



## The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • November 24, 2024

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Assisting: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

**Opening Organ Voluntary**

*Prélude* (from *Suite Médiévale*, 1947)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

**Welcome**

**Entrance Hymn 450 (vv. 1-3, 6)**

“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!”

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!<br>Let angels prostrate fall;<br>bring forth the royal diadem,<br>and crown him Lord of all!<br>bring forth the royal diadem,<br>and crown him Lord of all!             | 3. Hail him, the Heir of David’s line,<br>whom David Lord did call,<br>the God incarnate, Man divine,<br>and crown him Lord of all!<br>the God incarnate, Man divine,<br>and crown him Lord of all! |
| 2. Crown him ye martyrs of our God,<br>who from his altar call:<br>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br>and crown him Lord of all!<br>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br>and crown him Lord of all! | 6. Let every kindred, every tribe,<br>on this terrestrial ball,<br>to him all majesty ascribe,<br>and crown him Lord of all!<br>to him all majesty ascribe,<br>and crown him Lord of all!           |

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood  
attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

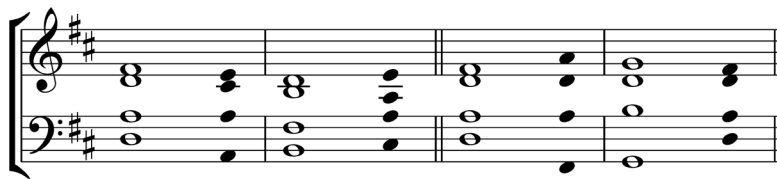
As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93** (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = **take a breath.**)



Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is King; ✓ he has put on splendid ap-/parel; \*  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with / strength.
- <sup>2</sup> He has made the whole world so / sure \*  
that it cannot be / moved;
- <sup>3</sup> Ever since the world began, ✓ your throne has been es-/tablished; \*  
you are from ever-/lasting.
- <sup>4</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD, ✓ the waters have lifted up their / voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding / waves.
- <sup>5</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters, ✓ mightier than the breakers of the / sea, \*  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on / high.
- <sup>6</sup> Your testimonies are very / sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, ✓ for ever and for ever-/more.

**The Second Reading**

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was  
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are  
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful  
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the  
kings of the earth.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his  
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his  
God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever  
and ever. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The people stand, as able.*



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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were

from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

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**

Let us offer our prayers to almighty God.

May your Church always look to its head, the Lord Jesus, whose example has given us a pattern for our lives and whose commission calls us forward in mission and ministry.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to be advocates for love, justice, and peace in our society,  
that the reign of Christ might be known in our nation's life.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have formed the creation to sustain us and allow all creatures to thrive,  
help us to use it responsibly and to work with others to preserve its bounty.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let the healing power of Jesus enter into the lives of all who suffer  
that they may be made whole and know peace...  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may enter into your glorious eternal presence...  
that with the saints and angels they may praise you on your throne.  
Lord in your grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* King of kings and Lord of Lords, keep us ever mindful of our allegiance to you and help us watch for your return with confidence and hope. We offer these prayers in the name of Christ the King, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. **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

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

## Welcome and Announcements



**New to St. Mark's or Visiting  
and interested in learning more?**  
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help us connect with you.



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please scan the QR code.  
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your generosity.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Ride on, King Jesus*

Spiritual

arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023) & Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.  
King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, the river of Jordan he did cross. *Ride on, King Jesus ...*  
If you want to find your way to God, the gospel highway must be trod. *Ride on, King Jesus ...*

*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.

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

organ

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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.

