



The First Sunday of Advent

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • November 30, 2025

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend John Kennedy

Opening Organ Voluntary

Laissez paître vos bêtes

Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 56 (Stz. 1-4)

“O come, O come Emmanuel”

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| 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel! | 3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel! |
| 2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel! | 4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel! |

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Procesionale*, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

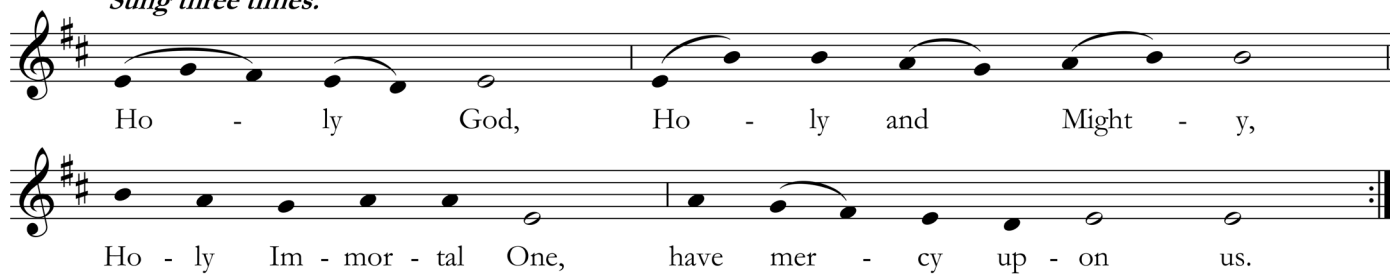
The Collect for Purity

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.

Trisagion

Sung three times.



Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

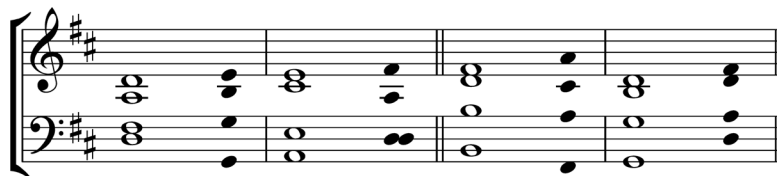
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

- ¹ I was glad when they said to / me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the / LORD."
² Now our feet are / standing *
 within your gates, O Je-/rusalem.
³ Jerusalem is built as a / city *
 that is at unity with it-/self;
⁴ To which the tribes go up, ✓ the tribes of the / LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel, ✓ to praise the Name of the / LORD.
⁵ For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of / David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Je-/rusalem: *
 "May they prosper who / love you.
⁷ Peace be within your / walls *
 and quietness within your / towers.
⁸ For my brethren and com-/panions' sake, *
 I pray for your pro-/sperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
 I will seek to do you / good."

The Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the

day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The people stand, as able.

Gospel Acclamation

Soloists O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.



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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one

will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 pray to the Lord. In joyful expectation of his coming, we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and King.

We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as Judge of the nations.

We pray for our local, national, and global leaders. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to our community as light and life.

We pray for all our neighbors who are working to build your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray especially for...

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember especially...

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints and angels,
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.

Celebrant By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The 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

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. *[Words; Isaiah 40:5]*

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 Hosts: Hea - ven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most
high. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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



Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

During the Communion (Choir) *O come, Divine Messiah* French, 18th cent., arr. EJT

O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away. Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show thy face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. *O come, Divine Messiah* ... O thou whom nations signed for, whom priest and prophet long foretold, wilt break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold. Dear Savior, haste! ...
[Words, L'Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin (1663-1745), trans., alt.]

Hymn 54 (Choir) "Savior of the nations, come!"

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 61

“Sleepers, wake!’ A voice astounds us”

1. “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”
2. Zion hears the watchman singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.
3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals;
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
forever let our praises ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944)

Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
arr. and 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

Sortie sur ‘Laissez paître vos bêtes’

César Franck (1822-1890)

Ned’s Notes: Our **Offertory Anthem**, Handel’s *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed* (from *Messiah*) needs no introduction or commentary. But what about our **Organ Voluntaries** (organ solos on *Laissez paître vos bêtes* (“Let your flocks graze”) and our **Anthem during the Communion**, *O come, divine Messiah*? The original text, *Venez, divin Messie* (“Come, divine Messiah”), to be

sung in Advent to the tune of *Laissez paître vos bêtes*, was penned by the Abbot Simon-Joseph Pellegrin (1663-1745): the English version dates from 1872. *Venez, divin Messie* is still sung throughout France during Advent and Christmas. I arranged this version for our Choir (with organ accompaniment) in 2019.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Erik Luchs, David Kalal

Intercessor: John Harrison

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, John Harrison,
David Kalal, Joe Leo, Bill Post, Paul Reiss

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Stan Twardy,
Eleanor Lisher, Erik Luchs, Deb Luchs

Greeters: Jeff & Lise Leist, Amanda Sutton

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Soloists

Flower Guild

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

Coffee Hour: Libbet, Kate and Ellie Field,
Emily & James Morgan

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 23, 2025 • 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.stmarksnewcanan.org.

