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*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

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

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 102 *"Once in royal David's city"*

Irby



**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**

**People and Celebrant:**

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
worship you, we give you thanks,  
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:  
mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
the Holy Spirit,  
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 poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147**

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
**People: how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**  
Leader: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
**People: he gathers the exiles of Israel.**  
Leader: He heals the brokenhearted \*  
**People: and binds up their wounds.**  
Leader: He counts the number of the stars \*  
**People: and calls them all by their names.**  
Leader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
**People: there is no limit to his wisdom.**  
Leader: The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
**People: but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*

**People: make music to our God upon the harp.**

Leader: He covers the heavens with clouds \*

**People: and prepares rain for the earth;**

Leader: He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*

**People: and green plants to serve mankind.**

Leader: He provides food for flocks and herds \*

**People: and for the young ravens when they cry.**

Leader: He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

**People: he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

Leader: But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*

**People: in those who await his gracious favor.**

Leader: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*

**People: praise your God, O Zion;**

Leader: For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*

**People: he has blessed your children within you.**

Leader: He has established peace on your borders; \*

**People: he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

Leader: He sends out his command to the earth, \*

**People: and his word runs very swiftly.**

Leader: He gives snow like wool; \*

**People: he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

Leader: He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*

**People: who can stand against his cold?**

Leader: He sends forth his word and melts them; \*

**People: he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, \*

**People: his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

Leader: He has not done so to any other nation; \*

**People: to them he has not revealed his judgments.**  
**Hallelujah!**

**The Second Lesson**

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn 82 *"Of the Father's love begotten"*

*Divinum mysterium*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 1:1-18**

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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

*(silence)*

## **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 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.**

## Offertory Sentence

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



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

#### 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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And now, 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: 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.

**All baptized Christians are invited to Communion. Receiving the bread alone is sufficient for full participation. Those who wish to receive from the chalice by intinction are asked to approach the chalice first. Only after those who wish to receive in this way have intincted, should those who wish to drink from the chalice approach to receive.**

### **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.

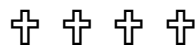
**Dismissal Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"**

**Cranham**

**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.**



**2023 Annual Reports Due**

It's that time of year again! If you are writing a report for the Annual Meeting, please email it to Cheryl in the Parish Office no later than January 18, 2024. Thank you!

Happy  
New  
Year

THE VESTRY AND STAFF  
(Cheryl) OF ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WISH EVERYONE A  
BLESSED AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!

**The First Sunday After Christmas - December 31, 2023**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Aaron, Georgie Bethel, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Elora Cass, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Ben Gryk, Cheryl Hanson, Norm Holland, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Brody Searle, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

**Healing:** Anna Levesque, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** St. Mak's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; for soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without and Eglise Anglicane due Rwanda.

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

**Parish families:** Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Richard, Eric, Jeramie and Jennette Baba, and John and Justina Baptiste.

**Those who have died, especially Homer White and those who are remembered today:** Gladys Cox and deceased members of the Altar Guild.

**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).**

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

<b>Monday, January 1, 2024</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
Tuesday, January 2	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 3	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Service - Erwin Chapel</b>
Tuesday, January 9	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Cooper Hall
Wednesday, January 10	6:30 p.m.	Canonical Committee Meeting - Cooper Hall
Tuesday, January 18	7:00 p.m.	Combined Vestry Meeting - St. James, Farmington
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Service - Erwin Chapel</b>
Monday, January 15		Martin Luther King Day Parish Office Closed
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Service - Erwin Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Service - Erwin Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Service - Erwin Chapel and St. Mark's Annual Meeting</b>

### **Worship Schedule for St. Mark's**

**Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for January 2024.  
Please note that this list may be subject to change at any time.  
Any changes will be noted in our weekly bulletin.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
January 7, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joan Phelps Celebrant
January 14	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joseph Pace Celebrant
January 21	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joan Phelps Celebrant
January 28	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joseph Pace Celebrant

Please watch the bulletin and our website for any changes: [www.stmarksnewbritain.org](http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org)

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

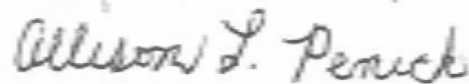
St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting  
will be held on:

Sunday, February 4, 2024

[Blizzard date: February 11, 2024]

**Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10 a.m. Service in  
Erwin Chapel - \*\*Zoom will be available.**

The annual meeting is called for Election of  
Officers and Vestry and any other business as  
designated by the Vestry.



Allison L. Penick  
Parish Clerk

\*\*We will have the Zoom room used for our Sunday worship service open to allow remote participation at the Annual Meeting. This works out OK for those who might just want to listen. It's not very good for those who might want to offer input. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in person if you are able, especially as we move forward with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington.