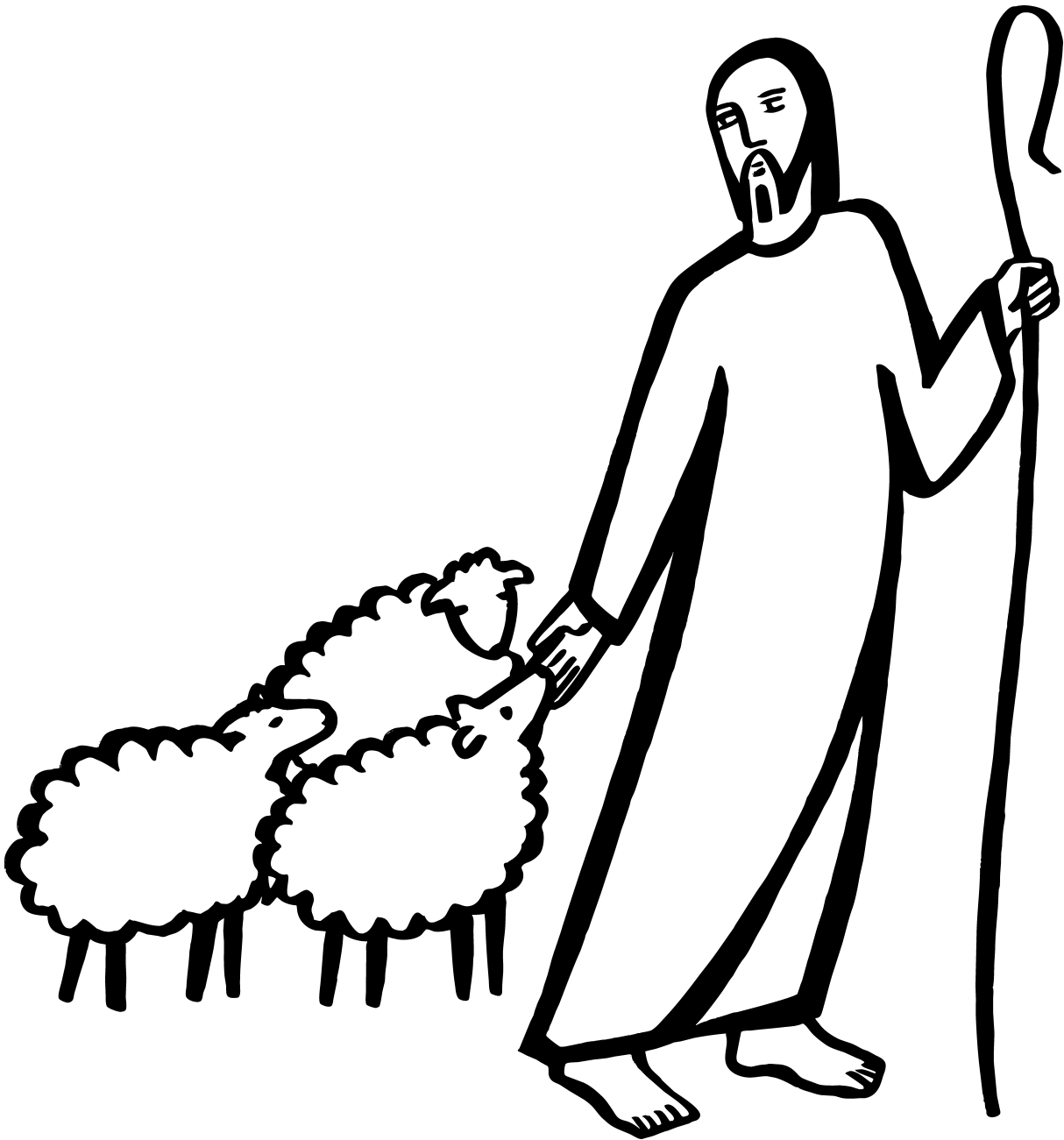


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**ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M. - ERWIN CHAPEL**  
**St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. on Zoom and in person**

**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 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 continue to require that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 182 *"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"*

Tryro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.



## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures for ever.

