

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. 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>. Please either print or have this bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If New Britain is red on the weekly Thursday (about 3 p.m.) update on the Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker map, the Sunday service will be on Zoom only.

For the map, please go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.

An e-mail will be sent out to the parish every Friday to let you know if the service will be in-person or on ***Zoom only***.

For in-person services at 90 Main St., everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. We will have masks available if you need one. Thank you.

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.



Prelude ““



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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 forevermore.
 Leader: The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
People: the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 510 "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove"

Saint Agnes

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

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

The Sermon

Dr. Barbara A. Campbell

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.]

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.

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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.

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

People and Celebrant:

**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
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 for ever. Amen.

The Priest Blessing

Priest: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.

Priest, Deacon or

Worship Leader:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

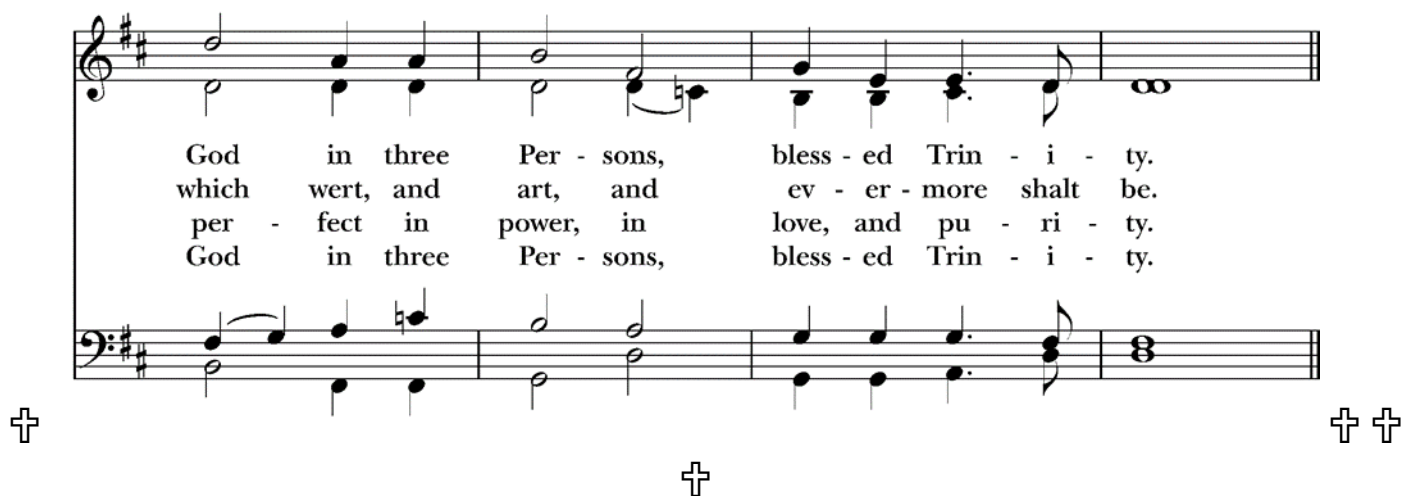
Dismissal Hymn 362 "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty"

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



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

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Christmas Diaper Drive

During Christmas we celebrate God coming to us in human form as the Babe Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

This Christmas, in keeping our Baptismal Covenant to *care for those who are in need and respecting the dignity of all*, ECCT's deacons invite you to participate in an ECCT-wide diaper drive to benefit

[The Diaper Bank of Connecticut.](#)

Drop-off locations:

North Central Region (NC)

[St. Paul's, Southington](#): Jan. 11, 3–7 p.m. and Jan. 15, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Or, email [the Rev. Helena Martin](#) to coordinate another time that week.

[Christ Church Cathedral](#): Jan. 10 & 11, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Jan. 15, 12–1:30 p.m.

