The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • November 15, 2026
Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh
Preacher: The Reverend Durango Jenkins
Assisting: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Opening Organ Voluntary *Prelude* (*Prelude and Fugue*, G Major, Opus 37, No. 2) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 48 (Stz. 1, 3, 4) "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.

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.

Gloria in excelsis, S 280 setting by Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

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;
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.

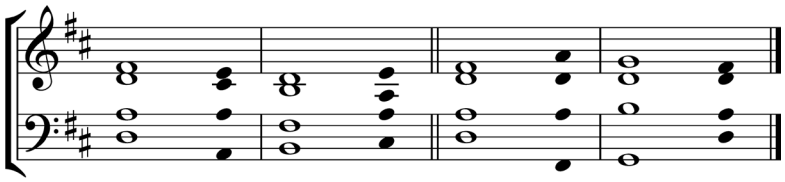
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit* Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *(To be sung by congregation and soloist.* ✓**= take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

1 Lord, you have been our / refuge *
from one generation to an-/other.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, ✓or the land and the earth were / born, *
from age to age you are / God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and / say, *
"Go back, ✓O child of / earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past *
and like a watch in the / night.
5 You sweep us away like a / dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.
6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.
7 For we consume away in your dis-/pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indign-/ation.
8 Our iniquities you have set be-/fore you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.
12 So teach us to number our / days *
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the Cantor, then by all.



Traditional plainsong

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon The Reverend Durango Jenkins

The people stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

The Prayers of the People

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

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

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops;
Peter, Elizabeth, and Durango, 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 all the blessings of this life...

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 Celebration of Newcomers

Jill Ernst, Chair of Newcomer Ministry, presents the new members, saying:
Father Peter, I present to you these persons who are finding a church home in St. Mark's.

Once all names are read, the group is invited to stand and the Celebrant addresses them, saying:
Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that God has led you to this congregation.
As fellow seekers and disciples of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith through prayer and regular worship with us, and by your gracious support of this congregation and our shared mission in the world?

The newly welcomed respond:
We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant says to the Congregation:
Bound together in love and united into one body by one Spirit,
will you, the members of St. Mark's, support these persons through fellowship, prayer, and example?

The congregation responds:
We will, with God's help.

Priest May the God who brought us all to this place bless our community with faith, hope, and love.
Please welcome our new friends in Christ.

The congregation responds:
We give thanks to you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit,
who draws us together from all walks of life, and makes us one body, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a sign of peace.

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 *Jesus, lead the way* Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

1) Jesus, lead the way through our life's long day, and with faithful footsteps steady we will follow ever ready, guide us by your hand to the promised land. 2) Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won; and although the way is cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land. 3) Jesus, be our light in the midst of night. Let not faithless fear o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us; may we feel you near as we worship here. 4) When in deepest grief, strengthen our belief. When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring; Lord, we seek your face in this holy place. 5) Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won; if you lead us through rough places, grant us your redeeming graces. When our course is o'er, open heaven's door. *[Words, Nikolaus von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760, trans.]*

