



The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

10AM The Holy Eucharist with Baptism, Rite II • January 12, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Opening Organ Voluntary *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* (BuxWV 180) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

The people stand, as they are able.

Entrance Hymn 120 (v.v. 1-3, 6)

“The sinless one to Jordan came”

1. The sinless one to Jordan came,
and in the river shared our stain;
God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled,
and chose the path his Father willed.
2. Uprising from the waters there,
the Father’s voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.
3. Above him see the heavenly dove,
the sign of God the Father’s love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son’s anointed head.
6. On you may all your people feed,
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Solemnis haec festivitas*, melody from *Graduale*, 1685

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit
People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

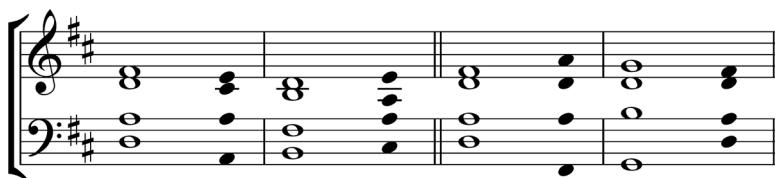
Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; ✓ the God of glory / thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; ✓ the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
and strips the forests / bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple of the / Lord *
all are crying, ✓ / "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-/more.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his / people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

The Celtic Alleluia

Cantor, then All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *The Celtic Alleluia*, Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)
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The people stand, as they are able.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Baptismal Hymn 686

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Archer Whitaker Barth, John Aloysius Hurley

The congregation may be seated.

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

& Godparents

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents **I will, with God's help.**

& Godparents

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents **I will, with God's help.**

& Godparents

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Please stand as able

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The congregation may be seated. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit

as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection,

from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him

in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Celebrant Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant presents the baptismal candle to the newly baptized and says,

Receive the light of Christ. May your light so shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon
these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,

the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you,

and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant & People **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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please scan the QR code.
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your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day John Gardner (1917-2011)
The St. Mark's Choristers and Adult Choirs

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance: *Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.*

Then I was born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature to call
my true love to my dance: *Sing, O my love ...*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
to call my true love to my dance: *Sing, O my love ...*

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above,
to call my true love to my dance: *Sing, O my love ... [Words, traditional English]*

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

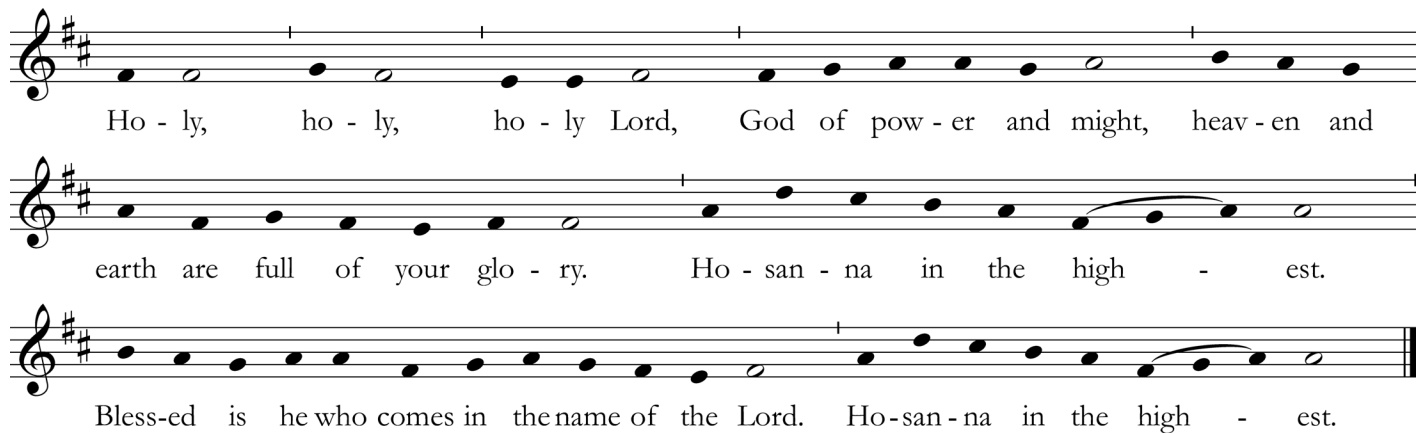
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters,
made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 - en 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.

