



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • October 18, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Preacher: The Reverend Ledlie Laughlin

Opening Organ Voluntary

Voluntary on 'Winchester New'

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 391

“Before the Lord Jehovah’s throne”

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| 1. Before the Lord's eternal throne,
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone;
he can create, and he destroy. | 4. We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise. |
| 2. His sovereign power without our aid
formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
he saved us from the power of death. | 5. Wide as the world is thy command,
vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move. |
| 3. We are his people, we his care,
our souls, and all our mortal frame:
what lasting honors shall we rear,
almighty Maker, to thy Name? | |

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

Isaiah 45:1-7

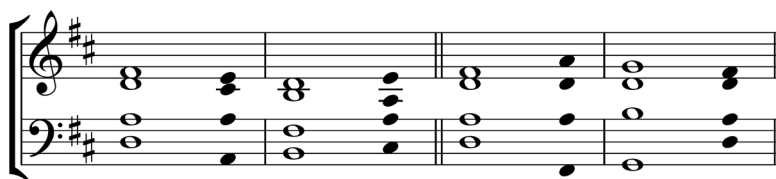
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you,
though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9 (*To be sung by congregation and soloist.* ✓ = **take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a / new song; *
sing to the Lord, ✓all the whole / earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord and bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to / day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the / nations *
and his wonders among all / peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be feared than all / gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, ✓they are but / idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the / heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, ✓you families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and / power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his / Name; *
bring offerings and come into his / courts.

2nd half of chant

- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be-/fore him.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons

we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



Traditional plainsong

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you

putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Ledlie Laughlin

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

Blessing the Community of Hope

Celebrant Let us pray together,
**Almighty God, you command us to love one another as you have loved us;
We give thanks for our Community of Hope lay pastoral care teams, and ask your blessing on their visits,
deliveries, calls, and care for the bereaved, sick and homebound of our parish.
May each one of us be ready to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1573)

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. [*Words, Tobit 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.

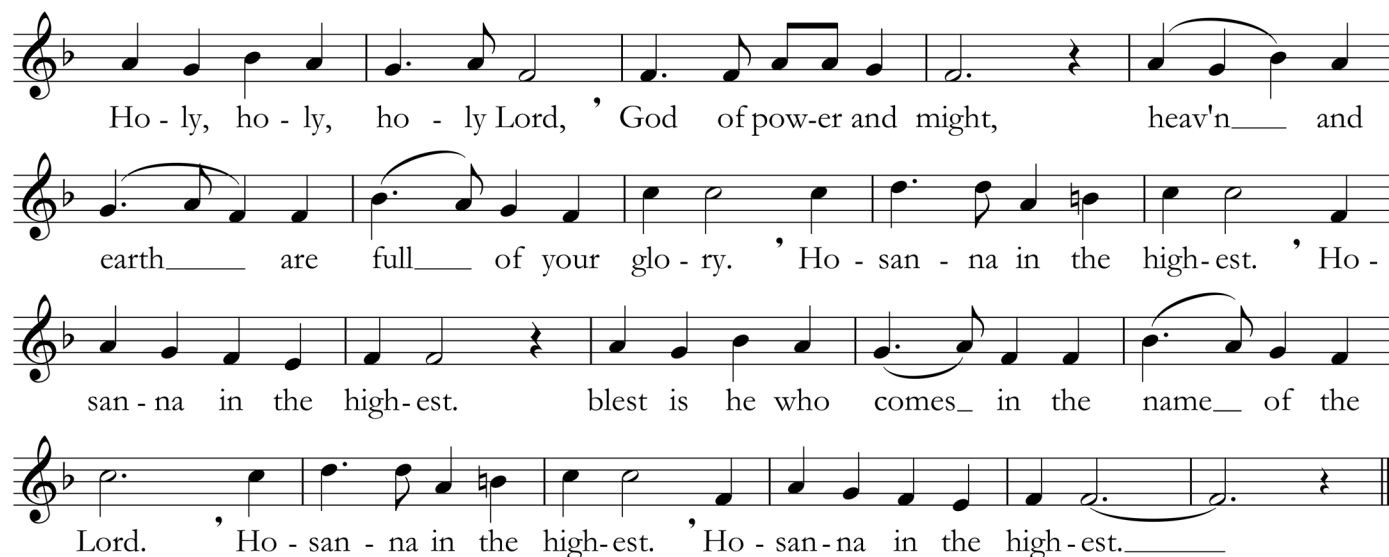
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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)

Agnus Dei

John Stainer (1840-1901)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Hymn 706 (Choir)

“In your mercy, Lord, you called me”

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 544

"Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun"

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| 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice. | 5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen. |
| 3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name. | |

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

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

Postlude on 'Duke Street'

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

Ned's Notes: The composer of this morning's **Offertory anthem**, 16th century English composer and organist Christopher Tye, is said to have been music teacher to King Edward VI, who reportedly quoted his father, Henry VIII, as greatly admiring Tye's musical talents. Tye was still active during the reign of Henry VIII's daughter, Queen Elizabeth, and a contemporary of Tye's wrote about him, "... a peevish man, especially in his latter days, and sometimes while playing on the organ in the

chapel of Queen Elizabeth ... she would send the verger to tell him that he played out of tune: whereupon he sent back word that her ears were out of tune". Tye chose for the text of this anthem a few brief lines from the Book of Tobit, thought to have been written in the 2nd century B.C., regarded by Protestants as apocryphal. Tobit instructs his son Tobias regarding the values of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, before Tobias' departure on a journey.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Kate Maco, Gwen Reiss

Intercessor: Stan Twardy

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, Mike Paniwozik, Tom Pettibone, Bill Post, Paul Reiss

Chalice Ministers: Duke Beecher, Eileen Kennedy, Eleanor Lisher, Stan Twardy, Deb Luchs

Greeter: Mark Thorsheim

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Section Leaders

Flower Guild: Maureen Mayer, Alice Clark

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

Coffee Hour: Lisa & Scot Melland, Alice Clark, Mayme Walsh

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.stmarksnewcanan.org.

