

St. Mark's  *Episcopal Church*

Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist



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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

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HOLY COMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.

St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. IN Cooper Hall 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>. 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.

**Today we welcome the Reverend Diana Rogers as our Celebrant and Preacher.
Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.**

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Blessing Of The Palms - Please hold palms up for the blessing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through

your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The crucifer will lead the procession. Please follow the crucifer out of Cooper Hall.

Hymn 154 "All glory, laud, and honor"

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: Volunteer

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16

Lector: Volunteer

Leader: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *

People: my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

Leader: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

People: my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

Leader: I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

People: when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Leader: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

People: I am as useless as a broken pot.

Leader: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *

People: they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

Leader: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *

People: I have said, "You are my God.

Leader: My times are in your hand; *

People: rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Leader: Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

People: and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: Volunteer

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

Jesus: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Narrator: Then the apostles began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Narrator: Peter said to Jesus:

Peter: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

Jesus: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

Disciple: "No, not a thing."

Jesus: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

Disciple: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Jesus: "It is enough."

Narrator: Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

Narrator: When Jesus reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more

earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him;

Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciple: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Jesus: "No more of this!"

Narrator: And he touched the slave's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant 1: "This man also was with him."

Narrator: But Peter denied it.

Peter: "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing Peter said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them."

Peter: "Man, I am not!"

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: "Surely this man also was with the prisoner; for he is a Galilean."

Peter: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Narrator: At that moment, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

Narrator: Now Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldier 1: "Prophesy!"

Soldier 2: Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Elders: If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Jesus: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Elders: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

Jesus: "You say that I am."

Elders: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

Narrator: They began to accuse Jesus saying,

Elders: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Elders: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Narrator: Then the elders all shouted out together,

Elders: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator: (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Elders: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator: A third time Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Narrator: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **(Please stand).**

Narrator: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him,

Elders: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,

Soldier 1: "If you are the King of the Jews,

Soldier 2: save yourself!"

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus:

Criminal 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator: But the other rebuked him,

Criminal 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. **(Silence)** When the centurion saw what had taken place,

he praised God,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Silence

The Prayers of the People

Volunteer

Leader: We have heard again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the whole church throughout the world, for its bishops and clergy, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Diana, our priest; let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For peace in Ukraine and among nations, for Joseph, our President and for the leaders of all nations; for forbearance among all people, and for all those who serve their country, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, especially for all our parish families, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, and any others known to us, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our Parish, for our liturgical assistants, choirs, altar guild, acolytes, ushers, volunteers and all who are preparing for the liturgies of Pascha, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our blessings, and for other thanksgivings known to us, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all the departed, who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God, and for those who have died and are remembered today. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Into your hands, Oh God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, of the world: give us peace, give us peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Instead of communion, anyone may receive a blessing from the priest. To receive a blessing: come forward, and when the bread and wine is being distributed, please cross your arms over your chest.

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.

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.

Holy Week Blessing

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday -
St. Mark's will not hold a Maundy Thursday service.
Please feel free to attend another parish's service.**



**Friday, April 15 - Good Friday -
7:00 p.m. in Cooper Hall**



**Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday - with The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens
In the Erwin Chapel - 10:00 a.m.
Join us for Coffee Hour in Hart Hall following the service.**



EASTER
ALTAR FLOWERS

This Easter we will welcome The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens as our Celebrant and Preacher. We would like to have as many flowers in the church as possible to celebrate Easter.

If you would like to donate flowers for Easter in the memory of loved ones, please fill out and return the form below to the church office.

A donation of at least \$25 would be appreciated. Please make checks payable to: **St. Mark's Altar Guild.**

Please include the name of the people to be remembered with the flowers and by whom they are donated.

Please feel free to call Cheryl Rusczyk in the Parish Office 860-225-7634 if you have any questions.

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1. Easter Memorial 2022 Names:

Donations included: \$ _____

For **Easter** Flower Donations: Please complete and return to St. Mark's Church Office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, April 10, 2022.**

Additional copies of this form may be obtained by calling the church office at 860-225-7634.

The Sunday of the Passion - April 10, 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: Lucy Agustinucci, Carmen Halstra, Nicky McGuire, Manny Monteiro, Molly Sherman, Elissa Clarke, Allison Penick, 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. Peter's, Monroe; St. mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; and recovery ministries.

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

Parish families: Chuck and Susan Searle and family, Curtis Searle, Molly Sherman and family, Wayne and Brenda Stedman and Christine Stohl.

Those who have died, especially Mary Palmer, and those who are remembered today: Kathleen Hard.

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).

Parking for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Unless you have mobility issues, please **do not** use the South Church Parking lots.

There are multiple services happening at the same time on Palm and Easter Sundays.

Please use the parking lot at the YWCA, the garage on Chestnut St., or on street parking (you do not need to "feed" the meters on Sundays.)

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

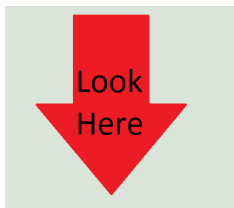
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| May 9 - 14                | Meet and Greet Week for the Candidates to tour the Diocese of CT                                                        |
| May 21                    | Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut                   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

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SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, April 12 - 6:45 p.m. - Vestry Zoom Meeting

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If you are receiving the bulletin in the mail, but are attending in-person services please drop a note to Cheryl in the Parish Office so she can take you off the bulletin mailing list. Thank you.

**Easter Memorial Flowers**  
**Forms are due to the parish office today. Please put the forms into the collection plate. Thank you!**

## **Zoom Service Information**

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

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

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

### **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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