



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • September 29, 2024

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Assisting: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Opening Organ Voluntary

Ayre, F Major

Robert J. Powell (b.1932)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 546

“Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

1. Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
and press with vigor on;
a heavenly race demands thy zeal,
and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.
2. A cloud of witnesses around
hold thee in full survey;
forget the steps already trod,
and onward urge your way,
and onward urge your way.
3. ‘Tis God’s all-animating voice
that calls thee from on high;
‘tis his own hand presents the prize
to thine aspiring eye,
to thine aspiring eye.
4. Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
and press with vigor on;
a heavenly race demands thy zeal,
and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Siroe*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815

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 (b. 1932)

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

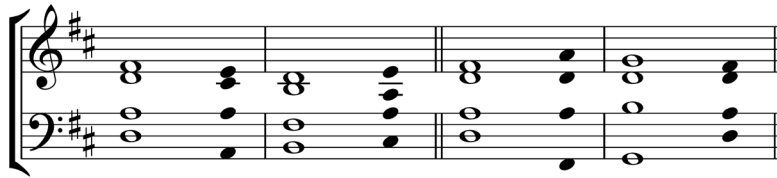
Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14 (*To be sung by congregation and choir*)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the / soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the / heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for / ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous alto-/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the / comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en-/lightened, *
and in keeping them there is great re-/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of-/fends? *
cleanse me from my secret / faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion / over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your / sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my re-/deemer.

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us,

and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

The Gospel Acclamation

The people stand, as able.



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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you

to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend John Kennedy

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

Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people and come swiftly to aid us as we say,
Lord in your grace, hear our prayer.

Grant your church wisdom to bring about the beloved community through our commitment
to individual and communal transformation and redemption.

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Grant our nation strength and forbearance to peacefully resolve our differences
and to live in amity with our neighbors.

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Grant an abiding faith and discerning hearts to all of us gathered to hear these words;
that we might live into your will and be your people.

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Give to us clarity, that we might perceive and comprehend the gravity of the global issues which we face,
and a determination to work together to implement sustainable and equitable solutions.

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Lift the burdens of those who are ill, those who face overwhelming challenges, and those who are fearful.
Bring them healing and peace. Especially we pray for...

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Grant peace and a welcome into your eternal grace to those who have died, remembering especially...
Bring us to that place where with them we may all live again in your glorious kingdom.

Lord in your grace,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of power and might, your eternal essence is love. Guide us as we seek to live fully into our belovedness
and grant us an answer to our prayers that fulfills our deepest longings and reflects your glory into the
darkness of our lives and world. All this we ask through your Son, our Lord, who with you and the
Holy Spirit reigns supreme, One God, indivisible, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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help us connect with you.



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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Jesus, lead the way

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 God 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

organ All
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melodic line for the organ and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." There are three-measure rests (triplets) indicated above the notes for "heaven and earth", "Bless - ed", and "comes in".

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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 *(spoken)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The People sing.



Setting: McNeil Robinson (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

Jesus, lead my footsteps ever

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jesus, lead my footsteps ever. ever all my senses guide.

From all ills my doings sever. Put all else than thee aside.

Jesu, let thy grace attend me; from all evil e'er defend me.

[Words, Charles Sanford Terry, 1864-1936]

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 709

“O God of Bethel, by whose hand”

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
O God of Israel, be the God
of this succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.
4. O spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace!
5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our covenant God
and portion evermore.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.
Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615

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

Fanfare for Organ

Richard Proulx

Ned's Notes: Robert J. Powell, the composer of our **Opening Organ Voluntary**, was for many years the Organist & Choirmaster of Christ Church, Greenville, SC; Powell also composed the setting of *Gloria in excelsis* and *Sanctus* that we're currently singing, as have thousands of other churches over the decades since he composed

them for *The Hymnal 1982*. Another composer and consultant in the compilation of our hymnal was Richard Proulx, who penned both our **Offertory Anthem** and **Closing Organ Voluntary**. Proulx was long associated with Holy Name Cathedral (RC) in Chicago.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Rick DeNey, Stan Twardy

Intercessor: Eric Thunem

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Robert Grieves, Joe Leo, Bill Post, Paul Reiss, Eric Thunem, Cindy Tye

Greeter: Viktoria Cooper

Chalice Ministers: Stan Twardy, Eleanor Lisher, Gary Ward, Amanda Sutton, Deb Luchs

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists

Flower Guild: Peppi Jones

Altar Guild: Barbara Noble, Sara Smith, Shelby Cromwell, Wendy Hurst, Caroline Hutton, Pamela Shea

Coffee Hour: Jose & John Michael Bain-Colon, Jeremy & Kate Maco, Emily & James Morgan

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 29, 2024 • The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Mark's. We are a community of love formed by the grace of God.

Together we seek to follow the spiritual practices of a Jesus-centered life. We hope that you will join us as we seek a deeper life in Christ, a more holy communion with one another, and a greater love for the world.

