

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.

Worship Leader: Stephen Hard
E-verger: Curtis Searle



Entrance Hymn 674 *“Forgive our sins as we forgive”*

Detroit



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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

Volunteer

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
People: **and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
People: **and forget not all his benefits.**
Leader: He forgives all your sins *
People: **and heals all your infirmities;**
Leader: He redeems your life from the grave *
People: **and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
Leader: He satisfies you with good things, *
People: **and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
Leader: The LORD executes righteousness *
People: **and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
Leader: He made his ways known to Moses *
People: **and his works to the children of Israel.**
Leader: The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
People: **slow to anger and of great kindness.**
Leader: He will not always accuse us, *
People: **nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
Leader: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
People: **nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
People: **so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
Leader: As far as the east is from the west, *
People: **so far has he removed our sins from us.**
Leader: As a father cares for his children, *
People: **so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 581 *“Where charity and love prevail”*

Cheshire

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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.

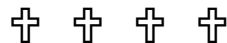
In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, 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 593 *“Lord, make us servants of your peace”*

Dickinson College

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 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 17, 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: Norman Holland, Mary Balza, Hilton Corbin, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

Continued Healing: Lenny Nelson.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs.

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

Parish families: Jack and Gina Wenz and family, John and Dale Whalen and family, Desmond Williams and Oscar and Gertrude Yagoobian.

Those who have died, especially David Romani, and those who are remembered today: William and Cora Scheuy and A. Kent and Glenna Hartling.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-875-7330 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).



ADVENT 4 & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Father Joe Pace has agreed to celebrate the Eucharist with us on December 24 for both our regular 10 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent service and also to return for the Christmas Eve Eucharist later that day.

He is flexible on the time for the Christmas Eve service.

Please get back to Stephen Hard or the Parish Office with your preference (if you have one).

The options for **Christmas Eve** are 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, September 19 6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall - *schedule change*

**Sunday, September 24 10:00 a.m. Service in the Erwin Chapel -
Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**



Sunday Services at St. James, Farmington

For a variety of reasons associated with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington, it will not always be possible to offer Sunday Services in the Erwin Chapel. On these Sundays, parishioners are encouraged to attend the Sunday Eucharist at St. James in Farmington to promote our getting to know one another and becoming more comfortable worshipping there. There are two services. Rite 1 is celebrated at 8:00 am, Rite 2 (normally with choir) is celebrated at 10:15 am. This is livestreamed via FACEBOOK LIVE. Livestream connection is by clicking the "F" icon at the top of the St. James Webpage. Only the 10:15 am service is livestreamed.

A parking tip: When approaching the church turn right just in front of the entrance. Parking to the left (behind the church) is difficult and limited. Across the street from the front door of the church there is ample parking available on Sunday mornings.



Help the St. Mark's Food Pantry!
Buy your loved ones flowers during September
at the New Britain Stop & Shop
on Corbin Avenue.
and in October at the Stop and Shop on
Fenn Road, Newington



**St. James Parish
150th Celebration Craft Fair
& Music Fest**

Time & Location

**Sept 30, 9:00 AM – Oct 1, 4:00 PM
St. James Parish, 3 Mountain Rd, Farmington, CT
06032, USA**

**St. Mark's will join St. James to celebrate Founders' Day on
October 1st at the 10:15 a.m. Service.**