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,

<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>hallowed be thy Name,</b>	<b>who trespass against us.</b>
<b>thy kingdom come,</b>	<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>
<b>thy will be done,</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>	<b>and the power, and the glory,</b>
<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<b>for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

## 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 (Choir)** *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* David Hogan (1949-1996)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain; thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in glorious majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers. With what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, amen, let all adore you, high on your eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom as your own. Alleluia, alleluia! You shall reign, and you alone! [*Words, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.*]

**Hymn 328 (Choir)** "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

## 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 494 (vv. 1-3, 5)      "Crown him with many crowns"

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| 1. Crown him with many crowns,<br>the Lamb upon his throne;<br>Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns<br>all music but its own;<br>awake, my soul, and sing<br>of him who died for thee,<br>and hail him as thy matchless King<br>through all eternity.              | 3. Crown him the Lord of life,<br>who triumphed over the grave,<br>and rose victorious in the strife<br>for those he came to save;<br>his glories now we sing<br>who died, and rose on high,<br>who died, eternal life to bring,<br>and lives that death may die.       |
| 2. Crown him the Son of God<br>before the worlds began,<br>and ye, who tread where he hath trod,<br>crown him the Son of man;<br>who every grief hath known<br>that wrings the human breast,<br>and takes and bears them for his own,<br>that all in him may rest. | 5. Crown him the Lord of heaven,<br>enthroned in worlds above;<br>crown him the King, to whom is given,<br>the wondrous name of Love.<br>Crown him with many crowns,<br>as thrones before him fall,<br>crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,<br>for he is King of all. |

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## 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

*Carillon de Westminster* (Opus 54, No. 6)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Ned's Notes:** Our **Organ Voluntaries** are works of French organists, both born nearly blind: in the case of Langlais, he was completely blind as of two years old. Vierne (born with congenital cataracts), after surgery when he was six years old, was eventually able to distinguish people and shapes, and read large letters. Langlais's *Suite Médiévale* is a collection of pieces inspired by Gregorian melodies: his *Prélude* quotes the *Asperges me, domine*, the proper chant sung during the ritual sprinkling of the congregation with holy water. Vierne's very popular

*Carillon de Westminster*, however, uses the peal of the chimes of the clock tower of the Palace of Westminster, London. This thrilling work is a set of variations over, around, and above the chime melody (which Vierne alters, at one point, changing the order of the notes in the second phrase). The work began as an improvisation during a 1924 concert at Westminster Cathedral (not the Abbey), and was then heard in its present form on November 29, 1927, in Notre-Dame de Paris, almost 97 years ago to the day.

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

**Lectors:** David Kalal, Phil Restifo

**Intercessor:** Erik Luchs

**Ushers:** Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Joe Leo,  
Kevin McMahon, Bill Post, Paul Reiss, Eric Thunem

**Greeter:** Amanda Sutton

**Chalice Ministers:** Wendy Hilboldt, Charlene Berardino,  
Tom Berardino, Kerry Robinson, Deb Luchs

**Acolytes:** Steele Clarke, Wilson Rothschild

**Organist-Choirmaster:** Ned Tipton

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

**Flower Guild:** Mary Jewett, Holly Hopkins, Alice Clark

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Noble, Sara Smith,

Shelby Cromwell, Wendy Hurst, Pamela Shea

**Coffee Hour:** The Noonan Family

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## **WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**November 24, 2024 • The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King**

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

**Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05PM** 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 Bob Rockafellow by Robin Rockafellow.

## **Advent Wreath Making is Back!**

**Join us on Sunday, December 1, during Coffee Hour for a joyful Advent Wreath Making event!** Greens will be provided, but you're welcome to share clippings of evergreens, holly, festive berries, or leftover herbs from your garden (like lavender, sage, thyme, or rosemary). Kids are welcome, so bring the whole family! Please

have clippers and scissors handy, and if you have a wreath frame from a previous year, consider reusing it or dropping it off at the church office ahead of time. **Questions?** Contact Nancy Walton at [nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Sunday Forum • TODAY at 11:30AM**

**Join us for a special forum TODAY at 11:30AM in the Library.** Father Peter hosts a conversation with Fletcher

Banner about his life and ministry with Dean Robert Willis and the Garden Congregation.

# 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.)

**Coming Up:** The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant

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

## Register for The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant!

Online registration for the 2024 cast and crew is now open. Pageant participants are those in a three- pre-school program through those in seventh grade. **We'd appreciate hearing from you no later than Tuesday, December 3,** so we can continue our behind-the-scenes work.

