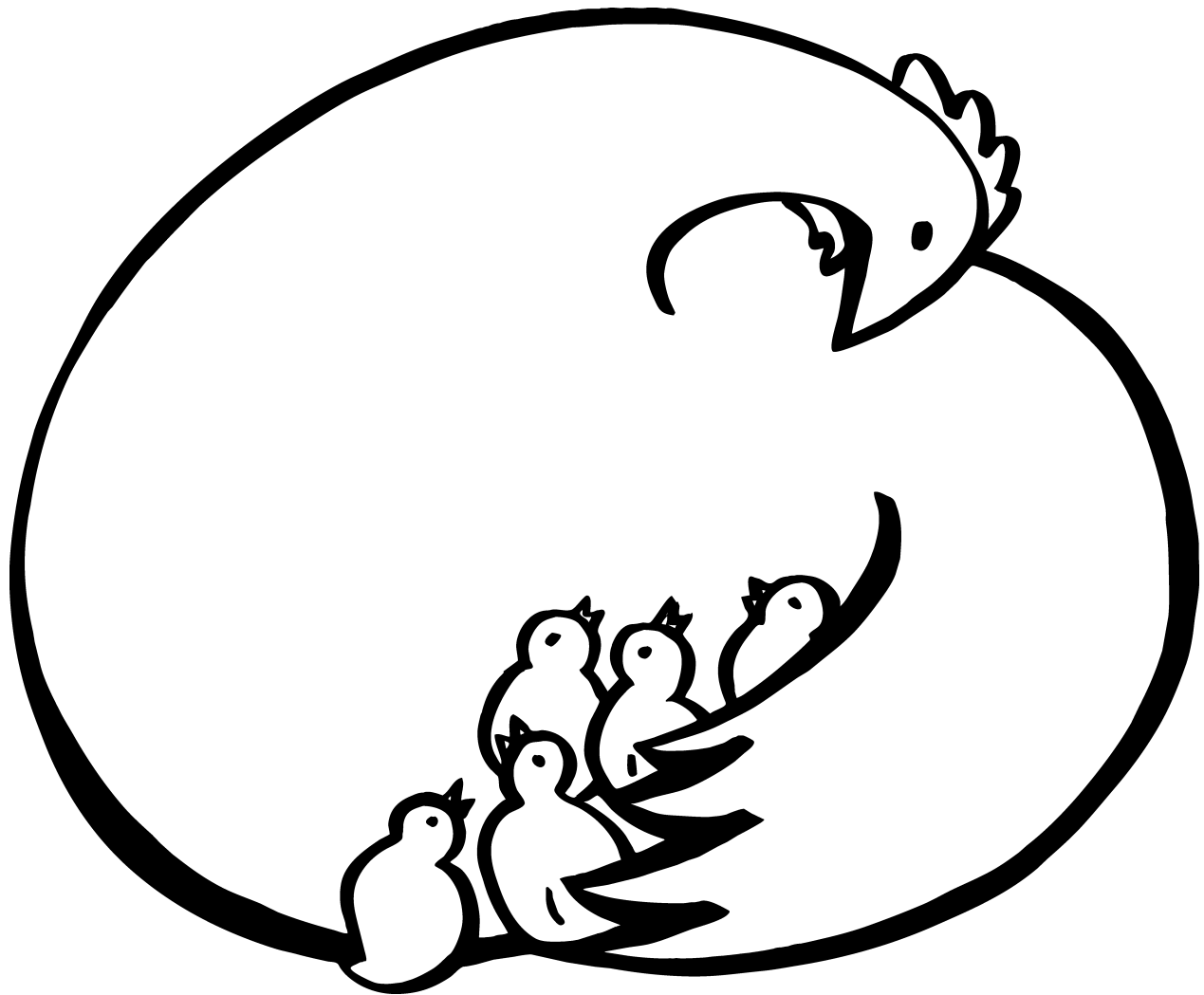


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ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.



A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half).

1	O	love,	how	deep,	how	broad,	how	high,	how	pass - ing
2	For	us	bap -	tized,	for	us	he	bore	his	ho - ly
3	For	us	he	prayed;	for	us	he	taught;	for	us his
4	For	us	to	wick - ed	hands	be -	trayed,	scourged,	mocked,	in
5	For	us	he	rose from	death	a -	gain;	for	us	he
6	All	glo -	ry	to	our	Lord	and	God	for	love so



1	thought	and	fan	-	ta	-	sy,	that	God,	the	Son	of		
2	fast	and	hun	-	gered		sore;	for	us	temp	-	ta	-	tions
3	dai	-	ly	works	he		wrought:	by	words	and	signs	and		
4	pur	-	ple	robe	ar	-	rayed,	he	bore	the	shame	-	ful	
5	went		on	high	to		reign;	for	us	he	sent	his		
6	deep,		so	high,	so		broad;	the	Trin	-	i	-	ty	whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.



