classes with the likes of Claude Debussy. Her compositions were greatly admired during her lifetime, fell into obscurity after her death, but have been recently revived in both performance and recordings.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Cassia Ward, David Kalal

Intercessor: Lise Leist

Ushers: Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, David Kalal,
Tom Pettibone, Bill Post, George Wright

Chalice Ministers: Wendy Hilboldt, Lise Leist,
Amanda Sutton, Deb Luchs

Greeters: Eleanor Lisher, Francie Thompson,
Jeff & Lise Leist

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Section Leaders

Flower Guild: Katherine Sherwin, Amy Macartney

Altar Guild: Mayme Walsh, Nancy Campbell, Jill Ernst,
Beth Kinney, Emily Morgan, Joanne Renwick, Cindy Tye

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

Worship With Us

Sundays

8AM Holy Eucharist • Chapel

9AM Holy Eucharist • Outdoors

10AM Holy Eucharist • Church & Livestream

During the Week

Morning Prayer Rite II • Mon–Fri, 8:30AM • Zoom

Praying the Rosary • Wednesday, 8:45AM • Conference call

Call in: (978) 990-5000 (access code: 811368)

Centering Prayer • Thursday, 12:15PM • Church

Children at St. Mark's

Church School is offered during the 10AM service

for children age 2 through seventh grade. Younger children remain in their classrooms throughout worship; kindergarten through seventh grade join their families in church at the Peace.

New to Church School? We'd love to welcome you.

Contact Jan Maynes, Director of Children's Ministry, at children@stmarksnewcanan.org.

Photography & Livestream Notice

St. Mark's regularly livestreams and records worship services and occasionally photographs parish programs and events to share the life of our community through church communications, including our website, email, social media, and print materials.

Please be aware that you may appear in photographs, livestreams, or recordings while attending worship or other events at St. Mark's. If you prefer not to be photographed or featured in church communications, please contact the Parish Office at churchoffice@stmarksnewcanan.org.

Around St. Mark's

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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.

This Week



Today's Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones

The Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones is an Episcopal priest at Trinity Church in New York City. He served as Director of Pastoral Care and senior clergy for partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean. Presently, he serves as Priest and Director of Spiritual Formation at Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall, CT.

He is Jamaican and a former Roman Catholic Jesuit priest.

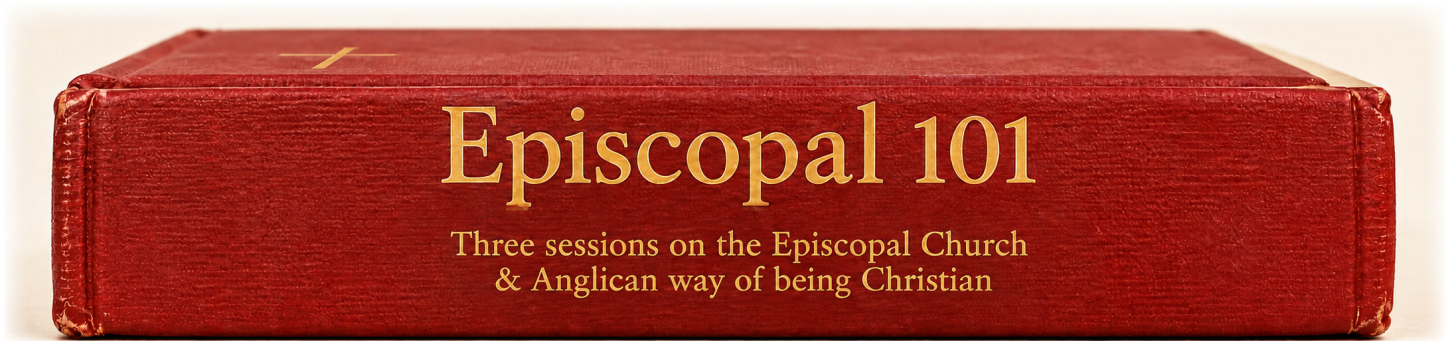
Fr. Mark has a wide range of experience, including 14 years of Jesuit training and work as a missionary in Belize, Brazil, and Guyana. Mark is fluent in Portuguese.

He is an avid reader, author, and seasoned public speaker and has taught at the elementary and university levels.

