

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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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. (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 **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you. *(Please see page 9 for more information.)*

Today we welcome the Reverend Joseph Pace as our Celebrant and Preacher.
Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 375 “Give praise and glory unto God”

Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Leader: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

People: **for there is no help in them.**

Leader: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

People: **and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Leader: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

People: **whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

Leader: Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

People: **who keeps his promise for ever;**

Leader: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
People: and food to those who hunger.
 Leader: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
People: the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 Leader: The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
People: he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 Leader: The LORD shall reign for ever, *
People: your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul’s first letter to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 574 “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

St. Petersburg

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to

him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' ”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.
(*silence*)

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Pace

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.]

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 WLP 819 *“Guide my feet Lord”*

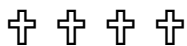
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Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader:
People:

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

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



New COVID Guidelines for the South Church Campus

- We now recommend mask wearing to protect you and others; it is no longer required. We will leave it to individuals to decide whether to wear a mask.
- If you have any symptoms of illness, please do not attend worship or meetings in person, or stop by the church office. Stay home to protect others.
- Please show respect for others' choice to wear a mask or not to wear a mask. You don't know their personal reasons or circumstances.
- If you know you were exposed to someone who tested positive, wear a mask for worship or other gatherings, to protect others.
- The church will continue to offer free COVID test kits as long as they are made available to us. We recommend that you have one on hand at home so that you can test if needed.

The St. Mark's Food Pantry



We are in need of gently used grocery bags.
If you have any grocery bags (plastic or other types) and would like to donate them to the pantry, please drop them off in the Parish Office.

🔊 SAVE THE DATE! 🔊

Ordination and Consecration of
The Rev. Jeffrey William Mellow, XVI Bishop Diocesan
of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Saturday, October 15
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford
Service at 11 a.m. - Doors open at 10 a.m.
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

Go to episcopalct.org/consecration to register.

To livestream the Ordination on the ECCT YouTube channel, go to www.episcopalct.org/consecration/ and click on the link to the YouTube channel.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 25, 2022

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Joe Arcari, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, 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, Olivia Pike, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, Bud Wilcox, and Zachary.

Healing: Barbara Campbell, Lilly Weich, Manny Monteiro, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

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

Parish families: Martha Calnen, Barbara Campbell, James, Karen, Katherine and Kimberly Caplik, Katharine Carle, Gloria Carlson and Shirley Carlson.

Those who have died, especially Dr. John Glover and those who are remembered today: Andro and Nilda Agostinucci.

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, October 2	10:15 a.m.	St. James', Farmington
Tuesday, October 4	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 5	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 9	10:00 a.m.	Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps
Monday, October 10		Office Closed - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, October 11	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, October 15	11:00 a.m.	Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey William Mellow as the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
Sunday, October 16	9:00 a.m.	Grace Church, Newington
Sunday, October 23	10:00 a.m.	Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps
Sunday, October 30	10:00 a.m.	Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps
Monday, October 31		Happy Halloween

Sunday Worship Visits
The current schedule is:

Place	Date	Time	On-Line Access
St. James, 3 Mountain Rd. Farmington	10/2/22	10:15 a.m.	www.stjamesfarmington.org Click on the "f" at the top of the page
Grace Church, 124 Maple Hill Ave. Newington	10/16/22	9:00 a.m.	Zoom: Meeting ID: 786 697 1764 Password: 83043516 Phone number: 1-646-931-3860
St. Paul's, 145 Main St. Southington	11/6/22	10:15 a.m.*	www.stpaulct.org Click on Worship and then click on Facebook Live link (You do NOT need a Facebook account to use join this service.)
St. Gabriel's, 68 Main St. East Berlin	11/20/22	9:00 a.m.	Zoom: Meeting ID:546 920 9960 Password: Jesus
St. James, 1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford	12/4/22	9:30 a.m.	TBA

*According to the website, face masks are currently required for all in-person services. We will check again when it gets closer to the service date.

On these dates, there **will not** be a service at 90 Main St. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the selected parish in-person. For those who can't, connecting to Zoom or Facebook Live details will be in the Message and future bulletins as this information becomes available. The details are in process and subject to change.

In honor of Bishop Ian, give to the Bishop Farewell Fund

In accordance with recent tradition, to honor our bishop on his retirement, ECCT has set up a fund for donations in his honor to an organization designated by him. Bishop Ian has chosen Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). IRIS provides wrap-around services for refugee families, asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance to stabilize their family situations in the U.S.

To donate, go to: <https://www.episcopalct.org/make-a-new-gift/bishop-ian-farewell-fund/>

The fund will close on October 8, 2022.

Dear Faithful of St. Mark's:

This Sunday we welcome to St. Mark's our Regional Missionary, Maggie Breen. Father Pace will be our celebrant and homilist, but Maggie will be joining us for our regular coffee time following services to discuss all issues regional. This meeting is especially timely for us as the following Sunday (October 2) we commence our visiting of local parishes with an eye to merging. Maggie, obviously, is very familiar with all the parishes in our area and should be able to provide valuable insights. I hope as many as possible will join us for this important conversation in Cooper Hall following our services on Sunday.

On October 2 we will be celebrating the Eucharist with the community of St. James in Farmington. Please remember that on the visitation Sundays we will not be having services at 90 Main, although remote participation will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Two things, in particular, need to be noted. The first is that the time of the services at the parishes we will be visiting varies. The service at St. James, for instance, starts at 10:15 a.m. The second thing to keep in mind is that on the Sunday following our visit to any parish, the visit will be the focus of our conversation during coffee time the following Sunday at 90 Main Street.

We are in transition! That is unsettling for everyone, but change is more difficult for some than for others. In all of this, besides God's presence with us, there is something else that is certain.

Nothing is going to happen fast! Holding one's breath is not recommended.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Stephen Hard
Junior Warden

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