

*St. Mark's*  *Episcopal Church*

# **Palm Sunday Liturgy**



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**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. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

**Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.**

**Blessing of the Palms service is on a separate page.**

**Entrance Hymn 156 “*Ride on! ride on in majesty*”**

**The Kings Majesty**

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.



## THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

### Collect of the Day

**Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Lector: Volunteer

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 31:9-16

Lector: Volunteer

Leader: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*

**People: my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**

Leader: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*

**People: my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

Leader: I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**People: when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

Leader: I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**People: I am as useless as a broken pot.**

Leader: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*

**People: they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**

Leader: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*

**People: I have said, "You are my God.**

Leader: My times are in your hand; \*

**People: rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Leader: Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**People: and in your loving-kindness save me."**

### The Second Lesson

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Lector: Volunteer

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in

human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**The Passion Gospel**

*(See booklet insert)*

*Silence*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Matthew 26:14 - 27:66**

**The Prayers of the People**

Volunteer

**Leader:** We have heard again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** For the whole church throughout the world, for its bishops and clergy, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Stephen, our worship leader; let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For peace in Ukraine and among nations, for Joseph, our President and for the leaders of all nations; for forbearance among all people, and for all those who serve their country, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, especially for all our parish families, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, and any others known to us, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For our Parish, for our liturgical assistants, choirs, altar guild, acolytes, ushers, volunteers and all who are preparing for the liturgies of Pascha, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For our blessings, and for other thanksgivings known to us, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all the departed, who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God, and for those who have died and are remembered today. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray:

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Into your hands, Oh God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**The Peace**

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

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

**Announcements**

**The Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**Celebrant and People:**

**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: 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Worship Leader or

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Holy Week - St. Mark's will not hold any Holy Week Services.  
Please feel free to attend services at other Episcopal churches.**

**Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel with  
the Rt. Reverend Laura Ahrens**

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

**Sunday, April 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel**

**Sunday, April 23 - 10:00 a.m. - **St. Mark's Day** - Service in the Erwin Chapel**

**Sunday, April 30 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in the Erwin Chapel**



Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Walk Against Hunger -  
Dunkin Park Hartford -

If you would like to donate to Food Share AND  
St. Mark's Food Pantry please see the poster on our  
bulletin board outside the parish office.

Watch the bulletin and Message for more information.



**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

This Easter we will welcome The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens as our Celebrant and Preacher. We would like to have as many flowers in the church as possible to celebrate Easter.

If you would like to donate flowers for Easter in the memory of loved ones, please fill out and return the form below to the church office.

A donation of at least \$25 would be appreciated. Please make checks payable to: **St. Mark's Altar Guild.**

Please include the name of the people to be remembered with the flowers and by whom they are donated.

Please feel free to call Cheryl Rusczyk in the Parish Office 860-225-7634 if you have any questions.

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**ALTAR FLOWER FUND (Please print information)**

**Donated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Easter Memorial 2023 Names:

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Donations included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For **Easter** Flower Donations: Please complete and return to St. Mark's Church Office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023.**

**Additional copies of this form may be obtained by calling the church office at 860-225-7634.**

**The Sunday of the Passion - April 2, 2023**

**Longterm prayers are asked for:** Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk and Harry Thompson.

**Healing:** Deb Warner, Lucy Agostinucci, Brody Searle, Elora Cass, Georgie Bethel, and Cheryl Hanson.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; ECCT Regions, Region Leadership Teams, and Region Missionaries.

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

**Parish families:** Richard and Nancy Judd, Karl and Karen Kebinger, Robert and Mary Ann Kissel, Florence Kruvka and John Mackey.

**Those who have died, and those who are remembered today:** Joseph Benjamin.

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

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: [campbellba24@gmail.com](mailto:campbellba24@gmail.com)

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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).**

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**Festive Coffee Hour  
Easter Day  
in the South Church Parlor.**

**Please bring your favorite dish to share!**

# HOLY WEEK

We will not have Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Service. Please feel free to attend these services at another area church.



## **Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Festive Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection with Bishop Laura Ahrens. A Festive Potluck Easter Brunch will follow the service. Bring your favorite dish to share.

We will have Easter Flowers in the church in memory of our loved ones. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office, with a donation, to include the names of your loved ones.

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