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

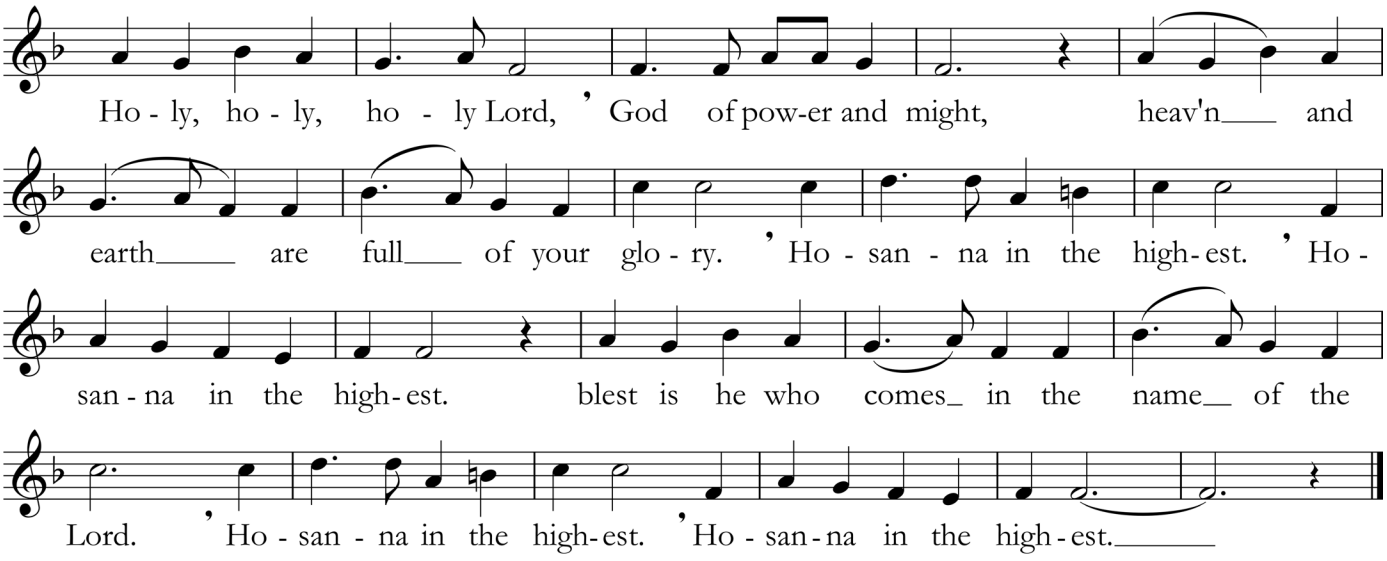
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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



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



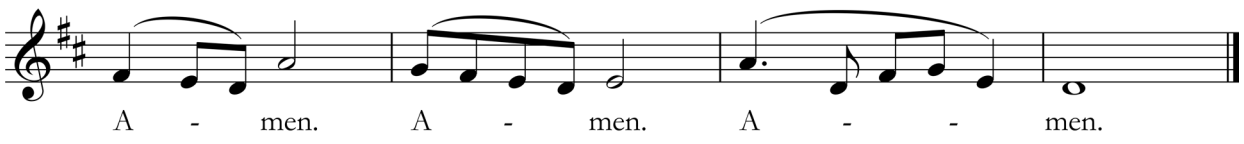
Settting: from *A Community Mass,* Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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, 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,
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 (Short Service of Holy Communion) attr. Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Hymn 617 (Choir) "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 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway,
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

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 *Allegro di molto e con fuoco* (from *Fantaisie*, E-flat Major) Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Ned's Notes: The melody of our **Offertory Anthem**, *Jesus, lead the way*, is a melody by the 17th century German court musician and *Kapellmeister* Adam Drese. The hymn-tune received the name *"Seelenbräutigam"* from the first line of the text associated with the tune *"Seelenbräutigam, Jesu, Gotteslamm!"* ("Bridegroom of the soul, Jesus, Lamb of God!"). Our **Closing Organ Voluntary** is the robust 2nd section of Saint-Saëns' first published organ work, his *Fantaisie* in E-flat, composed in 1857 for the inauguration of the organ of the Church of *St Merri* (near the *Centre Georges Pompidou* in Paris), where he was organist.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Stan Twardy, Kate Maco
Intercessor: Margot Thorsheim
Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, John Harrison, Joe Leo, Eric Thunem, George Wright
Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Eleanor Lisher, Deb Luchs, Aaron Miller, Stan Twardy
Greeters: Mark Thorsheim, Amanda Sutton, Lori Kelly
Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton
The St. Mark's Choir and Section Leaders
Flower Guild: Katherine Sherwin, Rachael Field
Altar Guild: Katherine Sherwin, Alice Clark, Eloise Killeffer, Hillary McGrail, Katy Norton, Natalie Venetos
Coffee Hour: Jessie Cox, Jim Noonan
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

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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@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

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Around St. Mark's

November 15, 2026 • The Twenty-Fifth 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.stmarksnewcanaan.org.

This Week

Today's Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob Rockafellow by Robin Rockafellow.