You can find more information on our website: www.stmarksnewcanan.org.

Weekly Worship

Worship and Program Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8AM In the Chapel

9AM Outdoors

10AM Indoors & live-streamed

5PM In the Chapel

Praying of the Rosary

Wednesday at 8:45AM via conference call

Call in: 978.990.5000 (access code: 811368)

Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05PM in the Chapel.

Weekday Morning Prayer via Zoom

Monday-Friday • 8:30AM • Morning Prayer Rite II

Check Out Our Revamped Website

We're excited to announce the launch of St. Mark's newly redesigned website at stmarksnewcanan.org!

Whether you're looking to watch the live stream or find information about upcoming events, worship services, or ways to get involved, our new site has everything you

need. Find sermons and the *Rev'd Up for Sunday* podcast right on the home page. Explore the new calendar to stay up to date with parish happenings of all kinds. It's packed with information and changing every day. Check it out – and let us know what you think!

Children

Our 10AM program includes:

Lion Cubs childcare for children ages 2 and under
Frolic playgroup for three- and four-year-old children
(These two groups remain in the classrooms for the entire service.)

Godly Play 1 for kindergarten

Godly Play 2 for first and second grades

Holy Moly for third and fourth grades

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

Upcoming Special Events: Blessing of the Birds (10/6)

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

Happening today:

Learn About the Eucharist

Godly Play and Holy Moly and their families are invited to learn about the Eucharist with Rev. Elizabeth in the St. Mark's library at 10AM. We will not actually receive the bread and wine at that time but will enter the church at the Peace to join the whole congregation in time for Holy Communion.

Learn to be a Lector

Meet in the Middle will gather in the Youth Room at 10AM to learn about the role of lectors in Sunday worship as we prepare to participate in future services.

Childcare will be provided as usual for children not yet in kindergarten.

Youth

Youth Group TONIGHT with Father Peter

Join us tonight, from 5:45-6:45PM in the Youth Room for a special Michaelmas celebration led by Father Peter! We'll explore the story of Michael and All Angels with fire, s'mores, and fun. All high school youth are invited to this exciting event following the 5PM Contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel.

Youth Hike at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Saturday, October 5, 9-11AM

All high school youth are invited to join us for a fall hike at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation on Saturday, October 5, from 9-11AM. **We'll meet at St. Mark's at 9AM to carpool together.** It's a wonderful chance to enjoy the outdoors, connect with friends, and take in the beauty of the season. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. **RSVP** to jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org to let us know you'll be joining the adventure!

Taizé Youth (9-12th Grade) Pilgrimage: February 13-23, 2025

Registration closes on October 15

We are returning to Taizé! Taizé is an ecumenical Christian monastic community in rural France focused on bringing youth and young adults together for Bible study, prayer, and communal work. Over 100,000 young people from around the world visit each year. This year, we are joining

with Christ Church Bronxville who has led high school youth on this pilgrimage for over 20 years. Fr. John will lead our St. Mark's pilgrims.

Our primary destination is the Taizé Community, where we will spend seven days immersed in its rhythm of life. We'll begin our journey with a few days in Madrid, exploring the rich culture of this vibrant city, including the Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, and Plaza Mayor, while acclimating and fostering friendships.

The cost of the trip is \$2,800.

To register or learn more, scan the QR code, and be in touch with Fr. John (jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org) if you have any questions.



Confirmation Class Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2024-25 Confirmation Class is now underway. Confirmation Class will be taught by Fr. John and is open to youth in 8th grade or above. **Please scan the QR code to sign up online** (or email Fr. John at jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org). **Classes will begin Sunday, October 6.** A schedule of classes can be found on the signup form. Registration will close at the end of the month.



Music

Ryland Angel, tenor & Ned Tipton, piano

Folk Songs through the Ages

Saturday, October 19, 6PM

Tickets: \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door/\$5 students

Available through the church office and via QR code



Ryland and Ned have collaborated in recitals and concerts for over thirty years, and on two continents. This recital will feature songs of the great Scottish lyricist and poet Robert Burns (a sampling of his enormous output of over 550 songs and poems), folk song arrangements of Benjamin Britten, and others – from the Middle Ages to our day.

Sing with the St. Mark's Choir!

Singers are needed in all sections for this diverse, enthusiastic, and dedicated group, essential to the beauty and spiritual depth of sung services. It is our “care and delight” to sing every Sunday (September through early June/Trinity Sunday) and for all major holidays of the church year.

Weekday rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, 7-8:45PM. If you love to sing, have some sight-reading ability, and would enjoy this labor of love with a wonderful group of people, **please contact** our Director of Music Ministry, Ned Tipton at ntipton@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Children's Choir Opportunities for 2024-2025

Calling all children in kindergarten and up - Join us! We welcome current and new members to join one of our two children's choir levels:

Joyful Noyze: For children in kindergarten through second grade, Wednesdays 4-4:30PM

Choristers: For children in third grade and older, Wednesdays 4:30-5:30PM

Rehearsal and performance schedules follow the New Canaan school calendar. **For more information**, please contact Ned Tipton through the church office or ntipton@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Coffee Hour

Be a Coffee Hour Hero This Fall!

