

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.
St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. on Zoom

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Welcome! Our service will *always* be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. Please either print or have this bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If New Britain is red on the weekly Thursday (about 3 p.m.) update on the Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker map, the Sunday service will be on Zoom only.

For the map, please go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.

An e-mail will be sent out to the parish every Friday to let you know if the service will be in-person or on **Zoom only**.

For in-person services at 90 Main St., everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. We will have masks available if you need one. Thank you.

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.



Prelude "KcKee"

Harry T. Burleigh



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation:

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

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

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-5

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalms 35:5-10

Volunteer

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
People: and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Leader: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
People: you save both man and beast, O LORD.
Leader: How priceless is your love, O God! *
People: your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
Leader: They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
People: you give them drink from the river of your delights.
Leader: For with you is the well of life, *
People: and in your light we see light.
Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
People: and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul’s First letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

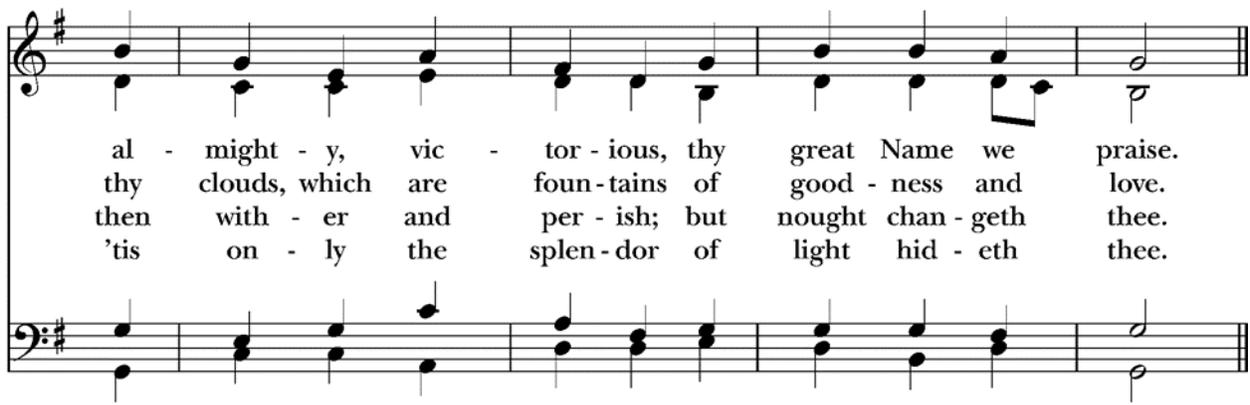
Sequence Hymn 423 *“Immortal, Invisible, God only wise”*

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Shaw Mudge

The Creed

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

**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 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.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant sets the pace.

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: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

**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
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 for ever. Amen.**

The Priest Blessing

Priest: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.

Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn L1 “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty”

Nicaea

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when___ hope un - born___ had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us___ thus far on___ the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning—
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y—
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the—

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.—
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?—
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.—

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.



Thank you to everyone who participated in putting the service together today.

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STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Last day of last year, in Covid code, the entire state except for one town in Litchfield Country was RED. Bright RED!

Cheryl had assigned pledge numbers and addressed the pledge envelopes. I masked up and got in line at the post office - only 4 ahead of me. The PO clerk weighed one set of envelopes and said, "Maybe we can use the 'one ounce more' stamp", and she disappeared. We waited, and waited, and the line in back of me got longer - but was well behaved.

She returned and said, "Yes". I paid for the stamps and went to the table to put "2 women, 1 rabbit", "2 women, 1 rabbit" on each pack. I came out even! And got back in line. Eventually the PO clerk said, "If you're just dropping off, you can bring it up" and two of us did.

Therefore you should have received your pledge envelopes by now and are free to start using them! And thank you for doing so. If pledge envelopes are missing from your life, please call the church office at 860-225-7634.

Equally as important, please continue to pray about the options that lie ahead for St. Mark's. It will not be a quick process. While we get financial papers to Amber at The Commons, we are also exploring staying at 90 Main St., New Britain and continuing our New Britain ministries; merging with another Episcopal parish; becoming an Intentional Episcopal Community; and seeing what ways of being the Episcopal Church together might be suggested by our new bishop who will be elected May 21, 2022.

Zoom in and Phone in to church if we continue in Covid RED. Do send cards or emails, or even postcards to each other. How about a phone call?

COME TO CHURCH if we aren't Covid RED.
Remember, prayers don't transmit viruses!

**God Our Creator Prayer
(A prayer from the Bishop Transition Committee)**

"God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition.

Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy.

Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you.

Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen"



Message Mailing List Purge 2022

During the month of January we will be purging names off of the St. Mark's Message mailing list.

This will be **ONLY** for the issues that we mail to people, not the email list.

If you would like to continue to receive the Message by mail you **MUST** call (860-225-7634) or email the parish office (parishoffice@stmarksnewbirtian.org) no later than January 23, 2022.

If you would like to receive the Message by email only, please let Cheryl in the office know.

If you are a member of the St. Mark's Vestry or your name is on our Voting List, your name will remain on our mailing list and you do not need to contact us. Thank you.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on:

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Following the 9:00 a.m. service On Zoom - Zoom ID # 500 865 037

The annual meeting is called for Election of Officers and Vestry and any other business as designated by the Vestry.

Allison L. Penick

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Parish Clerk

The Second Sunday After Epiphany – January 16, 2022

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: Mike Roy, Pat Scarlett, Betty Barden, Colin Rhoads, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/ Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

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

Parish families: Martha Calnen, Barbara Campbell, James, Karen, Katherine and Kimberly Caplik and Katharine Carle.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Bill Robinson, Olga and James Kroncke and Katherine Horachko.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 17 - Parish Office and Food Pantry Closed - MLK Day

Sunday, February 6 - Annual Meeting - On Zoom

Saturday, February 12 - 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Vestry Retreat on Zoom



ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE NOW

Please send your Annual Report to the parish office as soon as possible.

All reports should be a short synopsis of your groups activity in 2021.

Thank you!

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Broadcast Instructions

You can enter the Zoom service via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.

There is also a telephone number that can be used to join the Zoom service: 1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling).

If you are using a telephone to dial into the service: dial the zoom phone number, and then wait to be prompted by the voice to enter the meeting number.

Then, enter the meeting number, and as part of the meeting number, please add the "pound" sign (#) at the end of the meeting number (as the verbal instructions direct).

The Zoom broadcast opens at 9:45 am when remote participants can be admitted and will be greeted by the e-verger.

Remote participants are encouraged to stay connected after the service and greet and be greeted during the coffee hour.



Issues that have come to our attention:

Issue: "my screen goes back and forth between speakers."

Response: you may be in "speaker" view. If so, change to "gallery view".

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