Weekly Worship

Worship and Program Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8AM In the Chapel

9AM Outdoors

10AM Indoors & live-streamed

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)

TODAY: Advent Wreath Making

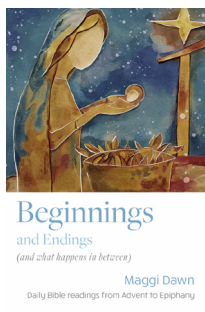
Join us for this traditional family event in Morrill Hall after the 10AM service. Families are invited to enjoy coffee hour and, at the same time, visit our tables to make a complimentary Advent wreath.

We will provide candles and greens, and welcome you to bring more from home. Please bring your frame from last year and clippers if you have them. We will have a limited quantity on hand as well.
Begin a prayerful countdown to Christmas!

Advent Devotional On Sale at Coffee Hour

At Coffee Hour today, don't miss the chance to purchase *Beginnings and Endings (and what happens in-between)*, an Advent daily devotional book by Maggi Dawn.

Limited copies are available for \$10.



ECCT Diaper Drive: A Baby Shower For the Holy Family

The deacons of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut invite you to join them for a diocesan-wide *Baby Shower for the Holy Family*, in partnership with The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, this Advent Season.

How can you help?

Bring an open or closed package of diapers to the church during Advent.

According to The Diaper Bank website, 1 in 2 Connecticut families struggle to afford diapers to keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy. Without an adequate supply of clean diapers, babies are more likely to suffer from diaper rash, urinary tract infections and other medical problems. It is one of the top reasons babies under the age of 1 go to the emergency room. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Giving and Service with Open Doors

This Advent, St. Mark's is partnering with **Open Doors**, a nonprofit in Norwalk that works to help individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness and poverty through housing, food, and supportive services. Together, we can share the warmth and hope of Christmas with our neighbors in need.

There are three ways you can serve with Open Doors.

To learn more, please be in touch with Father John: jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org:

1. Christmas Decorating

Sunday, December 21, Afternoon

4 Merritt Street, Norwalk, CT 06854

Help decorate for Open Doors' annual Community Holiday Dinner, held the next day for low-income households in



Norwalk. Volunteers will help create a warm and festive space for the celebration. **Scan the QR code to sign up.** (Exact timing to be announced soon.)

2. Holiday Welcome Bags

Help brighten someone's Christmas by assembling Welcome Bags for the Community Holiday Dinner guests. Adult Bags: Gloves or hat, hand lotion, lip balm, candy or snacks.

Children's Bags: Mini toys, coloring books, or other small gifts.

Pack items in white paper lunch bags (fun to decorate!) or clear zip-top bags.

Please deliver completed bags to the box marked for this purpose in the St. Mark's Narthex (church entrance).

3. Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

Provide gifts for a family served by Open Doors this Christmas. Donors receive wish lists with children's ages, clothing sizes, and gift ideas.

Wrapped gifts are due by mid-December to allow time for distribution before Christmas.

To sign up to adopt a family, contact Father John at jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Donate Your 2026 Wall Calendars

St Mark's Samaritan Ministry is accepting donations of 2026 bright and beautiful wall calendars that are already arriving in your mailboxes. At holiday time, we can re-gift these calendars to families who hope for something cheerful to decorate their walls for the coming year.

We give to New Canaan Schoolhouse Apartments, South Avenue Cottage, and other local programs serving New Canaan residents, plus to Stamford Headstart. **Donation boxes may be found in the narthex, and on the shelf outside Morrill Hall.** Thank you wholeheartedly for spreading beauty to people in need in our community.

Walking in Love

Our church is a place filled with joy and energy, and we're so thankful for all the children and families who bring it to life and make it a holy home! As a gentle reminder, please encourage children to **walk instead of run** in the hallways, especially on the way to Coffee Hour.

Walking indoors is a wonderful opportunity for children to show their care and respect for others – especially our younger friends and older members who share these spaces in this community of love. Families are encouraged to walk to Coffee Hour together. Thank you for helping us make St. Mark's a welcoming and caring home for all!

Children

TODAY is the last day to register for the 2025 World's Greatest Christmas Pageant, so we can continue our behind-the-scenes work.