Fr. Mark's intellectual interests include the impact of social issues on faith and spirituality, race relations, the economic plight of the poor in Third World countries, and liturgical renewal, with a focus on openness to diversity and recognizing the gifts of children. He enjoys poetry and music of all kinds. "Questions, poetry, stories, and sitting in silence and darkness make me live and bring me hope," he says.

He is an award-winning author; recent books include *God Created*, *Jesus the Word*, *The Gospel of Barack Hussein Obama According to Mark*, *The Rastafari Book of Common Prayer*, *Absalom Jones: America's First Black Priest* (2021), and *Face to the Rising Sun: Reflections on Spirituals and Justice* (2021).

Coming Up



Register by TODAY for Episcopal 101: A Class for Newcomers & Inquirers

New to St. Mark's? Curious about what Episcopalians believe and practice? Considering Confirmation or Reception? Or simply looking for a refresher?

Led by the clergy of St. Mark's, Episcopal 101 explores the Anglican tradition and what it means to be an Episcopalian through three sessions:

The Bible in the Episcopal Church (Oct. 14)
The Sacramental Life of the Church (Oct. 21)
Prayer in the Life of the Church (Oct. 28)

Registration is required.
Please sign up by TODAY, October 11.



Blessing of the Goblins

Sunday, October 25 • 10AM

Goblins, superheroes, princesses, and creatures of all kinds are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church! **All children, in costume or not, are welcome**

to come forward for a special blessing as All Hallows' Eve approaches.

Medicare Made Simple

Sunday, October 25 • 11:30AM • Church Library

When you or a loved one becomes eligible for Medicare, there are many decisions to make and it is not a "one-size-fits-all" plan. Join us for an interactive discussion,

led by healthcare advisor and parishioner Robbie Pottharst, on how to select the best option based on health needs, preferred doctors and hospitals, and budget.

Blessings, Bites & Bingo!

Sunday, November 8 • 4–6PM • Morrill Hall

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, & fellowship with your family! Enjoy light bites, bingo, prizes, and plenty of fun for **just \$10 per person**. And bring the little ones: **professional childcare will be available** for our

youngest "Baby Bingo players." **Scan to register by November 1.** Please be sure to **register each adult and child attending.**



Get Involved

Put Your Extra 2027 Wall Calendars to Good Use

Are bright and beautiful 2027 wall calendars starting to arrive in your mailbox? **Don't recycle them. Pass them along!**

Each year, St. Mark's Samaritan Ministry collects new wall calendars to share at holiday time with neighbors who would enjoy something cheerful for their walls in the coming year. Calendars are given to residents and families

through New Canaan Schoolhouse Apartments, South Avenue Cottage, other local programs serving New Canaan residents, and Stamford Head Start.

Have a calendar you won't use? Drop it in the donation boxes in the narthex or on the shelf outside Morrill Hall.

Holy Baptism

Sunday, November 1 • 10AM

If you desire to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please contact the church office at (203) 966-4515.

More information about baptism is available on our website.

Confirmation 2026–2027

For 8th graders and high school students

Kickoff: November 22 • 11:30AM • Youth Room

Classes begin: December 6 • 11:30AM • Youth Room

We're looking forward to the 2026–2027 season. Our kickoff meeting will bring parents and confirmands together with Fr. Peter and Rev. Elizabeth to review the upcoming schedule and answer questions about the confirmation process. Classes will last one hour and will be taught by Fr. Peter and Rev. Elizabeth.

Confirmands are asked to attend church regularly throughout their 8th-grade year and serve as an acolyte seven times from October through April. Acolytes should arrive by 9:30AM on the Sundays they serve; Deb Luchs will prepare them.

Register for Confirmation



Sign up to Acolyte



Questions?

Contact Nancy Walton at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org

Pledge to the 2027 Annual Fund: One Spirit, One Community

Help sustain the St. Mark's community with a pledge to the 2027 Annual Fund. Your gift supports the people, programs, and experiences that define St. Mark's, and it makes the greatest impact on our operating budget.

Our goal this year is 345 pledges and \$2M.

Learn more at the Stewardship & Development Table during Coffee Hour, or contact Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship & Development, at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org or (203) 966-4515.

A Letter from Father Peter

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am excited to announce that I have called the Reverend Durango Jenkins to be an Associate Rector at St. Mark's. It is the right call for him and for us. During the interview and discernment process, the St. Mark's staff and Senior Warden soon coalesced around Father Durango with the clarity and enthusiasm that marks a Godly calling.

