



## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • February 23, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

**Opening Organ Voluntary**

*Fuga – Finale* (Sonata No. 6 in D minor)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Welcome**

**Entrance Hymn 390**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordainteth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.  
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;  
harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

**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, S 277

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord\_ God,  
hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we\_ wor - ship you, we give\_ you thanks,  
we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed,

or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has

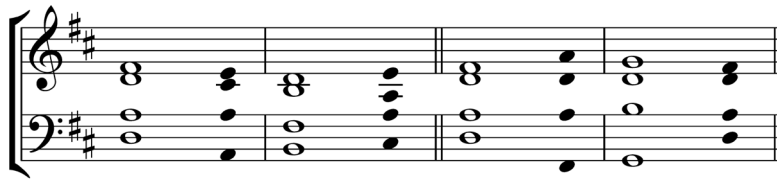
made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds,

and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42** (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = **take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of / evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do / wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the / grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade a-/way.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do / good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its / riches.
- 4 Take delight in the / Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's de-/sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in / him, \*  
and he will bring it to / pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the / light \*  
and your just dealing as the / noonday.
- 7 Be still before the / Lord \*  
and wait patiently for / him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who / prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in / evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, ✓ leave rage a-/lone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to / evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut / off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the / land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no / more; \*  
you shall search out their place, ✓ but they will not be / there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the / land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of / peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the / Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of / trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and / rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, ✓ because they seek refuge in / him.

## The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam,

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand, as able.*

## 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 Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is

that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*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**

God, trusting in your goodness, we ask you to give us life through the power of your love and to hear our hopes and needs.

For the people of God everywhere, that they may be beacons of hope whose light shines forth to dispel fear and hate. Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority, that they might wield their power for the common good and with respect for the dignity of all people. Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have caused us pain and hurt; lead them to an awareness of their impact and lead us to the path of forgiveness. Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For our beleaguered earth; grant us wisdom as we discern how to be worthy stewards of this gift.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks...  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all who live in pain, in sickness, in fear or dread...  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died...  
Welcome them into your eternal arms, and let us all rise together in your new age.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, most merciful God, those spoken and those held quietly in our hearts, that we might live as the people you have called us to be. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. **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**



**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

*The Beatitudes*

Arthur Foote (1853-1937)

Text, The Gospel according to Matthew, 5:3-10

*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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

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.*



Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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### 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

*Ave verum corpus*, K 618

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*(Sung in Latin.)*

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, and from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.*

### Hymn 674 (choir)

“Forgive our sins, as we forgive”

### 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 379

“God is Love, let heaven adore him”

1. God is Love, let heaven adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth’s foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.
2. God is Love; and love enfolds us;  
all the world in one embrace:  
with unfailing grasp God holds us,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow’s iron rod,  
then we find that self-same aching  
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is Love, and though with blindness  
sin afflicts all human life,  
God’s eternal lovingkindness  
guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o’er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love forever  
o’er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.  
Music: *Abbot’s Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)

## 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

*March in G*

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

**Ned's Notes:** We thank Dr. Michael Burnette for leading the music of our worship this morning. The composer of our **Offertory Anthem**, Arthur William Foote, was part of a group of distinguished late 19th/early 20th century American composers known as the "The Boston Six". Foote was one of the founders of the American Guild of

Organists, which has since become the most important professional organization for church musicians, welcoming organists of all faiths and traditions. Our **Communion Anthem** is a well-known choral work of Mozart: his sublime *Ave verum corpus*, K 618, written in June of 1791, six months before his death at the age of thirty-five.

