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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.

**Today we welcome the Reverend Joseph Pace as our Celebrant and Preacher.**

**Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.**



**Entrance Hymn LEVAS 106 “Take My Hand, Precious Lord”**

**Thomas A. Dorsey**



**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** **His mercy endures for ever.**

**Decalogue**

**Celebrant:** Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** Honor your father and your mother.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** You shall not commit murder.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** You shall not commit adultery.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**Celebrant:** You shall not steal.

**People:** **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31 (Silence may be kept)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Everyone: (pausing at the punctuation)**

**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.

**People: 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.

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:  
Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that,  
among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where  
true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

Lector: Volunteer

**Ezekiel: 37:1-14**

A Reading from the book of Ezeckiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.  
(*silence*)

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130**  
Volunteer

Leader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*  
**People: let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**  
Leader: If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**People: O Lord, who could stand?**  
Leader: For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**People: therefore you shall be feared.**  
Leader: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
**People: in his word is my hope.**  
Leader: My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
**People: more than watchmen for the morning.**  
Leader: O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
**People: for with the LORD there is mercy;**  
Leader: with him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
**People: and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**The Second Lesson**

Lector: Volunteer

**Romans 8:6-11**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.  
(*silence*)

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel****John 11:1-45****Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
(*silence*)**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon****The Reverend 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 VI

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 Jeffrey 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.

*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.**

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.

### **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**



## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

### **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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 are bold to say,,

**Celebrant and People: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



**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 those worshipping on Zoom)*

**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.**

**The Blessing**

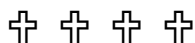
Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

**Dismissal Hymn 493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing” Azmon**

**Announcements**

Priest, Deacon or  
Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**



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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday - 10:00 a.m.** beginning in Cooper Hall  
(see back page for more details.)

**Holy Week - St. Mark's will not hold any Holy Week Services.**

**Please feel free to attend services at other Episcopal churches.**

**Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel with  
the Rt. Reverend Laura Ahrens**

Tuesday, April 11 - 6:45 p.m. - Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, April 16 - 10:00 a.m.** - Service in the Erwin Chapel

**Sunday, April 23 - 10:00 a.m. - St. Mark's Day** - Service in the Erwin Chapel

**Sunday, April 30 - 10:00 a.m.** - Service in the Erwin Chapel



**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)**

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For **Easter** Flower Donations: Please complete and return to St. Mark's Church Office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023.**

**Additional copies of this form may be obtained by calling the church office at 860-225-7634.**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 26, 2023**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Krivka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk and Harry Thompson.

**Healing:** Deb Warner, Lucy Agostinucci, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** All Saint's, Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks.

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

**Parish families:** Barbara Howey, Gary and Karen Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Chuck Hummel and Georgia Jakobowski and family.

**Those who have died, 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).



## **Sunday, April 2**

10 a.m. Gathering in Cooper Hall for a joint service of the Blessing of the Palms with the congregations of 90 Main, followed by the neighborhood procession of the palms.

Following the Procession: St. Mark's will gather in Cooper Hall for our Antecomunion Service including the communal proclamation of the Passion.

No Coffee Hour following the service as we prayerfully enter into Holy Week

# HOLY WEEK

We will not have Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Service. Please feel free to attend these services at another area church.



## **Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Festive Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection with Bishop Laura Ahrens. A Festive Potluck Easter Brunch will follow the service. Bring your favorite dish to share.

We will have Easter Flowers in the church in memory of our loved ones. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office, with a donation, to include the names of your loved ones.

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