

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.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 193 *“That Easter day with joy was bright”* vss. 1,2,4,5

Puer nobis



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Acts 4:32-35

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Volunteer

Leader: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
People: when brethren live together in unity!
Leader: It is like fine oil upon the head *
People: that runs down upon the beard,
Leader: Upon the beard of Aaron, *
People: and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon *
People: that falls upon the hills of Zion.
Leader: For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
People: life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the First letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.
(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 206 "O sons and daughters, let us sing"

O filii et filiae

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 I

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, 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 good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, 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 the 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

Offertory Sentence

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be

incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And now, 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 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.

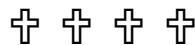
People: Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 209 *“We walk by faith, and not by sight”*

St. Botolph

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.



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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 7	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joseph Pace
Tuesday, April 9	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall
Sunday, April 12		Special Parish Meeting - Following 10:00 a.m. service.
Sunday, April 14	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joseph Pace
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 7	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joseph Pace
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.episcopact.org/trainings to register.

The Second Sunday Of Easter - April 7, 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 Kravka, 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 Giulietti, 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. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; ECCT Regions and Region Leadership Teams; and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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

Parish families: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Richard, Eric, Jeramie and Jennette Baba, and John and Justina Baptiste.

Those who have died, especially Edmund Murr and Shirley Janczak, and those who are remembered today: Joseph Benjamin.

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:

**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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

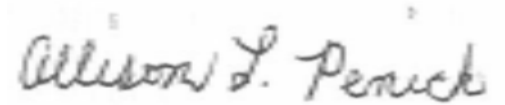
Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10a.m. Service in
Erwin Chapel (Zoom will be available.)

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.