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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 17*)

August 30, 2020

Zoom coffee hour 9:30 am; Zoom service 10 am; Zoom coffee hour after the service.

Zoom Meeting ID 500-865-037 or enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.

There is also a telephone number you could call on your phone to join the Zoom service:

1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call).

NO Skype phone service this week (August 30th) and next week (September 6th) as Fr. Shaw is on vacation. Skype phone service will continue at 10:50 am on Sunday, September 13th. Fr. Shaw would call those who are interested. Service especially for those who do not have Internet or unlimited phone plans.

A YouTube playlist of short services is in the process of being created, with plans for your use at any time, via a link on the main parish Web page: <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>

Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name "

Coronation

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect For Purity

Celebrant: 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.*

The Gloria

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

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.

R. And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together, remembering to pause at the punctuation, to let the technology synchronize.
Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Lector: Volunteer

Leader: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
People: I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
Leader: Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
People: examine my heart and my mind.
Leader: For your love is before my eyes; *
People: I have walked faithfully with you.
Leader: I have not sat with the worthless, *
People: nor do I consort with the deceitful.
Leader: I have hated the company of evildoers; *
People: I will not sit down with the wicked.
Leader: I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
People: that I may go in procession round your altar,
Leader: Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
People: and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Leader: LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
People: and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 581 “Where charity and love prevail ”

Cheshire

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)

1. Where charity and love prevail
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love
by love are we thus bound.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

5. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his Body joined
we are in him made one.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jim Speer

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.**

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 VI

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops; and for Shaw our Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: Let us pray together, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory reminder: Please remember to support the work of Christ through St. Marks', either by mailing your financial contributions to the parish post office box or by sending a check via your bank's bill-paying Web page to the parish post office box (the address is listed towards the end of the bulletin). Thank you. People like yourself help make St. Mark's special.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

(Traditional)

(Contemporary)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us to
pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 707 "Take my life, and let it be "

Hollingside

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use

let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

When a priest is present, the service ends with the dismissal:

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

When a priest is not present, the service ends with the Grace, led by a worship leader or deacon:

Worship Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.

Announcements, as had.

Today we welcome Fr. Jim Speer as our Celebrant and Preacher while Fr. Shaw is on vacation.

Fr. Shaw is preparing abbreviated video services for each Sunday he is away (8/30 & 9/6). The videos may be found on YouTube. (See page 1 for the web address.)

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2020

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Patricia Cone, Cletus Cone, Henry Coutere, Dave, Debbie, Ron DeRobertis, Elaine, Nancy Fields, Thomas Hard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Krivka, Pauline Liese, Lindsay, Louise, Carolyn Mansolf, Christopher McLaughlin, Fran Montoya, Gabriella Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Olivia Pike, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Jack Polinco, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, Frank Williams, Zachary.

Prayers are offered for:

Healing: Frank Salerno, Bill Briggs, Claire Lucid, Danny, Irene Alibrio, Sue Savage, Ann Maltais, Rae Robinson, Edward Dubois, Barbara Campbell, Gail Bates, Mary Gould, Linda, Gary, and Ron Napper.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Kent School; South Kent School; Pomfret School; Wooster School; Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven; Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven; and Trinity College, Hartford.

Those who serve our country: Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

Parish families: Barbara Campbell, Kames and Karen Caplik and family, Katharine Carle, Gloria Carlson, Shirley Carlson and Maxine Christensen.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Deceased members of the Altar Guild.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-875-7330 Email: campbellba24@gmail.com

Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

Mailing address for financial contributions:

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.**

St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.

People can gather and talk at Coffee Hour before the service or after the service.

Please remember to turn your phone volume down slightly on the Skype call.

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Connecticut's Coronavirus Phase 2; Diocesan protocols for Phase 1 continue alongside Connecticut Phase 2.

As of this writing (August 23rd at 11:59 am), Phase 2 is anticipated to last into the foreseeable future, contingent on further developments. In Phase 2, "Stay home, stay safe" is strongly urged for 65+ and those with co-morbidities such as diabetes.

St. Mark's online, Skype, and YouTube services continue.

Planned Meetings and ministries for September:

Wardens and Treasurer Zoom Meeting – September 16th at 5:45 p.m.

Vestry Zoom Meeting – September 22nd at 6:45 p.m.

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 12).

The regular hours for the Parish Office: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will begin after Labor Day.

Jerome Home/Arbor Rose Services:

Please contact Jenna Sweet at Jerome Home or Donna Valente at Arbor Rose, to enable access to either St Mark's Sunday live Zoom services online or to St. Mark's Sunday video YouTube services online (available all week)."

**From the meeting of Bishops and Lay Leaders:
[What is God calling us to explore that is new?](#)**

St. Mark's: "Open to God's Love - Serving Our Neighbor"