

St. Mark's



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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>. You may also enter by calling 1-646-558-8656. 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 61 “Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us” vss. 1 and 2

Wachet auf



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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Volunteer

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

People: happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Leader: The LORD looks down from heaven, *

People: and beholds all the people in the world.

Leader: From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *

People: on all who dwell on the earth.

Leader: He fashions all the hearts of them *

People: and understands all their works.

Leader: There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *

People: a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

Leader: The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *

People: for all its strength it cannot save.

Leader: Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *

People: on those who wait upon his love,

Leader: To pluck their lives from death, *

People: and to feed them in time of famine.

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD; *

People: he is our help and our shield.

Leader: Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

People: for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Leader: Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
People: as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 208 "We've Come This Far by Faith"

Goodson

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(silence)

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 IV

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 all Priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the prayer requests from the Walk and

Roll and for George, Deborah, Marty, Rob, Connie, Heather, Donna, Sharon, Will, Andrew, Brandon, Sabrina, Jackie, Cheryl, Bob, Nancy, Carol, Jazmine, Minerva, Beronica, Mari, Nikky, and Luke.

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, an 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.

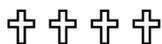
Dismissal Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader:
People:

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



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

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

Join us on Sunday, August 14 as we welcome the Reverend Diana Rogers as our Celebrant and Preacher.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, August 10 - 5:45 p.m. Executive Committee Zoom Meeting **(DATE CHANGE)**
Tuesday, August 16 - 6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting **(DATE CHANGE)**

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

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

Healing: Marybeth Dobmier, Bud Wilcox, Lilly Weich, 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: St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers.

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

Parish families: Susan Savage, Jackie Schenck, Curtis Searle, and Molly Sherman and family.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Cora and William Scheuy and A. Kent and Glenna Hartling.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

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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).

Consecration of the new Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut,

October 15 Consecration of the new Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello, Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut

Part 2 - Lambeth Conference 2022 - Speaking Out Works!

Due to widespread protests on-line and in print from the American bishops after the Lambeth Call materials were released July 18, there are now 3 options for a response to a Lambeth Call:

The Call speaks to me.

The Call requires further discernment.

The Call does not speak for me.

The statement in the Human Dignity Call now acknowledges there is no consensus in the Anglican Communion on same-sex marriage.

The American House of Bishops is meeting in Canterbury July 27 “to discern its way forward” before Lambeth begins.

CT’s Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello has been invited to attend Lambeth and is present with Bps. Douglas and Ahrens. Same sex partners were not invited

Part 3 – Lambeth Conference 2022

After 2 days of prayer, conversations, and Bible study, the 650 bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion are revealing the hands they want to play. The Lambeth Call on Human Dignity included the language of the 1998 Resolution 1.10 which is “rejecting homosexual practices as incompatible with Scripture” and advising against “the legitimizing or blessing of same-sex unions or ordaining those involved in same gender unions.”

The inclusion of those statements was not authorized by the Human Dignity committee.

The bishops of South Sudan, and the Indian Ocean want to impose “sanctions” supporting the 1998 Resolution 1.10 without specifying the sanctions or citing the imposing authority.

The Human Dignity Lambeth Call will be revised eliminating an explicit reaffirmation of Resolution 1.10. It does still say “all baptized, believing and faithful person, regardless of sexual orientation are full members of the Body of Christ.” There is no consensus on the legitimizing of blessing and marriage rites for same-sex couples.

Now at Lambeth, spouses of same-sex bishops are not invited. Connecticut’s Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello’s husband has not been invited but the bishop-elect has been and is present. Attending Lambeth now are gay or lesbian bishops from Maine, New York, Missouri, and Michigan.

Provinces of the Anglican Communion where same-sex marriage is allowed are the United States, Brazil, Canada, Scotland, Wales, and Aotearoa, New Zealand.,

Bishops of Nigeria, Rwanda, and Uganda have refused to attend Lambeth. Some Global South bishops will stay seated and not receive communion at Lambeth.

There are almost 100 female bishops now at Lambeth.

Part 4 Lambeth Conference

On Aug 1, the Archbishop of Canterbury announced the voting on Lambeth Calls (Conference discussion issues) will not occur. This means even with 3 choices of votes (speaks for me, need more info, or am opposed), the status of where each bishop stands will not be available to be released. Thus far only the Mission and Evangelism Call tallies had been released - 464 bishops voting: 66% speaks for me, 33% need more info, 1% does not speak for me.

This past year as the plight of Indigenous People was taught and discussed, the English government would not clarify or admit where it stands today with regard to its participation in the Doctrine of Discovery (1493). What benefits from colonization returned or are returning to England? Something to think about.

Summer Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday: 8:30 to 2:30.

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