### We thank the following who are serving today:

**Lectors:** Frederick Whitmer, Valeri Whitmer

**Intercessor:** Amanda Sutton

**Greeter:** Viktoria Cooper

**Ushers:** Lynn Donahue, Alex Duffee, John Harrison, Paton Larkin, Joe Leo, Paul Reiss, George Wright

**Chalice Ministers:** Lise Leist, Deb Luchs, Erik Luchs, Cindy Tye, Gary Ward

**Organist:** Michael Burnette

**The St. Mark's Choirs and Soloists**

**Flower Guild:** Sarah Magrino, Callie Creighton

**Altar Guild:** Margot Thorsheim, Amy Crane, Miki Porta, Molly DePatie, Kerry Robinson, Francie Thompson

**Coffee Hour:** Rachael & Libbet Field, Emily & James Morgan

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## WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**February 23, 2025 • The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

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](http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.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)

## Be a Coffee Hour Helper in March – you know you want to!

Drop off a dish, help set up or clean up, or plan the whole morning – there is a role for you in what Fr. Peter calls “our second sacred meal.” You are especially needed in March! **Never done this before?** Call the office and we can pair you with an experienced team. **Coffee Hour veteran?** Pick a date and we can help put a team together. Our hospitality leaders Emily and James Morgan have created a handy guide to support you.

**Sign up** online with the QR code, on the board in Morrill Hall, or by calling the office at (203) 966-4515.

Newcomers to St. Mark’s frequently cite Coffee Hour as key to feeling welcome and at home at St. Mark’s. You can play an important part in extending that welcome. Thank you!



## May Fair

Dear friends,  
Just 74 days until May Fair 2025, May 9 & 10! It’s not too soon to begin to think about how we can all make this year’s May Fair enjoyable and successful for both volunteers and visitors.

I would ask you to consider a few ways you can play a part:

- **Volunteer your time.** Requests will begin in March / April. Your involvement can run from as little as 3 hours to as much as you care to be with us!
- Start now to **set aside items to donate to white elephant** (jewelry, artwork, collectibles, unique books, furniture, rugs, lighting, Christmas items, and more).
- **Suggest a local business** you would be willing approach to see if they would enjoy becoming a fair sponsor. Opportunities range from \$800-\$1,500.

After my first year as chair my biggest takeaway is that all those who volunteer develop a special bond - one that I believe helps knit our St. Mark’s community together so that we are more able to be there for each other and for others in need outside our parish throughout the year. I hope you will feel the same after May Fair 2025.

Any early questions can be directed to me through the church office. Our entire committee wishes you and your families a healthy and blessed 2025!

Sincerely,  
John Kennedy, May Fair Chair

May Fair Executive Committee  
Zackary Crawford, Jenn Hladick, Deb Luchs, Zibby Perkins,  
Cynn timer Thunem, Eric Thunem

## Wisdom Circle • March 4

**Wisdom Circle Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party**  
**Tuesday, March 4 from 2-4PM in the St. Mark’s Library**  
Get out your party hats for this fun pre-Lent event for

anyone 75 years young and up, with pancakes, bacon and all the trimmings. **To register**, call the church office at (203) 966-4515.

## Newcomer’s Class begins March 9

**Are you new (or new-ish) to St. Mark’s?** Join us for a 3-part class designed to introduce you to the heart of our community! Over three Sundays— March 9, 16, and 23 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!**

## 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.)  
**Questions?** Contact Jan Maynes, Director of Children's Ministry, at [children@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:children@stmarksnewcanaan.org).

## Youth

### Youth Group Bowling Night • March 2

After a great night of bowling in November, we're heading back for round two! St. Mark's high school youth are invited to Bowling Night at Bowlero in Norwalk on Sunday,



March 2, from 6-7:30PM. We'll meet directly at Bowlero at 6PM and wrap up by 7:30PM. **Scan the QR code to sign up in advance** and help us plan for lanes. Don't miss out on another awesome night together!

### Lenten Youth Gatherings

#### Sundays in Lent • 6-7PM • Chapel & Youth Room

All high school youth are invited to a Lenten journey of prayer, scripture, reflection, and communion, followed by food and fellowship. Led by Fr. John, we'll meet in the chapel for a short, meaningful time of worship, exploring themes like temptation, faith, grace, and love through scripture and conversation. Communion will be shared with real bread. Afterward, we'll gather in the youth room to eat and connect. Join us as we reflect on Christ's path to the cross and what it means for our lives today.

