



**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 665 “All my hope on God is founded”**

**Michael**



**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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
“I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.”

The Word of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 96:1-13

Volunteer

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
**People: sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**  
Leader: Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
**People: proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**  
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations \*  
**People: and his wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
**People: he is more to be feared than all gods.**  
 Leader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
**People: but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**  
 Leader: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
**People: Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**  
 Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
**People: ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**  
 Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
**People: bring offerings and come into his courts.**  
 Leader: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**People: let the whole earth tremble before him.**  
 Leader: Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
**People: he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
 he will judge the peoples with equity."**  
 Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
**People: let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**  
 Leader: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*  
**People: when he comes to judge the earth.**  
 Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**People: and the peoples with his truth.**

## The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn 689 *"I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew"*

**Faith**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

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

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then,

what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**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 372 "Praise to the living God"**

**Leoni**

### **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 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost - October 22, 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 Krivka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Brody Searle, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

**Healing:** Barbara Campbell, Dan Maglio, Joe Howard, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, Manny Monteiro, Ben Gryk, and Mary Balza.

**Continued healing:** Anthony Hadder.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish Altar Guilds.

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

**Parish families:** Chuck and Susan Downie and family, Paul and Yvonne Gerardi, Mark Giulietti and Stephen Hard and Donna, Selden IV and Rebecca Griffen.

**Those who have died, and those who are remembered today:** Kevin Baptiste and Charlotte Duff.

**PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:**

**Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto:campbellba24@gmail.com)**

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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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**Annual Convention**

**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 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.**
- Sunday, November 5 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service in the Erwin Chapel -  
Rev. Joan Phelps, Celebrant**
- Wednesday, November 8 5:45 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, November 8 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Friday, November 10 Veterans Day Observed - Parish Office Closed



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.