## Rehearsal Dates:

### Sunday, December 8

11:30AM – 12:30PM

(3rd – 7th graders only)

St. Mark's Library

*Principal roles will be assigned.*

### Sunday, December 15

11:30AM – 12:30PM

(3rd – 7th graders only)

Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 22

11:30AM – 12:30PM

(All pageant players)

Sanctuary

## Pageant (Christmas Eve):

**Tuesday, December 24, 5PM**

Arrive by 4:30PM



# Youth

## St. Mark's Youth Group Christmas Party

**December 8, 5:45–6:45 PM in the Youth Room**

Join us for an hour of festive holiday fun! There will be:

- Hot chocolate, cookies, and other holiday treats (and, as always, pizza)
- A White Elephant gift exchange – be sure to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less

- Gingerbread house decorating
- Fun games to celebrate the season

Come celebrate the Christmas season with St. Mark's friends! Whether you're an expert decorator or just here for the hot chocolate (or Christmas emoji charades), there's something for everyone. Don't miss it!

# Join a Choir

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ntipton@stmarksnewcanaan.org).

## Update on the AAM Hurricane Relief Fund

**From Ned Tipton: The total is now approaching \$20,000!** These funds will be distributed to Episcopal church music programs who suffered damage or loss in the recent hurricanes in the Southeastern United States. I am elated and humbled to report that St. Mark's parishioners and friends—and a generous gift by the Parish

as a whole—have contributed over 13% of the total contributions! **Donations to the fund will be accepted through November 30, 2024.** 100% of gifts will be distributed to parishes by December 15, 2024.

**Scan the QR code to donate today.** From your native Asheville musician, thank you!



## Doves Program Food Drive

**Help provide holiday meals for over 600 families in our community!**

Since 1968, Person to Person (P2P), along with 15 local churches and New Canaan Country School, has been coordinating the annual Doves program food drive. Each “dove” purchased (suggested donation is \$50) provides a gift card to purchase food for holiday meals. Recipients of the gift cards have been identified by New Canaan Social Services, Stamford's Housing Authority (Charter Oak Communities), Children's Learning Centers, Family Centers, and Senior Neighborhood Services.

**There are two ways to participate:**

**By check, payable to Person to Person.** Look for a Dove form in the Narthex or outside Morrill Hall and drop in the plate or at the Church Office.

**Scan the QR code.** Please indicate that you are contributing on behalf of St. Mark's Church.

**Checks and online contributions are due by Monday, December 16, 2022** (to leave time for distribution of cards for shopping!).



## Book Group: Mondays With Merton

**Join us for our reading and discussion group 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” is led by Fr. John and Emma Kennedy, PhD, and **meets 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.

We are reading *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 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 begins with 10 minutes of silent contemplative prayer to ground ourselves in the Spirit and open our hearts before engaging our minds. The book can be purchased from [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org) or from your preferred bookseller. Come as you're able! Come as you're able! **Scan the QR code for details or to sign up.**





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Our Director of Music Ministries, Ned Tipton, lived in Paris for twenty-two years, and has unique perspectives on all things French! Join him and Fr. Peter as we explore, experience and enjoy Paris and Northern France with this unique opportunity to:

- Tour the newly re-opened Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris
- Visit Reims, the unofficial capital of the Champagne region and home to one of France's greatest examples of Gothic architecture
- Visit Rouen, the capital of Normandy, and reflect on the profoundly important D-Day Beach Landings
- Enjoy the gastronomic delights of France

**For those who would like to add on a few days** before or after the trip, February is a great time to enjoy the rich cultural offerings of Paris – without the crowds. Our base in Paris, the Hotel Trianon Rive Gauche, is located a short distance from the Luxembourg Gardens, the chic Boulevard St. Germain, the world-famous Shakespeare and Co bookstore, and the Cluny Museum. As we get closer to the trip, we'll meet for wine and cheese – vin et fromages – to get to know each other, and hear more details about our site visits from Ned. **Scan the QR code above to sign up.**



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