

St. Mark's



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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 **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 135 *"Songs of Thankfulness and praise"*

Salzburg

**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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Volunteer

Leader: Why are the nations in an uproar? *

People: Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Leader: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, *

People: against the LORD and against his Anointed?

Leader: "Let us break their yoke," they say; *

People: "let us cast off their bonds from us."

Leader: He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *

People: the LORD has them in derision.

Leader: Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *

People: and his rage fills them with terror.

Leader: "I myself have set my king *

People: upon my holy hill of Zion."

Leader: Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *

People: he said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

Leader: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
People: **and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
 Leader: You shall crush them with an iron rod *
People: **and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**
 Leader: And now, you kings, be wise; *
People: **be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
 Leader: Submit to the LORD with fear, *
People: **and with trembling bow before him;**
 Leader: lest he be angry, and you perish; *
People: **for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
 Leader: Happy are they all *
People: **who take refuge in him!**

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 129 “Christ upon the mountain peak”

Mowsley

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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.

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

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.
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.*

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.

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 542 *“Christ is the world’s true Light”*

St. Joan

Announcements

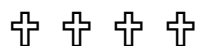
Priest, Deacon or

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.

The Last Sunday After Epiphany - February 19, 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, Rae Robinson, and Francis and Joann Rusczyk.

Healing: For the people in Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquake, Barbara Canzonetti, Judy Kelly, Richard Glasson, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Missy Sawyer, Shari Rasche, Georgie Bethel, Phil Porter, Stacey Albert, Manny Monteiro, and Cheryl Hanson.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace and St. John's, Hamden; and all parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network.

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

Parish families: Betty Barden and family, Juliet Benjamin, William and Judy Briggs, Martha Calnen and Barbara Campbell.

Those who have died, especially Robert Kelley and those who are remembered today: Judith Ramsden and Eleanor Forester.

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.

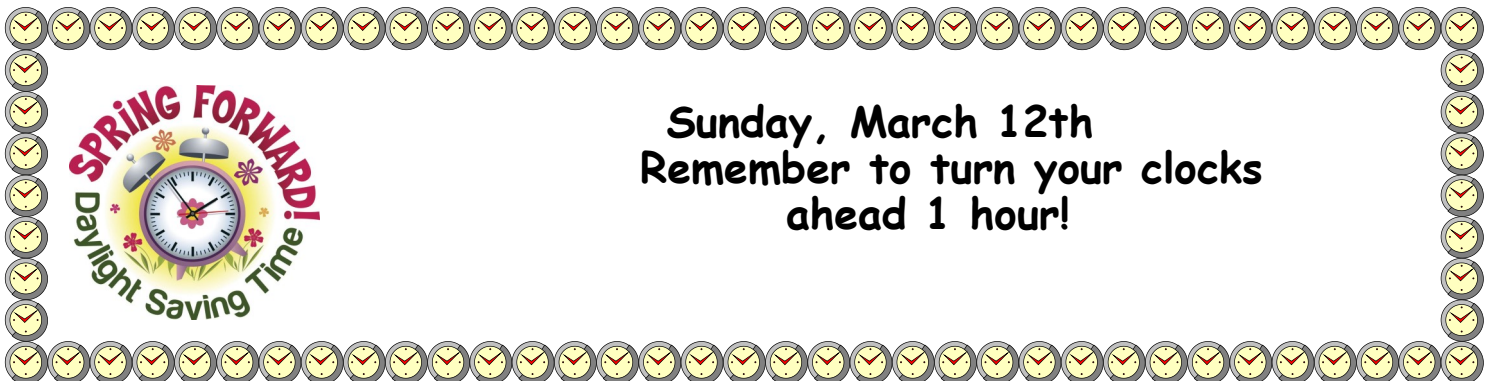
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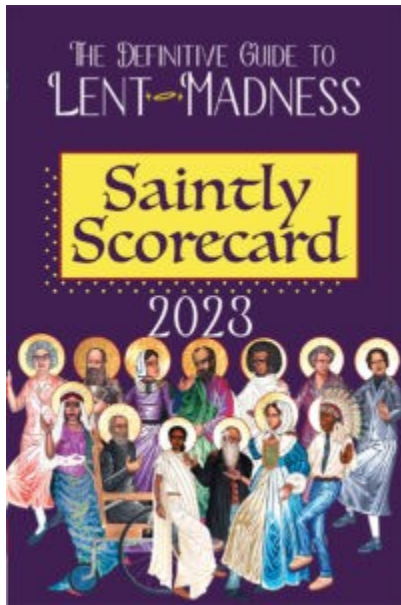
St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

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, March 12th
Remember to turn your clocks
ahead 1 hour!



Want a different Lenten discipline?
Try Lent Madness. You know the
brackets of March Madness
and the basketball teams.
This is choosing brackets of saints
striving for a Golden Halo.

How to play?
Go to Lentmadness 2023. [http://
www.lentmadness.org/](http://www.lentmadness.org/)

Subscribe to the blog. Click on Bracket 2023 to
get the names of saints pitted against each
other. Everyday there will be a new matchup.
Read the bios on the saints and
vote for your favorite.

See the grid posted on the bulletin board outside the parish office.

Lent Madness begins on February 23rd.

**Lenten Discipline - Helping Capital Community College
Christ Church Cathedral is inviting you to join in a
Lenten Discipline of loving and caring for our neighbors.**

Let us support our college students. Recent statistics are concerning.
40% of college students suffer from food insecurity. Many of the students are
beneficiaries of SNAP Vouchers (formerly called Food Stamps), which do not
allow for the purchase of personal hygiene products.

Therefore, we invite your faith community and it's members to **collect one
personal care hygiene product for each week of Lent to benefit Capital
Community College (CCC) Food Pantry.**

The items in the greatest need at Capital Community Food Pantry are:

Soap – Shampoo – Deodorant – Conditioner - Feminine hygiene products
Items can be dropped off in box in the church office. Thank you!

*These items can be delivered to our Cathedral from Wednesday, April 12th to
Friday, April 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm or Sunday April 16th from 12:pm
to 1:00pm.* Imagine what we as the North Central Region of ECCT can
collectively accomplish for the students.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day – Parish Office Closed & Food Pantry Closed

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday - South Congregational Church will have a service for Ash Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the main Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, February 26 – 10:00 a.m. – 1st Sunday in Lent
Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Pace

Tuesday, March 7 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Zoom meeting

Wednesday, March 8 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Zoom meeting

Tuesday, March 14 - 6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting



Prayers in time of disaster.

God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– The Rev. Lyndon Harris, from the Episcopal Diocese of New York disaster preparedness plan

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

– *Book of Common Prayer*, Evening Prayer II

**To support the people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria,
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