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*Episcopal Church*



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**MORNING PRAYER: 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 Stephen Hard as our Worship Leader and Preacher.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



**Confession of Sin**

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

(silence)

**Officiant and people together:**

**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.**

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

**Hymn 371 “Thou whose almighty word”**

**Moscow**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Officiant and People:**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

**Officiant and people say the Jubilate (Psalm 100):**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
**serve the Lord with gladness**  
**and come before his presence with a song.**  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Psalm 71:1-6**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
**let me never be ashamed.**  
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**  
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
**you are my crag and my stronghold.**  
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**  
For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
**my confidence since I was young.**  
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
**my praise shall be always of you.**

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**

*Leader: Volunteer*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*

**People: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*

**People: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*

**People: the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*

**People: the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*

**People: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

Leader: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

**People: and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*

**People: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*

**People: and strips the forests bare.**

Leader: And in the temple of the LORD \*

**People: all are crying, "Glory!"**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*

**People: the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

Leader: The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*

**People: the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**The Epistle**

**Romans 8:12-17**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 456 "O Love of God, how strong and true"**

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**The Holy Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,

no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(silence)*

**Homily**

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

**The Apostles' Creed** *(in unison, all standing)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
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.  
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. Amen.**

**The Prayers** *(The people stand or kneel)*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**Officiant and People:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

#### The Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 398 *“I sing the almighty power of God”*

Forest Green

## 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.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## The General Thanksgiving

### Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one  
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you  
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the  
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Recessional 362**      *“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty”*

**Nicaea**

**Dismissal**

Officiant: 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.**



**Trinity Sunday - May 26, 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:** Norman Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Mark Giulietti, Rose Wollman, Josephine Pelligrini, Lauren Kiefer, Rebekah Maxim, Cynthia Hudson, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, and Betty Ann Hadder.

**Thanksgiving:** For our recent graduates - Cheyann Bowman, Christina Grant, and Marissa Rusczyk.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work; community gardens and the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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

**Parish families:** Chuck Hummel, Georgia Jakobowski, Richard and Nancy Judd, Robert and Mary Ann Kissel and Florence Kruvka.

**Those who have died, especially all those who have died in the service of their nation, and those who are remembered today:** Michael and Dorothy Kissel, Henry and Mary Toczko, Mark Schuetz and Genevieve Wizork.

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

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**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).**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel - Morning Prayer - Stephen Hard</b>
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel - Final Service at 90 Main St. Rev. Patricia Hames, Celebrant</b>
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>St. James, Farmington</b>

### **May and June 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.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
May 26	10:15 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Morning Prayer	Stephen Hard, Worship Leader
June 2	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Patricia Hames Final Service at 90 Main St.
June 9	10:15 a.m.	St. James, Farmington	Rev. George Roberts with Stephen Hard as Preacher

Please watch the bulletin and our website for any changes: [www.stmarksnewbritain.org](http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org)

## **CONGRADULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to our recent graduates:

Cheyann Bowman, granddaughter of John and Justina Baptiste, from high school. She will be attending Hampton University in the fall.

Christina Grant, granddaughter of John and Justina Baptiste from Georgia Southern University.

Marissa Rusczyk, daughter of Richard and Cheryl Rusczyk, from Eastern Connecticut State University.

**Welcome to Farmington continues -  
Barbara A. Campbell, Ph.D.**

We have a Food Pantry. So does Farmington and it operates very differently. Farmington residents in need of food contact Farmington Community Services (phone or email) to register. St. Mark's Food Pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays. Farmington Food Pantry Shopping Hours are available by appointment only Tuesdays 9:30-12 pm, 2nd Thursday on the month, and third Saturday of the month. Food being donated can be dropped off at the Fire Department on Main St. (Rt. 10).

*SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd*

*10:00 a.m.*

*ERWIN CHAPEL*

*JOIN US FOR A  
CELEBRATION OF  
ST. MARK'S PAST AND LOOK  
TO THE FUTURE OF OUR  
CONGREGATION.*

*Join us for brunch in Cooper Hall  
following the service.*

*Rev. Patricia Hames will be our  
Celebrant and Preacher.*

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