

*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**  
**Annual Meeting to begin following the Worship Service**

**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** “*Trumpet Voluntary*”

**Jeremiah Clarke**



**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.

**O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 17:5-10

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—

who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.”

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

Volunteer

Leader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

**People: nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*

**People: and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

**People: everything they do shall prosper.**

Leader: It is not so with the wicked; \*  
**People: they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**  
 Leader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
**People: nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**  
 Leader: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
**People: but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Lector: Volunteer

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn 565 *"Blest are the pure in heart"*

**Franconia**

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give  
 se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 6:17-26**

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

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

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve apostles,] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

**Clergy:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

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

## **The Sermon**

**Stephen Hard, M. Div.  
Junior Warden**

## **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, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.**

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.



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





## Black History Month - February 2022



### Absalom Jones and Richard Allen

In 1786 the membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia included both blacks and whites. However, the white members met that year and decided that thereafter black members should sit only in the balcony. Two black Sunday school teachers, Absalom Jones (1746-1818) and Richard Allen (1760-1830), learned of the decision only when, on the following Sunday, ushers tapped them on the shoulder during the opening prayers, and demanded that they move to the balcony without waiting for the end of the prayer. They walked out, followed by the other black members.

Absalom Jones conferred with William White, Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia, who agreed to accept the group as an Episcopal parish. Jones would serve as lay reader, and, after a period of study, would be ordained and serve as rector. Allen wanted the group to remain Methodist, and in 1793 he left to form a Methodist congregation. In 1816 he left the Methodists to form a new denomination, the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Jones (ordained deacon and priest in 1795 and 1802) and Allen (ordained deacon and elder in 1799 and 1816) were the first two black Americans to receive formal ordination in any denomination.

#### Prayer

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear: that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servants Absalom Jones and Richard Allen, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*James Kiefer's Christian Biographies*

#### Here are more resources that are available to you:

Yale Youth Ministry Institute:

<https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resources/hot-button-topics/confronting-racism/>

Episcopal Church Racial Reconciliation:

<https://www.episcopalct.org/advocacy-racial-justice-and-reconciliation/>

Black History Month 2022:

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

**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"



**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

Feel free to use your new pledge envelopes.  
Remember prayers carry no viruses!



**SAVE THE DATE**

- Monday, February 21 - Presidents Day - Parish Office and Food Pantry Closed
- Sunday, February 27 - Fr. Shaw's Final Sunday with us. Join us for an extended Coffee Hour following the service to say Good-bye to Fr. Shaw.
- Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday 12:00 Noon service

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins.  
Remember to "Spring" forward!



**The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany – February 13, 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:** Manny Monteiro, Elissa Clarke, Allison Penick, Molly Sherman, Patty and Joe Arcari, 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. David’s, Gales Ferry; St. James’, Glastonbury; St. Luke’s, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.

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

**Parish families:** Jeffrey and Page Hartling, Miriam Hayes, Norm and Sue Holland, Garry Holland, David Howard and Gary and Karen Hudkins and family.

**Those who have died, and those who are remembered today:** Deceased members of the McAdoo family including: Pauline and George; Elsie and Olin; Sophie and Edwin; Teresa and Paul; Raymond; Marion; George; Andrea “Topsy”; Allena “Lee”; and Colleen and Chet Medon.

**PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:**

**Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto:campbellba24@gmail.com)**

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**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).**

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**The St. Mark’s Message Mailing List**



**If, at any time, you would like to receive the Message by email instead of USPS mail, please contact Cheryl in the parish office. Thank you.**

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### **Broadcast Instructions**

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**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.

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