

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 474 *“When I survey the wondrous cross”*

Rockingham



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, for giving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

Volunteer

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; *
People: show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 Leader: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
People: you cast out the nations and planted it.
 Leader: You prepared the ground for it; *
People: it took root and filled the land.
 Leader: The mountains were covered by its shadow *
People: and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
 Leader: You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
People: and its branches to the River.
 Leader: Why have you broken down its wall, *
People: so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
 Leader: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
People: and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
 Leader: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
People: preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 628 *“Help us, O Lord, to learn”*

St. Ethelwald

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So

they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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;

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.

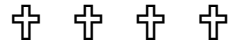
Dismissal Hymn 448 *“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”*

Deus tuorum militum

Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader:
People:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 24, 2023

Longterm prayers are asked for: Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Georgie Bethel, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Elora Cass, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Cheryl Hanson, Norm Holland, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Brody Searle, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

This week some names that were on the Healing list have been moved up to the Longterm List. Please call the parish office if there should be changes. Thank you.

Healing: Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, Manny Monteiro, Anthony Hadder, Ben Gryk, and Mary Balza.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee.

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

Parish families: Betty Barden, Juliet Benjamin, William and Judith Briggs, and Martha Calnen.

Those who have died, especially Hilton Corbin and David Romani, and those who are remembered today: Bernice "Bunny" Fazzina and Rev. Malcolm McDowell

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).

**The 239th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
will be held on Friday October 27th and Saturday, October 28
at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 5TH.
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!**

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, October 8** **10:00 a.m.** **Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard
Worship Leader**
- Monday, October 9 Columbus Day - Parish Office & Food Pantry Closed
- Tuesday, October 10 6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall
- Sunday, October 15** **10:00 a.m.** **Service in the Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joan Phelps,
Celebrant**
- Saturday, October 21** **9:00 a.m.** **Merger Parishes Meeting with Bishop Laura Ahrens
and Renee Janes of Grace & St. John's, Hamden
(See below for more info.)**
- Sunday, October 22** **10:00 a.m.** **Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard
Worship Leader**
- Sunday, October 29** **11:00 a.m.** **Fifth Sunday Worship with The Churches at 90 Main St.
In the main Sanctuary - St. Mark's will join with South
Church and Peace Ministries for this service.**


Merger Parishes Meeting
October 21 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The people of St. Mark's New Britain and St. James Farmington are cordially invited to meet on Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hart Hall, South Church, New Britain, to discuss the merger of the parishes.

Bishop Laura Ahrens will lead the meeting and we will be joined by Renee Janes of Grace & St. John's Episcopal Church in Hamden. Renee was involved in the merger of Grace & St. Peter's in Hamden with St John the Evangelist in Yalesville and was asked by Bishop Laura to assist with our process.

Besides an opportunity for us to get to know one another better, understand the process we are undertaking, and answer parishioner questions, we will set up committees to do the work going forward. Everyone will not want to be part of a committee, but for those who will want to be more involved in the process, that opportunity will be available.

St. Marks will host a luncheon following the meeting. Please contact Cheryl by phone or email (860-225-7634 or parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org) by October 15th to let her know if you will be attending just the meeting or the meeting and the luncheon.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Stephen Hard, Senior Warden
 Lenny Nelson, Junior Warden



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