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### **ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.**

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**Entrance Hymn 449    “O love, how deep, how road, how high”                      Deo gracias**

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.

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

### The First Lesson

**Joshua 5:9-12**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

### Psalm 32

Volunteer

Leader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*

**People: and whose sin is put away!**

Leader: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*

**People: and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

Leader: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*

**People: because of my groaning all day long.**

Leader: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*

**People: my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*

**People: and did not conceal my guilt.**

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*

**People: Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*

**People: when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Leader: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**People:** **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**  
 Leader: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**People:** **I will guide you with my eye.**  
 Leader: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**People:** **who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**  
 Leader: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**People:** **but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**  
 Leader: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
**People:** **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn 467 "Sing, my soul, his wondrous love" vs. 1,3,4

St. Bee

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

**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 and especially in the Ukraine.**

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.**

**Dismissal Hymn 559 “The God of Abraham praise”**

**Leoni**

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

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.**



### 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



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**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**



### **Palm Sunday Gospel Readers Needed**



If you are interested in being a reader for the Passion Gospel (Luke 22:14 - 23:56) please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board next to the St. Mark's office.

Thank you.



## **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 Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 27, 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:** All Saint's, Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Crrist Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; The Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission; Convention planning committee; and the Convention worship committee..

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

**Parish families:** Eva Reynolds, Evelyn Riley, Rae Robinson, Mary Jo Ronstrom and Teresa Sanchez.

**Those who have died, especially Mary Palmer, and those who are remembered today:**  
John Giulietti and Anna and James Love.

**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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## **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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