

*St. Mark's*



*Episcopal Church*



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**ANTECOMMUNION: 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.

**Stephen Hard is our Worship Leader this week.  
Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.**



**Entrance Hymn 441 "In the cross of Christ I glory"**

**Rathbun**



**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,  
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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
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**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

Hear what the LORD says:

“Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.”

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

Volunteer

Leader: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

**People: who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Leader: Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*

**People: who speaks the truth from his heart.**

Leader: There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*

**People: he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

Leader: In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

**People: but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

Leader: He has sworn to do no wrong \*

**People: and does not take back his word.**

Leader: He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*

**People: nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

Leader: Whoever does these things \*

**People: shall never be overthrown.**

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.  
(silence)

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 656 “*Blest are the pure in heart*”

Franconia

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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

**The Sermon**

**Stephen Hard, M.Div.  
Junior Warden**

**The Creed**

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

**People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People 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.

### **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

### **The Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Leader: Let us pray together, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

#### **Celebrant and People:**

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.

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

#### **People and Celebrant:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

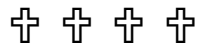
Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Dismissal Hymn 556 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

Marion



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

**The Third Sunday After Epiphany - January 29, 2023**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Gail Bates, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Kelly Nauss, Olivia Pike, Rae Robinson, and Francis and Joann Rusczyk. and Bud Wilcox.

**Healing:** Shari Rasche, Mary Ann Kissel, Georgie Bethel, Phil Porter, Stacey Albert, Manny Monteiro, and Cheryl Hanson.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** Christ and the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

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

**Parish families:** Migdalia Vazquez, Kurt and Carol Von Achen and family, William, Caroline and Emily Wallberg, and Michael and Penny Ward.

**Those who have died, especially Bud Wilcox and those who are remembered today:** Deceased members of the St. Mary's and St. Elizabeth's Guilds.

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

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto: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).

## 2023 Stewardship



Pledge Envelopes are Available to be picked up.  
Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you need envelopes

If you have not yet returned your pledge card,  
please do so as soon as possible.  
You may drop them into the plate on Sundays or  
mail them to the parish office. Thank you!

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### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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

Sunday, February 5, 2023

[Blizzard date: February 12, 2023]

**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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison L. Penick".

Allison L. Penick  
Parish Clerk

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, January 29 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**

**Sunday, February 5 - 10:00 a.m. -**

**Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Pace followed  
by the Annual Meeting in Cooper Hall**

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