

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 294 “Baptized in water” *Sung to alt tune Morning Has Broken*



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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Volunteer

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; *
People: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
Leader: I will glory in the LORD; *
People: let the humble hear and rejoice.
Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
People: let us exalt his Name together.
Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
People: and delivered me out of all my terror.
Leader: Look upon him and be radiant, *
People: and let not your faces be ashamed.
Leader: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *

People: and saved me from all my troubles.
Leader: The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
People: and he will deliver them.
Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
People: happy are they who trust in him!
Leader: Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
People: for those who fear him lack nothing.
Leader: The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
People: but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
Leader: The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
People: and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 286 “Who are these like stars appearing”

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(silence)

The Sermon

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

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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.

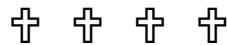
In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, 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 618 “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

Lasst uns erfreuen

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-third Sunday After Pentecost - November 5, 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: Michael Campbell, Barbara Campbell, Dan Maglio, Joe Howard, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, Manny Monteiro, Ben Gryk, and Mary Balza.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; All deacons and the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons.

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

Parish families: Jeffrey and Page Hartling, Miriam Hayes, Norm and Sue Holland and family, Garry Holland, Barbara Howey and Margaret Hughes.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Deceased members of the Altar Guild and those listed on the Altar Guild Memorial List.

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).

Sunday Services at St. James, Farmington

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, November 8 5:45 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
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 Friday, November 10 Veterans Day Observed - Parish Office Closed
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Sunday, November 12 10:00 a.m. Services at St. James, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington
 Tuesday, November 14 6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall and Zoom
**Sunday, November 19 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service in the Erwin Chapel -
 Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**
 Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed
 Friday, November 24 Parish Office Closed
Sunday, November 26 10:00 a.m. Services at St. James, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington



Responding To Israel-Hamas War

Please join Episcopal Relief & Development in mourning all those lost to violence. Please continue to [pray](#) for peace in the Holy Land and for Episcopal Relief & Development partners who are working to serve all people who come to them seeking treatment and safety.

Support of the [Episcopal Relief & Development Middle East Fund](#) will help to address immediate and long-term needs created by the Israel-Hamas war through locally-led partnerships.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/responding-to-israel-hamas-war/>



**Thanksgiving at Camp Washington
November 22-24, 2023**

Join us for a Thanksgiving Celebration with delicious food & the exceptional hospitality you have come to expect at Camp Washington.

Join us for one night, two, or just for Thanksgiving day and dinner. Come with family, friends, or come alone and make new friends.

Relax by the fire, participate in worship, go for a hike, do a puzzle, read a book, or just simply be. Leave the holiday stress behind.

Come away to Camp Washington and begin a new Thanksgiving tradition.

Thanksgiving Day Ticket includes Meals & Activities 9 AM - 5 PM

\$50.00 per person

Go to www.campwashington.org to register