We are looking for households or individuals to sign up to **help host a coffee hour in October and November**.

Coffee is (as always) made by Ed, so all you need to do is prepare platters of goodies for all. You can bring food to contribute (and get your expenses reimbursed) and/or raid the St. Mark's freezer to add to the feast.

Nervous? Don't be! Hospitality hosts, Emily and James Morgan, will fully prepare you for the Sunday you've chosen.

Sign up outside Morrill Hall or scan the QR code to help host a Coffee Hour (together with a friend or family member, if desired).

For more information, reach out to scrappypickles@gmail.com or the church office at 203-966-4515, with questions.

Pick your Sunday today!



St. Francis Sunday - October 6

Bird Sunday 10AM - All children of the church school are invited to a Special Event Sunday during the 10AM service. We will welcome Christine Peyreigne, a licensed falconer and wildlife rehabilitator, with a variety of her birds of prey. Following a hands-on demonstration, we will accompany them into the church for a blessing.

Pet Memorial Service 4PM - Losing a beloved pet can bring intense sorrow and a unique kind of profound grief. If you have lost a beloved animal friend, join the Rev.

Elizabeth Garnsey in the Chapel to celebrate, bless, and give thanks for the lives of the pets we love, but see no longer. Bring a memento, toy, or picture in memory of your pet to lay on the alter as we commit them back to God.

Blessing of the Animals 5PM - This annual service, in observation of the Feast of St. Francis, will take place under the Arcade. Dogs, cats, birds, horses, and critters of all shapes and sizes are welcome. **This service takes the place of the 5PM Holy Eucharist.**

October's Guest Preachers



October 20
The Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis,
Dean Emeritus of Canterbury



October 27
The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan,
Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity
School at Yale University

Discover St. Mark's: A 3-Part Class for Newcomers

Are you new (or new-ish) to St. Mark's? Join us for "Discover St. Mark's," a 3-part class designed to introduce you to the heart of our community! Over three Sundays—October 27, November 3, and November 10 at 9 AM in Morrill Hall—we'll dive into what we believe, how we worship, and how we live out our faith as Episcopalians.

Whether you're brand new or just looking to get more connected, this is a welcoming space to ask questions, meet others, and learn more about the life and mission of St. Mark's. **Plus, childcare is provided!**

No need to RSVP, just come as you are!

New Book Group: Mondays With Merton

Join us for a new reading and discussion group beginning October 7 based on the writings of Thomas Merton (1915-1968), a Trappist monk and one of the great spiritual figures of our time. "Mondays with Merton" will be led by Fr. John and Emma Kennedy, PhD, and will meet on **Mondays from 7-8PM in the St. Mark's library.** Emma and John met through their shared interest in Thomas Merton and led a Merton reading group together while students at Yale Divinity School. They are excited to bring this offering to St. Mark's and to share their love of Merton with the community.

and candor, he brings readers face-to-face with such provocative and controversial issues as the "death of God," politics, modern life and values, and racial strife—issues that are as relevant today as they were in the 1960s.

Each session will begin with 10 minutes of silent contemplative prayer to ground ourselves in the Spirit and open our hearts before engaging our minds. Participants are encouraged to read the first half of Part One (pp. 1-26) before the first meeting. The book can be purchased from bookshop.org or from your preferred bookseller.

We will read *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* (1966), a series of notes, opinions, experiences and reflections in which Merton examines some of the most urgent questions of our age. With his characteristic forcefulness

A full schedule of readings will be shared at our first meeting. Come as you're able!

Scan the QR code for details or to sign up.



Men's & Women's Retreats

St. Mark's Men's Retreat "Building Faith in a Troubled World"

When: October 25-26.

Where: The Convent of St. Birgitta
(4 Runkenhague Rd, Darien, CT)

Keynote Speaker: The Very Rev. Andrew McGowan, Australian scholar of early Christianity, McFadden Professor of Anglican Studies at Yale Divinity School, and Dean and President of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

Registration: \$225

Scan the QR code for info and to register.



St. Mark's Women's Retreat "Uncommon Faith for Uncertain Times"

Registration is currently full, but you can add your name to our waiting list by calling the Church Office at (203) 966-4515 or emailing Beth Ralston at bralston@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Luckily, EVERYONE will have the opportunity to hear from our keynote speaker, Maggi Dawn, when she serves as our guest preacher on November 17.





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ST. MARK'S REREDOS,
FIGURE 141

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Following the stories
of those who marched,
protested and died in
the struggle to attain basic
civil and voting rights

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St. Mark's Mission

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

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.