Durango has a bright energy and a probing intelligence. He brings a lifelong experience of the church and a keen desire to play a creative role in its emerging vitality. Like his predecessors in the position, he is the type of priest who gives us hope for the church now and the church of the future. To top it off, Durango grew up in the same town as Reverend Elizabeth: Greeley, Colorado. What are the odds?! Also, like Elizabeth, he went to the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he majored in English literature and graduated summa cum laude. He is a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he was awarded the Armistead Boothe Scholarship for Biblical Languages.



Durango comes to us from Brooklyn where he is just finishing a curacy, splitting his time in joint ministry between two parishes, St. Paul's Carroll Street and Christ Church Cobble Hill. There he launched a joint Sunday school program, collaborated to create a joint youth group, and established a joint monthly Theological Social designed to discuss a wide variety of theological and spiritual topics.

Initially, Durango will assume many of Father John's former duties. This will include Confirmation (beginning November 22) and Youth ministry, which is beginning a new season of reimagining. Moreover, Reverend Elizabeth, Rob Schwartz, and I are excited to welcome Durango to the *Rev'd up for Sunday* podcast.

We are also delighted to welcome Durango's husband, Keith Evenson. Keith is an aerospace engineer, who also grew up in Colorado.

Durango's first Sunday will be November 15, when he will be the preacher. I know on that day and the days to come you will enjoy welcoming Durango and Keith to St. Mark's.

Maranatha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Peter".

The Reverend Peter Walsh
Rector

A Letter from St. Mark's New Associate Rector

The Reverend Durango Jenkins

Dear People of St. Mark's,

I am overjoyed to accept the call to serve as Associate Rector at St. Mark's. When I first encountered St. Mark's digitally, I could feel God's presence in your community and see the joy and excitement that you bring to the work and mission of the Church. When I encountered St. Mark's in person, the people I met and the conversations I had affirmed my first impressions. I felt God tugging me towards St. Mark's because of your care and commitment to one another and to the Gospel. From prayerful and reverent worship, to the Gospel Garden, to robust children's formation, St. Mark's demonstrates a love for following Jesus. I can't wait to join you in our deeper life in Christ.

Campus ministry at the University of Colorado Boulder was formative for me. The Lutheran/Episcopal ministry was called Bread and Belonging. This name reminded us of the centrality of breaking bread together (both at the table and the altar) and the reality that we belong first and foremost to God. In the world, there are many ways we try to prove that we belong, but in the Church, we remember that we will always belong to God no matter what. As St. Paul says, "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). This theological framework has shaped my understanding of my priestly ministry. At St. Mark's, I am excited to share this sense of belonging with you in your daily life and worship, with people far and wide through the podcast, and particularly with the youth of the parish and those we serve through the Matthew 25 model of outreach.

When I was discerning where God was calling me to serve next, I kept thinking about how engaged St. Mark's is with Scripture, each other, and the wider community. This commitment to Jesus Christ and the mission to make disciples is laudable. I believe that serving with you will be a great blessing to me and my family.

My husband Keith and I are both Colorado natives. Rev. Elizabeth and I were even baptized at the same church in Greeley, CO. Keith and I met during college. I attended the University of Colorado Boulder and he was at the rival university (Colorado State), but we met at joint retreats through campus ministry. My discernment to the priesthood began after college and God led us to Virginia Theological Seminary, where I graduated in 2024. Keith and I (along with our dog Sullivan) have slowly made our way up the East Coast from Virginia for seminary to Brooklyn, where I have been serving St. Paul's Carroll Street and Christ Church Cobble Hill for the past two years. We are looking forward to our move to New Canaan this Fall. It will be quite an adjustment (I'll have to learn how to drive again), but we look forward to our life with you.

In Christ,

Durango Jenkins+



Upcoming Guest Preachers

October 18, 25, and November 8



Full Bios

October 18, The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin: Recently retired as rector of St. Columba's in Washington, D.C., Ledlie brings 35 years of parish ministry and a deep commitment to justice.

October 25, The Rev. Anne K. Bartlett: A priest for nearly 40 years, Anne is a retired Oregon rector who regularly worships at St. Mark's when visiting family.

November 8, The Rev. Mary E. Haddad: Based in Paris, Mary has served churches across the U.S. and Europe, with a ministry shaped by meditation and spiritual practice.



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