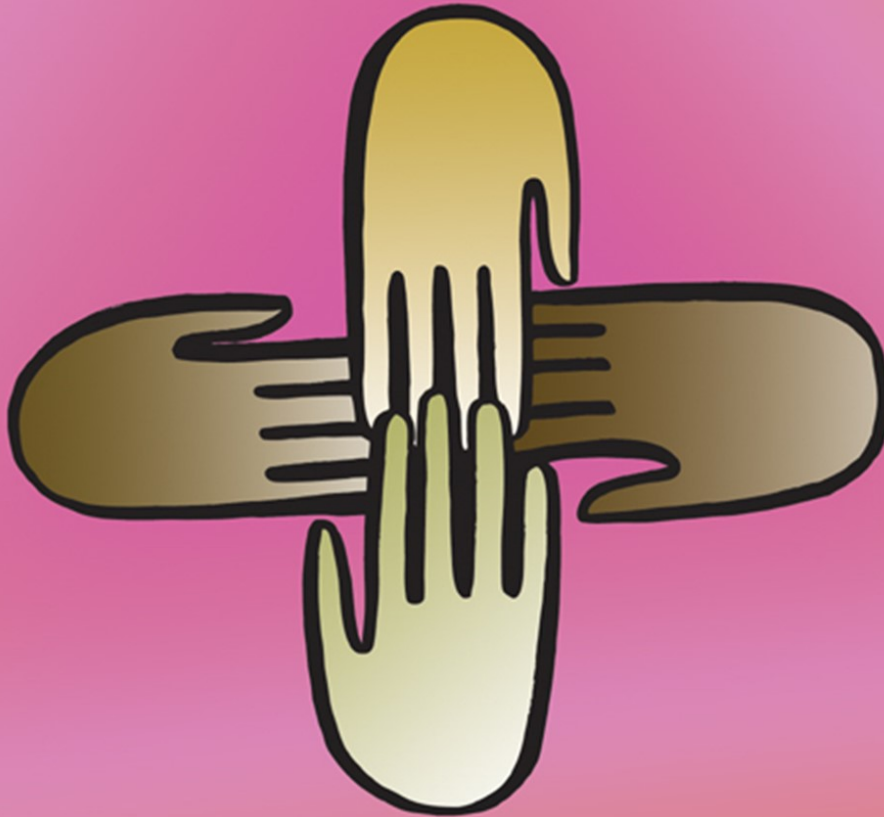


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**ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M. - ERWIN CHAPEL**  
**St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. on Zoom and in person**

**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.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 417 *“Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain”*

Festival Canticle

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1	Wor - thy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	_____	whose
2	Pow - er,		rich - es,	wis - dom,	and	strength,	_____	and		
3	Sing _____	with	all	the	peo - ple	of	God,	_____	and	
4	Bless - ing,		hon - or,	glo - ry,	and	might	be	to		
5	For _____	the	Lamb _____		who	was	slain	has	be -	

1	blood	set	us	free _____	to	be	peo - ple	of	God.	[Ant.]
2	hon - or,	_____	bless - ing,	and	glo - ry	are	his.		[Ant.]	
3	join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre - a -		tion.	[Ant.]
4	God	and	the	Lamb	for	ev - er.	A -		men.	[Ant.]
5	gun	his _____	reign.	_____	Al - le - lu				ia!	[Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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



## 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:**

**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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 149

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*

**People: praise him in the heights.**

Leader: Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**People: praise him, all his host.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**People: praise him, all you shining stars.**

Leader: Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**People: and you waters above the heavens.**

Leader: Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*

**People: for he commanded, and they were created.**

Leader: He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

**People: he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, \*

**People: you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Leader: Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
**People: tempestuous wind, doing his will;**  
Leader: Mountains and all hills, \*  
**People: fruit trees and all cedars;**  
Leader: Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
**People: creeping things and winged birds;**  
Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
**People: princes and all rulers of the world;**  
Leader: Young men and maidens, \*  
**People: old and young together.**  
Leader: Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
**People: for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**  
Leader: He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
**People: the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**  
**Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

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

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

[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**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 our Worship Leader, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People:** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

**Leader:** 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. And 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: 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 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

McKee

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Priest, Deacon or  
Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: **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"



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

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/>

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 15, 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 Krivka, 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.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** The Special Election Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut to elect the next bishop diocesan, meeting May 21, 2022, in Hartford, CT.

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

**Parish families:** John and Justina Baptiste, Betty Barden, Juliet Benjamin and William and Judith Briggs.

**Those who have died, and those who are remembered today:** Steven Hartling, Ann Bertini, Mrs. O.F. Bertini and A. Kent Hartling.

**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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**SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, May 17 - 6:45 p.m. -	Vestry Zoom Meeting ( <b>DATE CHANGE</b> )
Saturday, May 21 -	Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut
Monday, May 30 -	Memorial Day - Parish office and Food Pantry Closed
Wednesday, June 8 - 5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, June 8 - 7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, June 14 - 6:45 p.m.	Vestry Zoom Meeting

# 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.

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