

St. Mark's



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HOLY COMMUNION: 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.

Today we welcome the Reverend Joan Phelps as our Celebrant and Preacher.
Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 494 *“Crown him with many crowns”*

Diademata



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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

Volunteer

Leader: Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

People: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

People: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, *

People: and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

People: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, *

People: and his hands have molded the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

People: and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Leader: For he is our God, *

People: and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 478 “*Jesus, our mighty Lord*”

Monk’s Gate

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(silence)

The Sermon

The Reverend Joan Phelps

The Creed

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, *remembering to pause at the punctuation:*

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 I

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our Bishops, Jeffrey and Laura, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our President, Joe Biden, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this city of New Britain, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

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.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and people: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to Communion. Receiving the bread alone is sufficient for full participation. Those who wish to receive from the chalice by intinction are asked to approach the chalice first. Only after those who wish to receive in this way have intincted, should those who wish to drink from the chalice approach to receive.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(to be said by those worshipping on Zoom.)*

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 544 *“Jesus shall reign where're the sun”*

Duke Street

Announcements

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Thank you to everyone who participated in putting the service together today.



The Last Sunday after Pentecost - November 26, 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.

Healing: Anna Levesque, Aaron, Barbara Campbell, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, Manny Monteiro, and Ben Gryk.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; Annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

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

Parish families: Allison Penick, John and Anne Pilla and family, Sandra Porter, Eva Reynolds, Evelyn Riley and Rae Robinson.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Stella Mason, Tracy Jane Oshana, Robert and Esther Oshana, Cathy Oshana, Zaya Oshana, Edward Kling, Pauling Kling, Jane and Kenneth Gill and Emma and Charles Gill.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

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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:

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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).

An Advent time of quiet

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2*

On Saturday, December 2nd, from 9 am–noon, we are offering a time of quiet reflection, shared conversation on how Advent, the expectant arrival of Jesus, and discipleship inform each other as a blessing to our continuing life.

The Reverend Canon Tim Hodapp will be with us from ECCT to facilitate our time together. Fr. Tim has worked with many parishes over the years in the arena of discipleship, the way of Jesus, and the mission of God. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful beginning to the Advent season.



The Episcopal tradition gives us a wonderful liturgical arc of the seasons which begins each liturgical year with the first Sunday in Advent. Advent means to wait and, traditionally, we wait for the coming of Christ: both the Christ Child – God Incarnate – at Christmas and in the long-awaited return of Christ the King, who will come again. What do we do as we wait? Advent gives us wonderful scripture lessons, all meant to prepare us for the joy of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus.

I have never held a quiet time before Advent and this year, I thought, why not? Maybe we can gather for just a few hours of reflection, quiet time, and preparation for the season of Advent, which is a gift for us. We are given the privilege of using Advent as a time of intentional prayer and hope, as we anticipate the Christmas coming of Jesus all over again.

Please join us!

Fr. George+



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The Friendship Service Center currently have items that we are urgently in need of. To those who can, we are looking for donations of baby diapers (non-newborn, preferably pull-up sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6), wipes, powder, and other baby items to help support the new mothers living with us. Please help us to ensure a happy and healthy start for these new families with a one-time donation!

If you are able to donate and would like to coordinate a time for drop-off, please email Nhi Lam at nlam@fsc-ct.org, or call at 860-801-8803 to schedule a time and date.

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