Newcomer Welcome

Today, 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 this evening!

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 Zibby Perkins at zperkins@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Spotlighting Our Community of Hope Ministries

This Week's Spotlight: Grief Support Group

Mondays, November 23–December 21 • 2–3PM • Church Library

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to a five-week Grief Support Group led by parishioner Cyra Borsy. Together, we'll make space to grieve, share, listen, sit quietly, or simply be heard.

Scan the code to register.

The Community of Hope ministries touch over 600 people in the course of a year. **If you would like to learn more or get involved**, please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elizabeth.

Coming Up



Gather Together. Bring Advent Home.

Advent Wreath Making • Sunday, November 29 • Morrill Hall • After the 10AM Service

Join us during coffee hour to create a complimentary Advent wreath—a beautiful way to gather your family, light a candle, and make room for hope, peace, joy, and love as Christmas draws near.

We'll provide candles and greens; extra greens from your yard are welcome! **Please bring your wreath frame from last year and clippers if you have them.** A limited number of frames and clippers will also be available. Start a new family tradition or continue a favorite one.

Get Involved



Be Part of The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant!

Register by Monday, November 30

Children in a threes preschool program through seventh grade are invited to join The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant, a beloved part of our Christmas Eve celebration.

Registration for the 2026 cast and crew is now open! Sign up by Monday, November 30, so we can plan roles and begin our behind-the-scenes preparations.

Scan the code to register online.

Rehearsal Schedule

- **Sunday, December 6 | 11:30AM–Noon | Library**
  Grades 3–7 only. Principal roles will be assigned.
- **Sunday, December 13 | 11:30AM–12:30PM | Sanctuary**
  All pageant players. Participants in non-principal roles will be dismissed around 11:45AM.
- **Sunday, December 20 | 11:30AM–12:30PM | Sanctuary**
  All pageant players.
- **Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24, at 5PM**
  Participants should arrive by 4:15PM.

Questions? Contact Jan Maynes at (203) 966-4515 or children@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Serve Up Some Joy This Season

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed November 22, December 6, 13, and 27

Keep the coffee, conversation, and community flowing at the World's Greatest Coffee Hour! Host, bring food, serve, or help clean up.

Hosting is simple: church food and supplies are available, and additional purchases can be reimbursed. **Scan the QR code to sign up online** or add your name to the board in Morrill Hall.

Confirmation Kicks Off on November 22

For 8th graders and high school students

Join us for our Confirmation kickoff on Sunday, November 22, at 11:30AM in the Youth Room. Parents and confirmands will meet with the clergy to review the schedule and ask questions.

One-hour classes led by Fr. Durango begin Sunday, December 6, at 11:30AM in the Youth Room.

Scan to register for Confirmation
Questions? Contact Fr. Durango at djenkins@stmarksnewcanaan.org

Put Those 2027 Calendars to Good Use

Samaritan Ministry Calendar Collection

Have a beautiful 2027 wall calendar you won't be using? **Bring it to St. Mark's!**

Our Samaritan Ministry is collecting new wall calendars to give at holiday time to families and neighbors throughout our community. It's a simple way to turn something extra in your mailbox into something bright and useful for someone else's home. **Drop your calendars in the donation boxes in the narthex or on the shelf outside Morrill Hall.**

Last Call for Extra Holiday Cards. Share the Cheer!

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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.

TODAY is the deadline to drop off your cards in the donation boxes in the narthex (lobby) or outside Morrill Hall. Thank you for helping us spread a little holiday cheer!

Help Nominate Our Next Parish Leaders

The Nominating Committee has begun its work in preparation for the upcoming Annual Meeting when elections will be held for the four open Vestry positions and three Nominating Committee positions. The members of this year's committee are Gaby Beecher, Rab Ker, Kent Percy, Zibby Perkins, Ali van Nes, and Lori Wyckoff. They have begun the process of compiling a list of potential candidates, to have a slate ready for the January 31, 2027 Annual Meeting. **Please contact the church office or any one of the committee members if you have ideas for possible candidates.**