### 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:

**Glorify 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## The First Lesson

**Acts 9:36-43**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

## Psalm 23

Volunteer

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**People: I shall not be in want.**

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**People: and leads me beside still waters.**

Leader: He revives my soul \*

**People: and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Leader: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

**People: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**People: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Leader: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## The Second Lesson

**Revelation 7:9-17**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Revelation of John..

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn WLP 775 “Give thanks for life”

Sine nomine

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,  
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet  
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a  
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our - praise,  
touched the truth, who burned for what is right, } Al -  
love not changed by time or death or dread,  
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

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

## **The Sermon**

**Barbara A. Campbell, Ph.D.**

## **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 III

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray for Bishop Transition Committee nominees Glenna Huber, Jeff Mello, Kate Moorehead, Tanya Wallace and Whitney Altopp, the people of ECCT, and the clergy and lay delegates of convention. May they be faithful to listening and being guided by the Holy Spirit as they discern your will for the XVI Bishop Diocesan in ECCT.

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*[People may add their own petitions.]*

## The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray together, 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.

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn 708 *"Savior, like a shepherd lead us"*

Sicilian Mariners

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

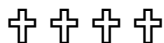
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Announcements



Priest,  
Deacon or  
Worship Leader:  
People:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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

**Join us for Coffee Hour in Cooper Hall following the service.**



**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"



**SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday, May 11 – 7:30 p.m.	Meeting with Bishop Laura Ahrens
Tuesday, May 17 - 6:45 p.m. -	Vestry Zoom Meeting <b>(DATE CHANGE)</b>
Saturday, May 21 -	Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut

**Dates of Relevance to the Election  
of a new Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut**

May 9 - 14	Meet and Greet Week for the Candidates to tour the Diocese of CT
May 21	Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut
June through September	Consent period for other diocese in the Episcopal Church, nationally and internationally, to consent to our election
October 15	Consecration of the new Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut

## Slate of Nominees for the XVI Bishop Diocesan

The Bishop Transition Committee joyously announces, after prayerful discernment, the Committee Nominees for the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut:

The Rev. Glenna Huber, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC

The Rev. Jeffrey Mello, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, MA

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Dean, St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL

The Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, Rector, All Saints' Episcopal Church, South Hadley, MA

And the Petition Nominee:

The Rev. Whitney Altopp, Rector, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Ridgefield, CT

For more information on each nominee, please go to:

<https://ctbishopsearch.org/nominees/>



### Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls

The **June 18, 2022** Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls will be a generationally transformative and disruptive gathering of poor and low-wealth people, state leaders, faith communities, moral allies, unions and partnering organizations.

It is NOT just a day of action. It is a declaration of an ongoing, committed moral movement to

1) Shift the moral narrative; 2) Build power; and 3) Make real policies to fully address poverty and low wealth from the bottom up.

We are gathering from across the nation to demand this nation do MORE to live up to its possibilities:

MORE to fully address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation and the denial of health care, militarism and the war economy and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism.

MORE to change the narrative and build the power of those most impacted by these injustices.

MORE to realize a Third Reconstruction agenda that can build this country from the bottom up and realize the nation we have yet to be.

The Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March on Washington and to the Polls on June 18, 2022 will be a generationally-transformative declaration of the power of poor and low-wealth people and our moral allies to say that this system is killing ALL of us and we can't...we won't...we refuse to be silent anymore!

Register to attend: \$85 per person: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poor-peoples-campaign-march-on-washington-registration-320191179437>

Donate (whatever you can) so someone else can go: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poor-peoples-campaign-march-on-washington-event-donation-page-registration-328096333967>

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2022**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Joe Arcari 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:** Richard Glasson, Carmen Halstra, Manny Monteiro, Molly Sherman, Elissa Clarke, Allison Penick, Betty Barden, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

**Thanksgiving:** We give thanks for our mothers and all who have blessed us with a mother's love.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; healing prayer groups, and parish and community bible studies.

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

**Parish families:** Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Kwame Asomaning and Richard, Eric, Jeramie and Jennette Baba.

**Those who have died, and those who are remembered today:** Alpino and Lena Giulietti.

**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).



# Zoom Service Information

**If the service will be Zoom only an email will be sent out to the parish by Friday to let you know. Please contact the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.**

## **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.