Setting from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b.1950)

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

setting by 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.
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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthems

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

Anthem (Choir) *The only Son from heaven* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the Father given in human form appears.
No sphere his light confining, no star so brightly shining as He, our Morning Star!
[Words, *Elisabeth Cruciger, 1500?-1535; trans. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-1874*]

Hymn 121 (Choir) "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

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 135

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David’s stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan’s stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valient fight,
quelling all the devil’s might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
4. Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou ledest them
steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Worsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 ‘Salzburg’

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Ned’s Notes: Our **Opening Organ Voluntary** is Buxtehude’s setting of the German hymn-tune *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* (“Christ, Our Lord, came to Jordan”), which can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* at No. 139. The melody appears in ornamented (“decorated”) form in the right hand, with accompanying figures in the left hand and pedal. Our **Offertory Anthem**, *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*, is but one of English composer John Gardner’s many compositions – but it is his best-known and loved. Although the first complete appearance of this text was in 1833, it is thought that the full text

could be much older: the phrase “the legend of my play” suggests a reference to medieval “mystery plays,” enactments (mini sacred operas, so to speak, very common in the Middle Ages), of Biblical stories. The general population was barely literate, and so “plays” were created to teach them contemporary understanding of Biblical events. The complete text of *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* is a narrative of Christ’s life in his own “voice.” The verses after those in this morning’s **Offertory** anthem include Christ’s Temptation, Passion, Crucifixion, and even his Resurrection and Ascension.

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We thank the following who are serving today:

Lector: John Harrison

Intercessor: Julie Brand

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, John Harrison, Elizabeth Ker, Paton Larkin, Joe Leo, Paul Reiss

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

Acolytes: Teddy Volanakis, Michael Cantu, Wilson Rothschild

Greeters: Lise & Jeff Leist, Lori Kelly

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists

Flower Guild: Nancy Kalal, Marge Stein

Altar Guild: Katherine Sherwin, Alice Clark, Ellen Dunn, Jude Halleran, Eloise Killeffer, Natalie Venetos

Coffee Hour: The Ryan, Chang, & Murphy Families, Emily & James Morgan

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 12, 2025 • The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

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

Weekday Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Praying of the Rosary

Wednesday at 8:45AM via conference call

Call in: 978.990.5000 (access code: 811368)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Will Norton by Katy and Larry Norton, Alexandra Norton and Harrison Callaway

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 I 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.)

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

Wildfire Response

Emergency responders are still working to contain the 100 mph wind-fueled fires that are consuming land, homes, places of worship, parks, and businesses all across Southern California. **You can help by donating to either of these two groups:** The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and Episcopal Relief & Development.



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of Los Angeles



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& Development

Seasonal & Sustainable Floral Design Workshop • January 24

Friday, January 24 from 9:30AM - 11:30AM in the church with Parishioner Elisa Bulgrin of Longfield Farm.

Spend a winter morning with Flower Guild members and fellow parishioners for this inspiring and instructive hands-on workshop on how to make arrangements with more seasonal plants and sustainable materials.

This event is sponsored by St. Mark's Flower Guild. All are welcome to register!

9AM Gathering and Fellowship
9:30-11:30AM Talk and Workshop

Elisa Bulgrin is a New Canaan mom, St. Marks parishioner, and 'farmer/florist'. In 2016, she and her husband John moved to what they've come to call Longfield Farm, where they've since welcomed three children, created a series of gardens and, now, where Elisa runs a small business of the same name. Coming to flowers from the garden, seasonality and sustainability are core to Elisa's work, from growing to arranging flowers, and Longfield Farm's varied offerings reflect this approach as well as all the passions and sensibilities that colour 'country life' at Longfield.

Scan the QR code to register so that we have enough materials for all attendees.



261st Annual Parish Meeting & Elections • February 2

10AM Holy Eucharist and State of the Parish Address

11:15AM Annual Meeting and Elections in Morrill Hall and on Zoom

Join us!

2025 Men's Retreat: Save the Date

The 2025 Men's Retreat will be October 17-18.

Stay tuned for further details.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed in February!

We are looking for households or individuals to sign up to help host a coffee hour in February.

All you need to do is prepare platters of goodies and arrange them on the tables in Morrill Hall. 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!



SIGN UP

Warden's Report

The Vestry met on Monday evening, December 16.

The focus of the meeting was on our financial status in 2024 (a very modest surplus) and the preliminary budget for 2025. We also discussed the Church Lighting Renovation. Finally, we nominated six people to run

for election for the three positions on the Nominating Committee (who nominate candidates for Vestry).