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.*

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

Volunteer

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
People: **the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
Leader: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
People: **it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
Leader: Though an army should encamp against me, *
People: **yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
Leader: And though war should rise up against me, *
People: **yet will I put my trust in him.**
Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
People: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**
Leader: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
People: **and to seek him in his temple.**
Leader: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
People: **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**
Leader: Even now he lifts up my head *
People: **above my enemies round about me.**
Leader: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
People: **I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
Leader: Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
People: **have mercy on me and answer me.**
Leader: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
People: **Your face, LORD, will I seek.**
Leader: Hide not your face from me, *
People: **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
Leader: You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
People: **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
Leader: Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
People: **the LORD will sustain me.**
Leader: Show me your way, O LORD; *
People: **lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**
Leader: Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
People: **for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**
Leader: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
People: **in the land of the living!**
Leader: Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
People: **wait patiently for the LORD.**

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

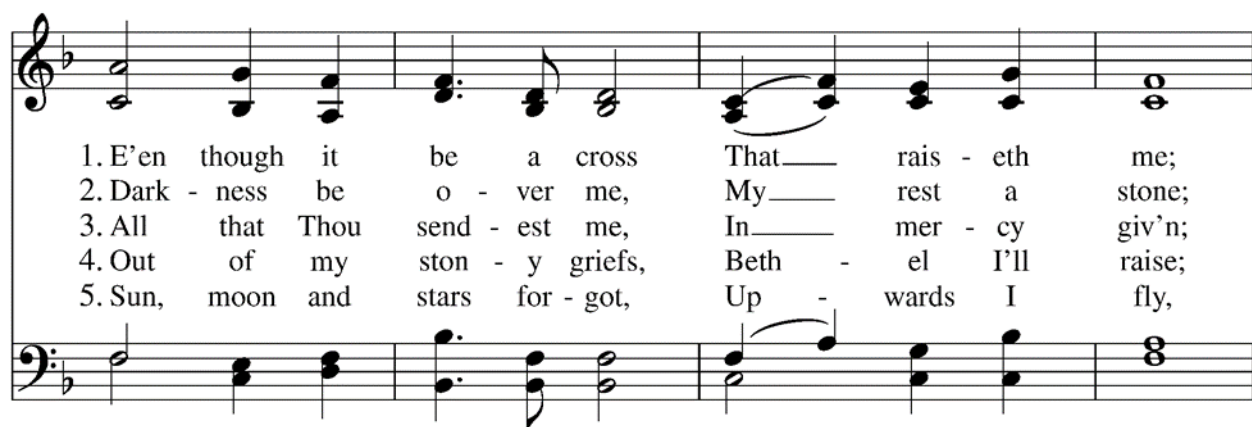
The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,



1. E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;
 4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,



1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be



Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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;

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 sets the pace.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.

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

People and Celebrant:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest Blessing

Priest: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.

Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

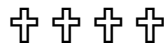
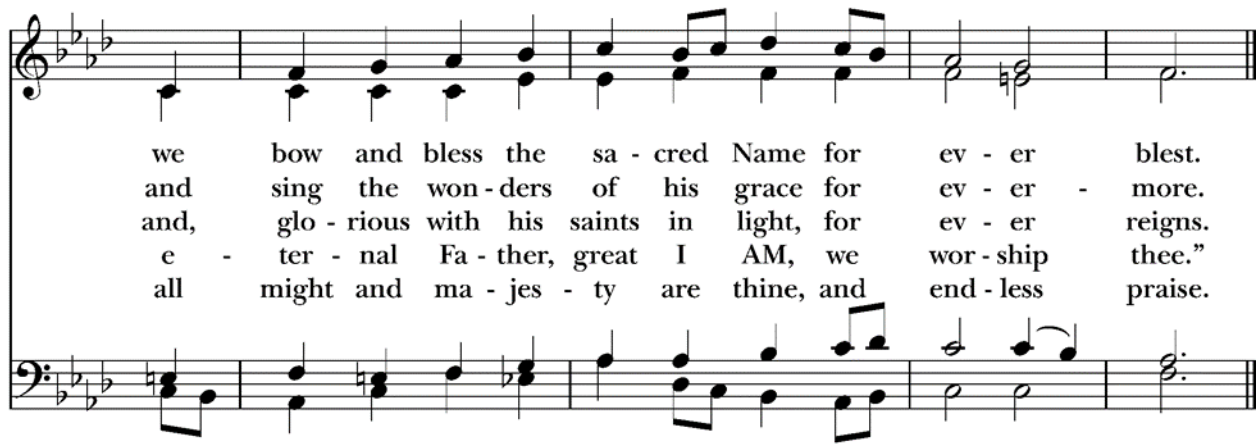
Dismissal Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



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



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**

March 28	Bishop Candidates Announced
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

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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ALTAR FLOWER FUND (Please print information)

Donated by: _____

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.



Help the St. Mark's Food Pantry

For every bouquet purchased at the New Britain Stop and Shop during the month of March 2022, St. Mark's Food Pantry will receive \$1.00

Brighten someone's day and help the food pantry at the same time!

The Second Sunday in Lent - March 13, 2022

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: 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: All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families.

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

Parish families: Joan Morgan, Edward and Shirley Murr, Kelly Nauss and family, Stephanie Nauss and family, Lenny and Marjola Nelson and Loris, Aman and Amir Omidwar.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Bette Stahl, Capt. Paul Stahl, Elsa and Paul Stahl, and Helena and Charles Winchell.

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).

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 20 -	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 27 -	4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 3 -	5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 10 -	Palm Sunday - with Rev. Diana Rogers
Sunday, April 17 -	Easter Sunday - with The Rt Rev. Laura Ahrens

South Church - Free Vaccination Clinic

Monday, March 21st 9am – 1 pm

For everyone ages 12 and up - NO appointment required. All boosters available

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to receive the vaccine. **No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.**



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".

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