

St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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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

Today we welcome the Reverend Joseph Pace as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 304 *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"*

Land of Rest



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

People and Celebrant:

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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Psalm 4

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *

**People: you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

Leader: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *

**People: how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

Leader: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *

People: when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Leader: Tremble, then, and do not sin; *

People: speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Leader: Offer the appointed sacrifices, *

People: and put your trust in the LORD.

Leader: Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

People: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart, *

People: more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

Leader: I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

People: for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

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.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

The Holy Gospel

Luke24:36b-48

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Pace

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 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.

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

Offertory Sentence

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.

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 recited by those worshipping on Zoom)*

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.

The Blessing

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

People: **Amen.**

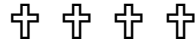
Dismissal Hymn 343 “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

St. Agnes

Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader: 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.



From Cheryl: I will be out of the office from Wednesday, April 17 through Tuesday, April 30. I will be unavailable on April 17, 18 & 19. I will check email and phone messages daily beginning Monday, April 22 until I return to the office.



ST. MARK’S DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

WEAR RED!

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 14	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joseph Pace
Tuesday, April 16	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Library
Sunday April 21	9:00 a.m.	Grace & St. John's, 2927 Dixwell Ave., Hamden
Sunday, April 28	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Michael Carroll

April 2024 Worship Schedule for St. Mark's

Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for April 2024.
Please note that this list may be subject to change at any time.
Any changes will be noted in our weekly bulletin.

Date	Time	Place	Celebrant
April 14	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joseph Pace
April 21	9:00 a.m.	Grace & St. John's, Hamden	Rev. Robert Bergner
April 28	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Michael Carroll

Please watch the bulletin and our website for any changes: www.stmarksnewbritain.org

**SPRING TRAINING
& GATHERING 2024**

Get Equipped for Ministry!

**April 8 - April 18 via Zoom
April 20 in-person**



There are 20 online courses available from April 8 - April 18 - Registration for April 20 ends on April 14. Go to www.episcopalct.org/trainings to register.

The Third Sunday Of Easter - April 14, 2024

Longterm prayers are asked for: Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Aaron, Georgie Bethel, Bill Briggs, Michael Campbell, Barbara Canzonetti, Elora Cass, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Ben Gryk, Eileen Hamilton, 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: Patricia Anderson, Mark Giuliatti, Richard Rusczyk, Rose Wollman, Josephine Pelligrini, Lauren Kiefer, Rebekah Maxim, Cynthia Hudson, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries; and The Anglican Church in Aotearoa. New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

Parish families: Betty Barden, Juliet Benjamin, Williams and Judith Briggs, Nartha Calnen and Barbara Campbell.

Those who have died, especially Edmund Murr and Harvey Weich, and those who are remembered today: deceased members of the St. Elizabeth's, St. Mary's and Daughters of the King Guilds.

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).

SPECIAL PARISH MEETINGS

TODAY - Sunday, April 14, 2024

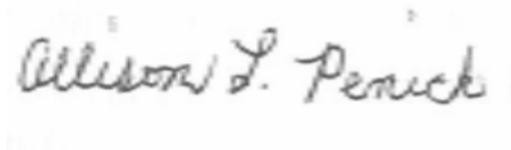
Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10a.m. Service in
Erwin Chapel (Zoom will be available.)

This meeting is called to select a name for
our newly merged church.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10a.m.
Service in Erwin Chapel (Zoom will be available.)

This meeting is called for our official vote to approve the
merger of St. Mark's and St. James Episcopal Churches



Allison L. Penick
Parish Clerk

(See information about these meetings on the back page.)

For Special Parish Meeting on April 14

This Special Meeting will be to vote on our recommended name for the new merged parish. St. James will also be voting on this date. If there is a discrepancy between what we vote and what St. James' votes, the Vestries will meet to resolve the discrepancy. The following is background information:

Options:

1. St. James and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Farmington
2. St. James Parish, Farmington
3. St. James Parish (doing business as: St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington, with St. Mark's Ministries, New Britain)

Things to consider:

- ◆ The merger will bring about a new parish and not be an acquisition or absorption of one parish by another.
- ◆ This merger has both canonical (Episcopal Church in Connecticut) and legal (State of Connecticut and the Federal Government) implications.
- ◆ The name of the new parish on which both parishes agree does not obligate the new parish to use that exact name in our signage, outreach, marketing, and publicity. St. James Parish, for example, is typically known as St. James Episcopal Church.

Regarding Option #3:

- ◆ Keeping the "St. James Parish," would sidestep legal issues involved in a name change, and would also recognize that St. James is the location of the church building and facilities we will be using.
- ◆ St. Mark's would be recognized as part of the parish identity by the use of something like: "St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington, with St. Mark's Ministries, New Britain" on the Website and in parish publications.
- ◆ St. Mark's Ministries, New Britain, would be specified in the Bylaws of the new parish and funded by proceeds from the Smith Fund.

For Special Parish Meeting on May 5

Please note, this vote does not bring about the merger. That will be brought about by a vote of the Convention of the ECCT on October 26, 2024. The ECCT requires that both parishes vote in favor of the merger for the merger request to be brought before the Convention for its vote.