This Week



Today's Guest Preacher: The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin

The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin recently retired as the rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. With thirty-five years of experience in parishes of all sorts, Ledlie leads with an infectious and joyful faith in Jesus Christ and a deep commitment to justice in our society.

Before going to St. Columba's, Ledlie served for sixteen years as the Rector of St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia and in churches in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

Ledlie received his BA with Honors from Oberlin College, a certificate in mastery of the Japanese Tea Ceremony from Urasenke Kyoto, and his Master of Divinity degree from Yale University. In this new season of life, Ledlie and his wife, Sarah, now live in Redding, where they enjoy lots of walking and time with family; they have two grown children and four grandchildren. Ledlie is the father of St. Mark's parishoner India Cooley.

Servant Sundays: Celebrating Our Community of Hope

October 18–November 15

A visit, a warm meal, a bouquet, a caring phone call, and sometimes a wagging tail. Through our **Community of Hope**, St. Mark's volunteers share Christ's love in personal and practical ways.

Over five **Servant Sundays**, we'll recognize and give thanks for a different team each week, learning more about the people and ministries that help us care for one another.

Today, October 18 — Pastoral Pup Team: Frances and her handlers bring comfort and companionship through their visits.

Join us as we celebrate these ministries, and consider how you might be part of this community of care.

To learn more or get involved, contact the Church Office or Rev. Elizabeth.

Coming Up

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.**



Episcopal 101: It's Not Too Late to Join!

Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 PM • Youth Room

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. Two sessions remain:

The Sacramental Life of the Church (Oct. 21)

Prayer in the Life of the Church (Oct. 28)

Missed the first class? No problem! While attending the full series is encouraged, each session offers something valuable on its own. You're welcome to join us for one or both of the remaining classes!

Registration is still open.
Sign up today!



Upcoming Guest Preachers

October 25 and November 8



Full Bios

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.



St Marks
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Friends of Music



Maurice Duruflé: *Requiem*

*Version for Choir, Chamber Orchestra,
and Organ, 1961*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 5PM
(pre-concert lecture at 4:30pm)

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

Get Involved

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.

Newcomer Welcome

Sunday, November 15

Whether you're brand new to St. Mark's or have been joining us for a while, we'd love to celebrate and welcome you with a special blessing during worship and our traditional potluck gathering on Sunday, November 15!

At the 10AM service, we'll recognize those who wish to formally become members of St. Mark's with a liturgical blessing. (**Note:** This is NOT a prerequisite to coming to the evening party!)

At 5:30PM, join us for an informal potluck at the Rectory (89 Logan Road, New Canaan). It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, get to know our clergy and staff, and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. All newcomers are welcome.

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth at egarnsey@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

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, Rev. Elizabeth, and Fr. Durango to review the upcoming schedule and answer questions about the confirmation process. Classes will last one hour and will be taught by Fr. Durango.

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

Have Extra Holiday Cards? Share the Cheer!

Samaritan Ministry Holiday Card Collection

A simple holiday card can brighten someone's day! Each year, St. Mark's Samaritan Ministry sends warm greetings to homebound parishioners, friends near and far, and neighbors who could use a little extra cheer.

Have unused holiday cards at home? We'd love to put them to good use! We're especially seeking **general**

holiday and seasonal greeting cards (rather than Christmas-specific cards), along with matching envelopes.

Please drop off your cards by Sunday, November 15, in the donation boxes in the Narthex (Lobby) or outside Morrill Hall. Thank you for helping us spread a little holiday cheer!

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. **Scan to make a pledge.**



Registration Now Open for the Men's Retreat!

February 5–6, 2027 • Convent of St. Birgitta, Darien

"Who do you say I am?" (Luke 9:20)



Join the men of St. Mark's for a retreat by Long Island Sound at the beautiful Convent of St. Birgitta. **Led by The Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp**, this year's retreat will explore Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?" and what it might mean for our lives and faith today.

Set on a peaceful 10-acre estate overlooking a quiet cove, the retreat offers a chance to step away from the usual pace of life, enjoy fellowship, and make space for meaningful conversation, reflection, and renewal.

Registration is now open! The retreat runs from Friday at 4PM through Saturday at 4PM. **Registration is \$225 per person, including meals.** Space is limited to 37 participants, with registration on a first-come, first-served basis.

Scan the code to register, or contact Beth Ralston at bralston@stmarksnewcanaan.org or 203-966-4515. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of full payment. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark's.



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Go and make disciples who live
a deeper life in Christ
a more holy communion with one another and
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St. Mark's Vision

A church bursting with disciples who are so transformed by the Holy Spirit that
they live to give for the love of the Lord.



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