### St. Mark's Youth Summer Service Trip to South Carolina • July 22 - July 27, 2025

For High School Youth (9th-12th Grade)  
Join us for a week of service and community in St. Helena Island, SC! Partnering with the St. Helena Gullah Housing Project, we'll help repair homes for those in need while learning about the rich Gullah culture. We'll stay on scenic Spring Island, providing space for rest and reflection. Cost will be finalized soon, but last year's trip was under \$300. **Interested?** Contact Fr. John ([jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org)) to reserve your spot. Incoming 9th graders and graduating seniors are welcome!

## 2025 Men's and Women's Retreats: Save the Date

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

Stay tuned for further details.

### The 2025 Women's Retreat will be November 14-16

at Camp Washington.

## Stewardship

**2024 Giving Statements are in the mail!** Please check your statements carefully. If you have any questions or corrections please contact Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship, at [nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org) or 203-966-4515.

**Giving envelopes** are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

# Learn About the Holy Land

## **Holy Land Reunion with Guide Iyad Qumri and Bishop Jeff Mello**

**Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 6-8PM in Morrill Hall**

Join us as we hear updates from Iyad Qumri and Bishop Jeff Mello on the status of pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Bishop Jeff and a group of other bishops have recently returned from a pilgrimage, so we will be interested to hear about their experience and learn about the good work being done by our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Enjoy drinks as you mingle with fellow pilgrims, followed by a presentation from Iyad and Bishop Jeff, moderated by Fr. Peter. A Mediterranean buffet supper will be served following the presentation.



Check-in will begin at 6PM, the program begins at 6:30PM and the event will end at 8PM. The cost for this special evening is \$45/person. **Scan the QR code to register.**

## **Virtual Pilgrimage to Jerusalem**

**March 7, 2025 from 10AM-4PM**

**in the St. Mark's Library** (lunch included)

Deepen your Lenten experience by participating in a virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Led by Christian tour guide Canon Iyad Qumri from Jerusalem, this event will be hosted by St. Mark's.

Your day will begin with a video welcome to Jerusalem from Archbishop Hosam Naoum, as he would if you were visiting the Cathedral Close in person. Another video will give you a tour of the entire Cathedral Close, including the guesthouse where you might stay on pilgrimage—a guestroom, the gardens, and the dining and meeting rooms. From there, you will tour the Old City of Jerusalem including the famous gates, the Cardo, the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As you progress on this journey, you will be given time to pause, reflect, meditate, and pray as you walk in the footsteps of and learn more about the ministry of Jesus. Your day will conclude “walking” the Via Dolorosa, praying the Stations of the Cross.

This workshop is geared toward those who want to learn about pilgrimages to the Holy Land, as well as those who have been on pilgrimage but want a refresher and/or an opportunity to reunite with fellow pilgrims. It will be especially rewarding for anyone who would like to go on pilgrimage but cannot afford the time or expense of a full trip.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 AM, with the program starting at 10AM and ending at 4PM. Registration fee is \$25, which includes a Mediterranean lunch. All are welcome.

**Scan the QR code to register.**



# Mondays with Merton

## **A Course in Christian Mysticism for Lent and Easter**

Following a well-attended first season, Mondays with Merton returns for Lent and Easter. Led by Fr. John and Emma Kennedy, PhD, this discussion group explores the writings of Thomas Merton (1915–1968), a Trappist monk and one of the great spiritual writers of the past century. **Meetings are Mondays, 7–8PM, in the St. Mark's library, beginning March 10 and concluding May 5.**

This season, we'll read *A Course in Christian Mysticism*, Merton's lectures on key mystical writers such as Augustine,

Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, and John of the Cross. Originally given to monks at his monastery, these teachings offer an accessible introduction to the contemplative life and the path of divine union. Each session begins with a few minutes of contemplative prayer.

