

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 655 *“O Jesus, I have promised”*

Nyland



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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

Volunteer

Leader: I will exalt you, O God my King, *

People: and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: Every day will I bless you *

People: and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

People: there is no end to his greatness.

Leader: One generation shall praise your works to another *

People: and shall declare your power.

Leader: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *

People: and all your marvelous works.

Leader: They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *

People: and I will tell of your greatness.

Leader: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *

People: they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

Leader: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

People: slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 541 *“Come, labor on”*

Ora Labora

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 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.

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 WLP 778 “We all are one in mission”

Nyland

Announcements

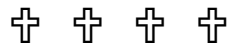
Priest, Deacon or

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 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 24, 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: Ben Gryk, Norman Holland, Mary Balza, Hilton Corbin, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

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

Parish families: Beth Yannello and family, Luke Zielinski, Edmund Zup and Ronald and Lisa Zup.

Those who have died, especially David Romani and Staci Taylor, and those who are remembered today: Andro and Nilda Agostinucci.

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).



**JOIN US ON
Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**All Parish Meeting - St. Mark's & St. James
with Bishop Laura Ahrens**

**South Church in Hart Hall
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be provided**

This meeting will discuss the merger timeline, committees covering canonical, missional, financial and property topics and honest sharing of feelings.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 30	9:00 a.m.	105th Celebration and Craft Fair
Sunday, October 1	10:15 a.m.	150th Celebration Service at St. James, Farmington
Tuesday, October 3	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 4	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 8	10:00 a.m.	Service in the Erwin Chapel - Barbara Campbell Worship Leader
Monday, October 9		Columbus Day - Parish Office & Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, October 10	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall



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.**

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 & Shop on Fenn Rd. In Newington

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.