

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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HOLY COMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.
St. Mark’s Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel and 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>. You may also enter by calling 1-646-558-8656. Please either print or have the 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 there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you. *(Please see page 9 for more information.)*

Today we welcome the Reverend Cathi Head Bencken as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 613 *“Thy kingdom come, O God”*

St. Cecelia



Lighting of Advent Candles and Collect

Responsive Litany - He Will Be Called Wonderful Counselor

During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

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.**

Opening Anthem

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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 Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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."
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 plowshares,
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!

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Volunteer

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, *
People: “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
Leader: Now our feet are standing *
People: within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Leader: Jerusalem is built as a city *
People: that is at unity with itself;
Leader: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
People: the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
Leader: For there are the thrones of judgment, *
People: the thrones of the house of David.
Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
People: “May they prosper who love you.
Leader: Peace be within your walls *
People: and quietness within your towers.
Leader: For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
People: I pray for your prosperity.
Leader: Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
People: I will seek to do you good.”

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 60 “Creator of the starts of night”

Conditor alme siderum

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “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.”

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cathi Head Bencken

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 Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; and for all Priests, 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.

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

**Celebrant and 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People:

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

**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 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.

Communion is open to all baptized Christians, and for precautionary measures, only consecrated bread is distributed. If coming forward to receive the bread, please keep a respectful 6 foot distance from the people in front of you, if you do not live in the same dwelling.

To receive the bread, please extend your hands and keep them level. The priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please take the bread back to your seat and consume it there, briefly moving your mask, to do so.

In Anglican liturgy, receiving bread is equivalent to receiving bread and wine.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(To be recited by those worshipping on Zoom)*

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Advent Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 66 *“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”*

Stuttgart

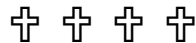
Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - October 23, 2022

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Joe Arcari, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, 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, Olivia Pike, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, Bud Wilcox, and Zachary.

Healing: Stacey Albert, Lilly Weich, Manny Monteiro, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ Church, Bethany; postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.

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

Parish families: Georgia Jakobowski and family, Richard and Nancy Judd, Karl and Karen Kebinger, and Robert and Mary Ann Kissel.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Danial Benjamin, Angela Von Achen, Jennifer Wallberg, Stella Mason, Tracy Jane Oshanna, Robert and Esther Oshana, Cathy Oshanna, Zaya Oshana, Edward Kling, Pauline Kling, Jane and Kenneth Gill and Emma and Charles Gill.

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).



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church Food Pantry
has been selected to receive \$1 from every
Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold
during the month of
November 2022 at:**

**Stop & Shop
1309 Corbin Avenue, New Britain CT
This is the last few days to help the pantry by
brightening your day with a bouquet!**

SAVE THE DATE

December 4 - 10:00 a.m. - St. James', West Hartford - Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

December 6 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

December 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

December 11 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Pace

December 13 - 6:45 a.m. - Vestry Meeting - Library

December 18 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Pace

December 23 & 26 Parish Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

December 24

January 1, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps

Drawing Nearer to God through Poetry

St. James Parish invites you to an evening of discovering how poetry can lift the veil of our confusion and bring us into closer proximity with God. On **Monday, November 28th, at 7 pm**, we hope you will join us on Zoom with Barbara Campbell, Diocesan Poet for the Episcopal Church in CT, educator, activist, and advocate, who will use her poetry to engage our imaginations and spirits during the season of Advent. Please email the parish office at st.james.church@sbcglobal.net to register for this evening of poetry and discovery. There will be a little time to dabble in some poetry ourselves, too.

**Sunday Worship Visits
The current schedule is:**

| Place | Date | Time | On-Line Access |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| St. James, 1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford Parking is available in the parking lot and in the Santander Bank parking lot. | 12/4/22 | 10:00 a.m. | Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist |

*According to the website, face masks are currently required for all in-person services.

On these dates, there **will not** be a service at 90 Main St. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the selected parish in-person. For those who can't, connecting to Zoom or Facebook Live details will be in the Message and future bulletins as this information becomes available. The details are in process and subject to change.

Grace Church, Newington Invites to St. Mark's

Grace Church in Newington, which we visited on October 16, has invited us to take part in any or all of the activities that they have coming up in the future.

Monday, December 5, 12:00 – Annual Holiday Party – A Pasta Lunch and Holiday Sing-a-long will highlight this party in the Parish Hall. If able please bring a salad or dessert to share. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. Thank you Nancy for again providing the homemade pasta main dish. Please RSVP by leaving a message at the Church office – 860-666-3331 (RSVP appreciated, not required).

2023

Monday, January 9, 12:00 – Fun and Games in Parish Hall

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