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**HOLY COMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.**  
**St. Mark’s Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel 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>. 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.

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.

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



**Entrance Hymn 423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”**

**St. Denio**



**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Acclamation:**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 82**

Volunteer

Leader: God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*

**People: he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

Leader: "How long will you judge unjustly, \*

**People: and show favor to the wicked?**

Leader: Save the weak and the orphan; \*

**People: defend the humble and needy;**

Leader: Rescue the weak and the poor; \*

**People: deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

Leader: They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*

**People: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Leader: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*

**People: and all of you children of the Most High;**

Leader: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*

**People: and fall like any prince.' "**

Leader: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*

**People: for you shall take all nations for your own.**

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

**Sequence Hymn 637 “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”**

**Lyons**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56**

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

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

[Jesus said,] “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**Clergy:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(silence)*

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Diana Rogers**

## 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:** 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.]*

**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:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and people:** **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen*

### **The Peace**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**



## **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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

## **Sanctus**

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

### **Celebrant and People**

**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 who 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 forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

## The Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(To be recited by people joining us on Zoom.)*

*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.**

## Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 347 *“Go forth for God; go to the world in peace”*

Litton

## Announcements

Priest, Deacon or  
Worship Leader:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People:

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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



## Part 5 Lambeth Conference

The 2022 Lambeth Conference concluded Sunday, August 7, with a glorious Eucharist in Canterbury Cathedral. The celebrants were Primates from Cape Town, and Canada, who is a woman. There were lots of invitations from the altar to “pray in the language of your choice”, the jazz band was good to hear and fun to watch, the congregation was filled with bishops in purple cassocks - their street clothes!

Archbishop Justin Welby preached a personable sermon concluding his efforts to focus on being God’s church in God’s world.

When it was time for the consecration, at least 25 chalices were brought to the altar. We didn’t see the Evers from which they would be filled. Communion could be in one or both kinds. Communicants presented 2 hands to receive in 1 kind, or 1 hand offered and the wafer would be intincted for you.

Now, after all the planes take off and land safely, what’s next? In the planning stages is a meeting of the Global South leadership and people on the LGBTQ+ issues. It might be helpful if they and we read (or re-read) God Believes In Love by Gene Robinson, the Episcopal Church’s first openly gay bishop in 2003. Bishop Robinson, who was Bishop of New Hampshire for 10 years, reminds us of Anglicanism’s 3 legged stool of Scripture, tradition, and reason, before discussing the seven verses of Scripture traditionally thought to be associated with the issue of homosexuality. He also notes that in the Gospel, Jesus did not comment on sexual behavior between people of the same gender, and Jesus was outspoken with regard to women and children. Jesus was also a rule breaker.

The daily in-person discussions on the Lambeth Calls must have been highlights for the bishops who were around tables for 8 in a seemingly field house at the University of Kent.

It is highly likely there will be a book rapidly published on the discussions of the 10 Lambeth Calls. The Call on Mission and Evangelism raised issues for me on what are the relationships or connections among Evangelism, the Doctrine of Discovery, and colonialism? Other Lambeth Calls are Reconciliation, Safe Church, Environment and Sustainable Development, Christian Unity, Interfaith Relations, Anglican Identity, Human Dignity (including sexuality), and Discipleship.

On second thought, maybe there will be 10 new books! Or listening to the 10 minute videos recorded at Lambeth by Bps Douglas and Ahrens and Bp-elect Mello and other Province 1 (New England) bishops!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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| <b>Tuesday, August 16 - 6:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Vestry Zoom Meeting (DATE CHANGE)</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday, August 21 - 10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday Service with the Rev. Diana Rogers as our Celebrant and Preacher</b> |
| <b>Sunday, August 28 - 10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday Service with the Rev. Diana Rogers as our Celebrant and Preacher</b> |

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**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 14, 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 Kravka, 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:** Bud Wilcox, Lilly Weich, Richard Glasson, Carmen Halstra, Manny Monteiro, Elissa Clarke, Allison Penick, Betty Barden, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries.

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

**Parish families:** Dale Soberaj, Kelly Suprenant, Claire Bagameri, Wayne and Brenda Stedman, Christine Stohl and Joy Tomasso.

**Those who have died, especially Marybeth Dobmier and Elmo Aiudi, and those who are remembered today:** Lucy and Wallace Hard and Daniel and Rose Hard.

**PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:**

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**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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**Maggie Breen - Northeast Region (NE) Missionary Visit**

Join us on Sunday, September 25th when we welcome to St. Mark's our Northeast Region Missionary Maggie Breen for the celebration of the Eucharist and coffee hour on Sunday, September 25. This will be a good time for us to pick her brain as we prepare for our visits to neighboring parishes.

As our regional missionary she is familiar with these parishes and may be able to provide some insights as we dive into merger considerations.