**Participants are encouraged to read the first two lectures (20 pages) before our first meeting.** The book is available from Elm Street Books or your preferred booksellers. A full reading schedule will be available on our website. Come as you're able!



St Mark's  
NEW CANAAN

Friends of Music

# Two Viennese Masses

W. A. Mozart – *Missa Brevis* in G, K. 49

F. Schubert – *Messe* in G, D. 167

The Choir and Soloists of St. Mark's, New Canaan

Members of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra

Lichtental Parish Church, Photo by Von Thomas Ledl

## MARCH 8, SATURDAY, 5PM

General Tickets \$30 (\$35 day of event) / Students \$10  
available by scanning the QR code or at the door.



Leah Brzyski, soprano | Lydia Cseh Dahling, mezzo-soprano | Trevor Scott, tenor | Matthew Dexter, bass-baritone

*A light reception will follow.*



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# An Invitation to Lent *Mind, Body, & Soul*

## ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

6:45–8AM Ashes to Go at the New Canaan train station  
9AM–5PM Imposition of ashes and Rite of Reconciliation in the Church  
12PM Holy Eucharist with Choir and imposition of ashes in the Church  
6PM Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes in the Chapel

## LENTEN PROGRAMS

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**A Course in Christian Mysticism  
for Lent and Easter**  
*with Fr. John and Emma Kennedy, PhD*  
**Mondays, 7–8PM in the St. Mark's Library, beginning  
March 10 and concluding May 5**

**Hit the Ground Walking in Lent**  
*with Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey*  
**Beginning Monday, March 10 at 9:15AM in front  
of the Church**  
A 30-minute walk and reflection each weekday  
morning.

**Soup Group for the Soul**  
*with members of the clergy and others*  
**Six Wednesdays in Lent (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9,  
16) at 12:15PM in the St. Mark's Library**  
A light soup lunch and passage of  
scripture with friends. Use the QR code to  
register or call the office.

**Come to Quiet**  
*A time for quiet prayer and meditation in the  
Sanctuary*  
**7PM (except 9PM on Thursdays) until 9:30AM  
(except 7:30AM on Sundays)**



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wisdom Circle**  
**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party**  
**Tuesday, March 4 from 2–4PM in the St. Mark's  
Library**

Get out your party hats for this fun  
pre-Lent event for anyone 75 years young  
and up, with pancakes, bacon and all the  
trimmings. Use the QR code to register or  
call the office.



**Spend an afternoon in Service  
at Laundry Love**

**Wednesdays, March 5 and April 2, 1–7PM**  
Choose a two-hour shift and come alongside those  
in need by helping with laundry at Giant  
Laundry, 233 East Avenue, Norwalk. A great  
outreach experience for individuals and  
families. Use the QR code to register or call  
the office.



*The Friends of Music at St. Mark's presents*  
**Two Viennese Masses: Mozart and  
Schubert**

**Saturday, March 8 at 5PM**  
The Choir of St. Mark's, accompanied by members  
of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, will  
perform two mass settings first debuted  
in Vienna: Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in G, and  
Schubert's *Messe* in G.



## HOLY WEEK

**April 17, Maundy Thursday**  
6PM Holy Eucharist with Choir  
and Footwashing in the Church  
**April 17, All Night Vigil**  
from 7PM to 11:30AM in the Chapel

**April 18, Good Friday**  
12PM Holy Eucharist with Choir in the Church  
6PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

## AND EASTER

**April 19, Liturgy of Holy Saturday**  
8AM in the Chapel

**April 19, The Great Vigil of Easter**  
Saturday at 7:30PM in the Church

**April 20, Easter Sunday**  
7AM Sunrise Eucharist  
9AM and 11AM Festival Choral Eucharist  
in the Church

**The Episcopal Church in Connecticut**  
**The Right Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello**, Bishop Diocesan  
**The Right Reverend Dr. Laura J. Ahrens**, Bishop Suffragan

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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.