Pageant participants are those in a three-year pre-school program through those in seventh grade. **We will need plenty of help from parents too.** Stay tuned for more on that!

Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, December 7

11:30AM – approximately 12PM

Library

3rd-7th grades only

(Principal roles will be assigned.)

Sunday, December 14

11:30AM – approximately 12:30PM

Sanctuary

3rd-7th grades only

Sunday, December 21

11:30AM – approximately 12:30PM

Sanctuary

All pageant players



Register

Pageant: Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 5PM

Arrive by 4:15PM

Our 10AM Church School program includes:

- Lion Cubs childcare for children ages 2 and under
- Frolic playgroup for three and four year-old children
(These two groups remain in the classrooms for the entire service.)
- Godly Play 1 for kindergarten
- Godly Play 2 for first and second grades
- Holy Moly for third and fourth grades
- Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades
(These classes join families in church at the Peace.)

Upcoming Special Events: The World's Greatest Christmas Pageant, and more!

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

Youth

Youth Movie Night: Sunday, December 7 5-7PM in the Youth Room

Welcome Bags & Jingle All the Way

Kick off December with a relaxed evening of food, friends, and service. We'll make Holiday Welcome Bags for guests at the Community Holiday Dinner hosted by Open Doors, a nonprofit in Norwalk that helps individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness and poverty through housing, food, and supportive services.

As we make the bags, we'll watch *Jingle All the Way*—a ridiculous and funny '90s throwback about one dad's over-the-top search for the perfect gift.

You're welcome to bring a few small items to add to the bags (we'll have plenty provided too). **You can find the list of items on the previous page.**

Pizza, Christmas treats, and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend and help share some warmth and hope this season.

Last Chance to Win a St. Mark's Gospel Garden Christmas Tree

Enter to win a Christmas tree and support St. Mark's Gospel Garden!

A group of evergreen trees was planted in the garden several years ago and now this tree, a beautiful fir, is ready for Christmas.

It is approximately 12-13' tall and 6-7' wide. You can come and cut the tree yourself, or we will cut and deliver right to your door!

All proceeds go to support the Gospel Garden. Each \$25 ticket gives you one chance to win. **Scan the QR code to buy a ticket online or stop by our table at Coffee Hour.**



Person to Person Doves Program

The Doves Program is St. Mark's annual effort run by Person to Person, a service organization based in Darien. Each "dove" purchased supplies a gift card to ShopRite to more than 1,300 qualifying individuals and families in Fairfield county to provide food for holiday meals. Recipients are identified by Stamford's Housing Authority,

Children's Learning Centers, Family Centers, Senior Neighborhood Services, New Canaan Social Services, and Person to Person. Pick up a Dove around the St. Mark's campus or **scan the QR code to contribute.** The collection will run through **December 13.**



Mondays with Marley Wraps Up Tomorrow

Mondays with Marley & Other Prophets Who Rock will wrap up this Monday, December 1. You are welcome to join in! This class, led by Father John and Emma, is an exploration of some of the most spiritually, theologically, and biblically inspired artists in popular music.

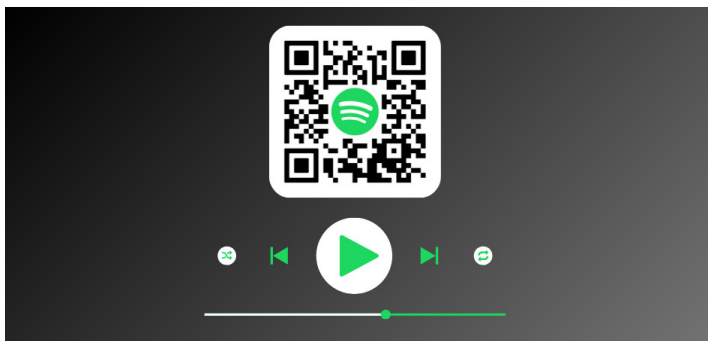
Together we have listened, read, and discussed how the word of God has been proclaimed in surprising places and through surprising voices across the 20th and 21st centuries.

Schedule

Mondays from 7–8:15 PM in the Youth Room

December 1: Johnny Cash and class wrap-up

Listen to the playlist for our class (updated regularly) via **Spotify** or **Apple Music** by scanning the corresponding QR code below.



Thank You for

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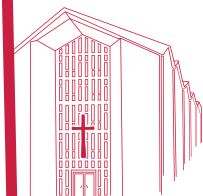
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A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas



Sung by the St. Mark's Choir, Choristers, and Soloists
Michael Burnette, accompanist
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All are welcome. A light reception follows the service,
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