Contact: Kathy Frisoli, 806.527.7231 ext. 101 or [Deacon Bonnie Matthews](#), 860.985.9790 (Jan. 15 drop-off)

[Grace, Newington](#): Jan. 11 & 13, 1–4 p.m. (drop off in blue bin outside if building is closed)



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Last day of last year, in Covid code, the entire state except for one town in Litchfield Country was RED. Bright RED!

Cheryl had assigned pledge numbers and addressed the pledge envelopes. I masked up and got in line at the post office - only 4 ahead of me. The PO clerk weighed one set of envelopes and said, "Maybe we can use the 'one ounce more' stamp", and she disappeared. We waited, and waited, and the line in back of me got longer - but was well behaved.

She returned and said, "Yes". I paid for the stamps and went to the table to put "2 women, 1 rabbit", "2 women, 1 rabbit" on each pack. I came out even! And got back in line. Eventually the PO clerk said, "If you're just dropping off, you can bring it up" and two of us did.

Therefore you should have received your pledge envelopes by now and are free to start using them! And thank you for doing so. If pledge envelopes are missing from your life, please call the church office at 860-225-7634.

Equally as important, please continue to pray about the options that lie ahead for St. Mark's. It will not be a quick process. While we get financial papers to Amber at The Commons, we are also exploring staying at 90 Main St., New Britain and continuing our New Britain ministries; merging with another Episcopal parish; becoming an Intentional Episcopal Community; and seeing what ways of being the Episcopal Church together might be suggested by our new bishop who will be elected May 21, 2022.

Zoom in and Phone in to church if we continue in Covid RED. Do send cards or emails, or even postcards to each other. How about a phone call?

COME TO CHURCH if we aren't Covid RED.
Remember, prayers don't transmit viruses!

God Our Creator Prayer
(A prayer from the Bishop Transition Committee)

"God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition.

Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy.

Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you.

Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen"



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 3, 2022 - Parish Office Closed - New Year's Holiday Observed

Wednesday, January 5 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Zoom meeting

Tuesday, January 11 - 6:45 p.m. - Vestry Meeting - Zoom

Monday, January 17 - Parish Office and Food Pantry Closed - MLK Day



Message Mailing List Purge 2022



During the month of January we will be purging names off of the St. Mark's Message mailing list.

This will be **ONLY** for the issues that we mail to people, not the email list.

If you would like to continue to receive the Message by mail you **MUST** call (860-225-7634) or email the parish office (parishoffice@stmarksnewbirtian.org) no later than January 23, 2022.

If you would like to receive the Message by email only, please let Cheryl in the office know.

If you are a member of the St. Mark's Vestry or your name is on our Voting List, your name will remain on our mailing list and you do not need to contact us.

Thank you.



ANNUAL REPORTS

Please send your Annual Report to the parish office no later than January 14, 2022.

All reports should be a short synopsis of your groups activity in 2021.

Thank you!



The First Sunday After Epiphany – January 9, 2022

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: Rae Robinson, Pat Scarlett, Betty Barden, Colin Rhoads, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

Continued healing: Kathryn "Cletus" Cone.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/ Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

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

Parish families: Martha Calnen, Barbara Campbell, James, Karen, Katherine and Kimberly Caplik and Katharine Carle.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Bill Robinson, Olga and James Kroncke and Katherine Horachko.

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).

Zoom Service Information

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Broadcast Instructions

You can enter the Zoom service via the parish Web link at

<http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.

There is also a telephone number that can be used to join the Zoom service: 1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling).

If you are using a telephone to dial into the service: dial the zoom phone number, and then wait to be prompted by the voice to enter the meeting number.

Then, enter the meeting number, and as part of the meeting number, please add the "pound" sign (#) at the end of the meeting number (as the verbal instructions direct).

The Zoom broadcast opens at 9:45 am when remote participants can be admitted and will be greeted by the e-verger.

Remote participants are encouraged to stay connected after the service and greet and be greeted during the coffee hour.



Issues that have come to our attention:

Issue: "my screen goes back and forth between speakers."

Response: you may be in "speaker" view. If so, change to "gallery view".

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.