

The Reverend Durango Jenkins

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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,

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