Our next meeting is on January 19, which will be in preparation for the Annual Meeting on February 2.

Thank you to all who have committed

Candy & Rob Abdo	Carrie & Dan Chandra	Jill Ernst
Emily & David Alexander	Matt Chang	John & Brooke Fagan
Mimi & Dick Alford	Lauren Clancy & Rick Kammler	Marcia Fallon
Victor Alvarez & Miki Porta	Jake & Alice Clark	Tom & Ann Faxon
Christian & Kathryn Amundsen	Bernie & Lisa Clarke	Libbet & Scott Field
Alix & Jeb Armstrong	Christine Clarke	Rachael & Ted Field
Kent Atherton & Katy Kinsella	Jane Cohen	Sky Field
Bill Avery	Lila Coleman	Bob & Amy Fields
Warner & Trisha Babcock	David Conrod	Jon & Cathy Fleming
George & Susan Baker	India & Sam Cooley	Nancy & Jim Follett
Louise Barnes	Douglas & Viktoria Cooper	Todd & Sally Fonner
Nick & Kate Barnwell	Kathleen & Randy Corbet	Jamie & Jennifer Forese
The Barth Family	Carolyn & Andrew Corcoran	Gordon & Patricia Fowler
Bob Bayne	Phil & Jessie Cox	Susan & Warren Foxworth
Duke & Gaby Beecher	Jo Crane	Michelle Francis
Chris & Terri Bell	Zackary Crawford & Jason Toris	John & Kim Frieders
Tom & Charlene Berardino	Rob & Callie Creighton	George & Connie Friesen
Art Berry	Carolyn & Peter Crisafulli	Sharon & Kyle Fry
Ted & Patty Beyer	Jarvis & Shelby Cromwell	Rob & Margie Fryer
Jono & Lisa Bitting	Michelle Cullen	Herrick & Diane Garnsey
Abigail Blades	Mark & Mary Cuoco	The Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey
Amy & Matt Blasco	Philip & Susan Cushman	Jonathan & Caroline Garrity
Stephen & Cyra Borsy	Met & Jennifer Dalipi	Nancy Geary & Gordon Walker
Kirsten Bossin	The Walton/Daniels Family	Howard & Wendy Gidez
Loren & Susan Boston	Tim & Angela Dann	Jeanne Gnuse
Collis & Melissa Boyce	Dean & Laura Davis	Arthur & Beth Golden
Julie Brand	Sperry DeCew	Buttons Goodrich
& Carel Van Der Merwe	George & Sarah deMenocal	Julie Green
Andrew & Heather Braun	Rick & Lia DeNey	Tim & Caroline Greer
Roberta Brill	Dick & Molly DePatie	Robert & Anne Grieves
Joan Brode	Jack & Lynn Donahue	Sean & Jacqueline Griffiths
Bill & Marianne Buchanan	John & Carole Doorley	James & Kate Grohsgal
Katie & Alex Bues	Jon & Leigh Doorley	Jeff & Page Growney
Joe Buono	Ted & Diana Doster	Kevin & Tracy Growney
& Marisa Abdo Buono	Rhett & Heather Drugge	Chris & Alison Gruseke
Michael Burnette	Robert & Tricia Dudley	Yolanda Gruseke
Lee Calabrese	Alex Duffee	Mark & Kristen Grzymiski
Reid & Sue Campbell	Ellen Dunn	Rachel & Matthew Guadagno
John & Amy Carroll	James & Katie Dunning	Jude Halleran
Mary Anne Case	Jim & Susan Dunning	Bob & Tracey Hamill
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\$1.85 MILLION

\$1,680,454
308 Pledges

As of January 9, 2025



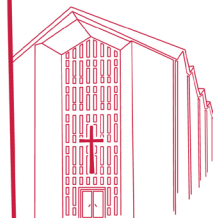
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\$1.85 Million
325 Pledges
100% Participation

100% VESTRY PARTICIPATION:
Every vestry member
increased their pledge.

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We Power
the Mission



THANK YOU to the 308 households who have pledged their support to the 2025 Annual Fund. Our goal is 325 pledging households to raise \$1.85M to fully fund the ministry. **We're very close to our goals.** Will you pledge your support today to help close out the pledge campaign? **Pledging is easy!** Email or call Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship & Development, nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org, (203) 966-4515.