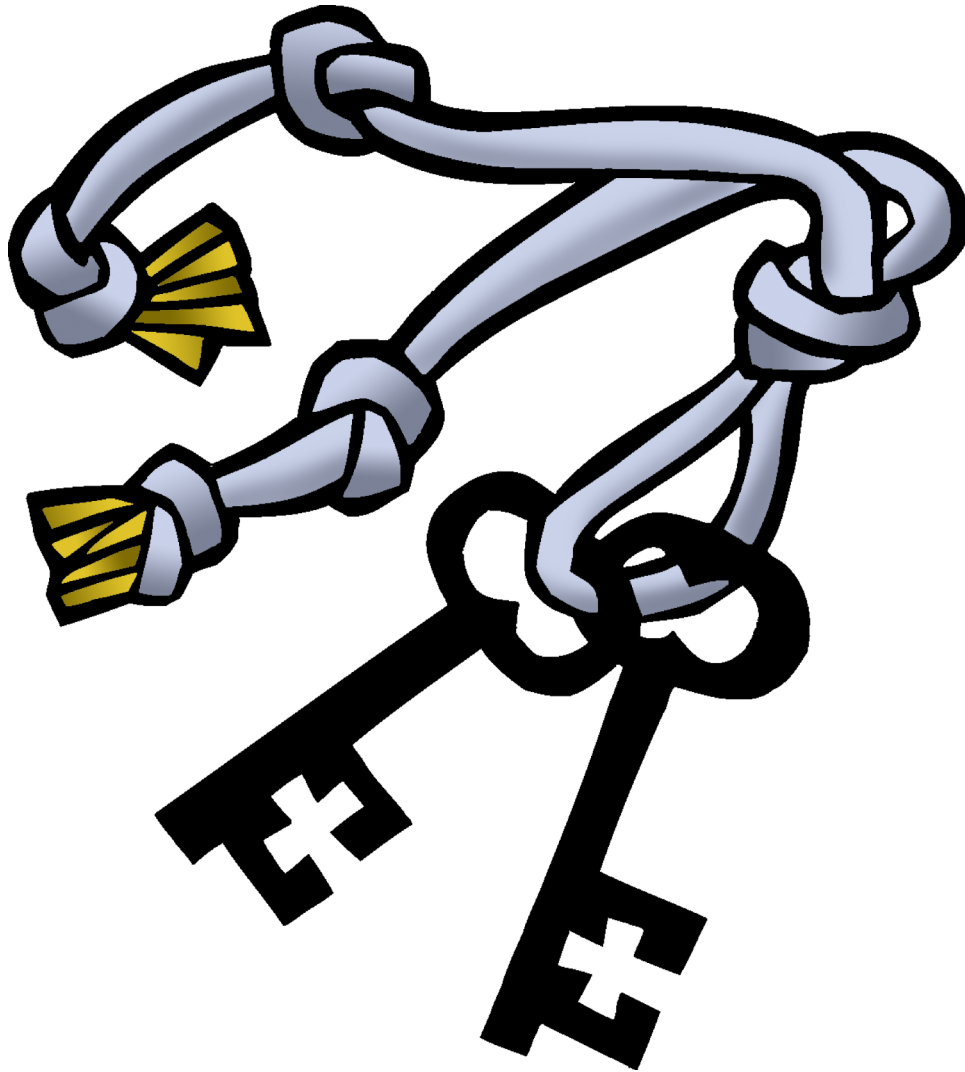


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**ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.**  
**St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel and on Zoom**

**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.

**Worship Leader: Stephen Hard**  
**E-verger: Curtis Searle**



**Entrance Hymn 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"**

**St. Denio**



**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**

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

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

**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.

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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**

Lector: Volunteer

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138

Volunteer

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*

**People: before the gods I will sing your praise.**

Leader: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*

**People: because of your love and faithfulness;**

Leader: for you have glorified your Name \*

**People: and your word above all things.**

Leader: When I called, you answered me; \*

**People: you increased my strength within me.**

Leader: All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*

**People: when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*

**People: that great is the glory of the LORD.**

Leader: Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*

**People: he perceives the haughty from afar.**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*

**People: you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

Leader: The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*

**People: O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

## Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 304     *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"*

**Land of Rest**

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 16:13-20**

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom

of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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

**The Sermon**

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

**THE CREED**

**Celebrant and People:**

**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; we pray for all those affected by the fires on Maui;  
**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.**

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 Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant sets the pace.*

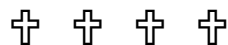
**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, 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.**

**Dismissal Hymn 523** *“Glorious things of thee are spoken”*

**Abbot’s Leigh**

### **Announcements**

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



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

**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost - August 27, 2023**

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

**Healing:** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Hilton Corbin, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** Kent School, South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School, St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal School at UCONN, Storrs; Berkley Divinity School, New Haven; and Trinity College, Hartford.

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

**Parish families:** Molly Sherman and family, Christine Stohl, Kelly Suprenant, Dale Soberaj and Claire Bagameri, LaTonya Thompson and Joy Tomasso.

**Those who have died, especially David Romani, and those who are remembered today:**  
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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**SCHEDULE CHANGE**

**The service on Sunday, September 3 will be held at St. James in Farmington. There will NOT be a service held at 90 Main St. Thank you.**

