

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 Carol Gadsden as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 372 "Praise to the living God"

Leoni



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

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

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

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

People: how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

Leader: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *

People: he gathers the exiles of Israel.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted *

People: and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He counts the number of the stars *

People: and calls them all by their names.

Leader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

People: there is no limit to his wisdom.

Leader: The LORD lifts up the lowly, *

People: but casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *

People: make music to our God upon the harp.

Leader: He covers the heavens with clouds *

People: and prepares rain for the earth;

Leader: He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

People: and green plants to serve mankind.

Leader: He provides food for flocks and herds *

People: and for the young ravens when they cry.

Leader: He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

People: he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

Leader: But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *

People: in those who await his gracious favor. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 542 "Christ is the world's true Light"

St. Joan

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Carol Gadsden

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 VI

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; and for all Priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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.



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 A

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Blessing

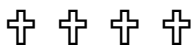
Dismissal Hymn 450 *“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”*

Coronation

Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader:
People:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



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



Please join us for our Annual Meeting in Cooper Hall following this service.

2024 Stewardship

Pledge Envelopes are Available to be picked up.
Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you need envelopes
If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.
You may drop them into the plate on Sundays or mail them to the parish office.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

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| Sunday, February 4 | 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel | The Rev. Carol Gadsden |
| Sunday, February 11 | 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel | The Rev. Dr. Gary Sturni |
| Tuesday, February 13 | 5:30 p.m. St. James | Chili Cookoff |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday services at St. James, Farmington. The 7 p.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook Live |
| Sunday, February 18 | 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel | The Rev. Joseph Pace |
| Monday, February 19 | Parish Office Closed - Presidents Day | |
| February 25 | 8 & 10:15 a.m. | St. James, Farmington |

There will not be a Vestry Meeting in February.

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany - February 4, 2024

Longterm prayers are asked for: Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Aaron, Georgie Bethel, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Elora Cass, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Ben Gryk, 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 Giuliatti, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT and The Anglican Church of South America.

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

Parish families: Jeffrey and Page Hartling, Miriam Hayes, Norm and Sue Holland, Gary Holland, and Barbara Howey.

Those who have died, especially Philip Pearson and those who are remembered today: Deceased parishioners of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

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).

Storm Closings

We will follow South Church lead concerning closures for the weather. South Church will make it's decision by 6 a.m. If South Church is closed, we will have a Zoom only service.

We will post on WFSB3 (CBS 3) and WVIT30 (NBC 30) that we are going to a Remote Only service. We will also send out an email and post it on our Facebook page.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

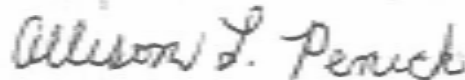
St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting
will be held on:

Sunday, February 4, 2024

[Blizzard date: February 11, 2024]

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

The annual meeting is called for Election of
Officers and Vestry and any other business as
designated by the Vestry.



Allison L. Penick
Parish Clerk

**We will have the Zoom room used for our Sunday worship service open to allow remote participation at the Annual Meeting. This works out OK for those who might just want to listen. It's not very good for those who might want to offer input. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in person if you are able, especially as we move forward with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington.

February 2024 Worship Schedule for St. Mark's

**Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for January 2024.
Please note that this list may be subject to change at any time.
Any changes will be noted in our weekly bulletin and on our website:
www.stmarksnewbritain.org.**

Date	Time	Place	Celebrant
February 4		10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel The Rev. Carol Gadsden
February 11		10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel The Rev. Dr. Gary Sturni
February 14	Ash Wednesday	12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday services at St. James, Farmington. The 7 p.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook Live
February 18		10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel The Rev. Joseph Pace
February 25		8 & 10:15 a.m.	St. James, Farmington

2024 CHILI COOKOFF!



St. James, Farmington - Tuesday, February 13th

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a variety of chilis for the enjoyment of our parishioners and guests. If you would like to make chili OR bring cornbread, sour cream, cheddar cheese, Fritos chips, a desert to complement the chili OR if you just want to come eat and enjoy all this great food, please signup online at <https://bit.ly/StJamesChili24> or contact the office at 860-677-1564. Our special “judges” will make the rounds of the chili offerings and pick a winner in a variety of categories, all in good fun. Around 6:30 p.m. we will hold a brief service called Farewell to Alleluias, which is great for all, but especially our children, to usher in the season of Lent.

Also, we will burn last year’s old palms to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, so please bring your leftover palms, if you saved them!

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