

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



**Easter - Christ Appears to Mary
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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 Rt Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
as our Celebrant and Preacher.
Today we welcome as our Organist.**

is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today”

Easter Hymn



THE WORD OF GOD

Easter Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Volunteer

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

People: his mercy endures for ever.

Leader: Let Israel now proclaim, *

People: "His mercy endures for ever."

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song, *

People: and he has become my salvation.

Leader: There is a sound of exultation and victory *

People: in the tents of the righteous:

Leader: "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *

People: the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

Leader: I shall not die, but live, *

People: and declare the works of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD has punished me sorely, *

People: but he did not hand me over to death.

Leader: Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
People: I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
 Leader: “This is the gate of the LORD; *
People: he who is righteous may enter.”
 Leader: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
People: and have become my salvation.
 Leader: The same stone which the builders rejected *
People: has become the chief cornerstone.
 Leader: This is the LORD’s doing, *
People: and it is marvelous in our eyes.
 Leader: On this day the LORD has acted; *
People: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

[Since] you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 204 *“Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain”*

Noël nouvelet

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(silence)

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

Volunteer

- Intercessor:** Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Intercessor:** God of life, in gratitude and great joy we praise you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. For our blessings, ministry of healing and for other opportunities that bring new life especially those we name here.
- On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen: **People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Intercessor:** On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we join with the clergy and all people in committing ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen: **People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Intercessor: Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Intercessor: For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; and others we name; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Intercessor: For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Intercessor: For our parish families; may we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Intercessor: May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ and for those listed on the Easter Flower Memorial Flower List; for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

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 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.
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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: 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.*

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 said by those worshipping 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.

The Three-fold Easter Blessing

Priest: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who had brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And 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 208 “The strife is o’er, the battle done”

Victory

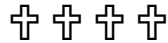
Priest, Deacon or

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.



Please join us for a Festive Coffee Hour in the South Church Parlor following the service.

SAVE THE DATE

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

St. Mark's Day - Sunday, April 23rd - Wear Red!



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John and Ruby Bertini

Christopher Reamer Briggs

Kevin Douglas Briggs

Thomas and Catherine Briggs

Bruce Buckman

Gary Buckman

Joan and William Buckman

Deceased members of the Clifford family

Phillip Creel

Fordyce and Rosalie Coe

David Corson

Jean Corson

Deceased members of

Daughters of the King

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Nicholas Eshoo

Patricia Eshoo

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Arthur N. Fowler

Arthur S. Fowler

Sara Fowler

Robert French

Deceased members of the Giulietti family

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A. Kent and Glenna Hartling

Steven Hartling

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Deceased members of the Harvey Family

Eveleen and George Holland, Jr.

Kenneth Holland

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Edward and Jean King

Adam and Ida Kotowski

Deceased members of the McAdoo family

Malcolm and Helen McDowell, Sr.

Rev. Malcolm McDowell, Jr.

Harriett Birdsey Mitchell

Howard Gwynne Mitchell

Anna Molschan

Nicholas Molschan

George and Myrtle Norton

Mark Norton

Larry and May O'Brian

Thomas J. Ocorzalek

Mary Robinson

William H. Robinson, Jr.

Deceased members of the St. Elizabeth's Guild

Harry and Lillie Scheuy

William and Cora Scheuy

Edward and Ruth Smigala

Veronica Taylor

Deceased members of the Tompkins Family

Jennifer Wallberg



Easter Sunday - April 9, 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 Kruvka, 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: St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs and recovery ministries.

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

Parish families: Ann Maltais, Doug and Cheryl McDowell and family; Edward and Shirley Murr, Kelly Nauss and family and Lenny and Majola Nelson and family.

Those who have died, and all those listed on the Easter Memorial Flower List.

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).



Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Walk Against Hunger - Dunkin Park Hartford -

If you would like to donate to Food Share AND St. Mark's Food Pantry please see the poster on our bulletin board outside the parish office.

Watch the bulletin and Message for more information.

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