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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 Phil Bjornberg as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 135 *"Songs of thankfulness and praise"*

Salzburg



**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.

**O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector: Volunteer

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

### Psalm 50:1-6

Volunteer

Leader: The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
People: **he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**  
Leader: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
People: **God reveals himself in glory.**  
Leader: Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
People: **before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.**  
Leader: He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
People: **to witness the judgment of his people.**  
Leader: "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
People: **those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."**  
Leader: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
People: **for God himself is judge.**

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector: Volunteer

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

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

Sequence Hymn 129 *"Christ upon the mountain peak"*

Mowsley

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

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

*(silence)*

## The Sermon

The Reverend Phil Bjornberg

## 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 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.]*

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 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.

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: 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



**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.

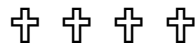
People: Amen.

**Dismissal Hymn 542** “Christ is the world’s true Light”

**St. Joan**

**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.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**There will not be a Vestry Meeting in February.**

**The 2023 Pledge Statements have been mailed. If you do not receive one and believe that you should have, please contact the parish office - 860-225-7634 or [parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org)**



**The Last Sunday After Epiphany - February 11, 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 Kruvka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Brody Searle, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

**Healing:** Patricia Anderson, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

**Continued healing:** Mark Giulietti

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. Timothy's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington; Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**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, and Robert and Mary Ann Kissel.

**Those who have died, especially Alba Magi and Felicia Yetke and those who are remembered today:** Deceased members of the McAdoo family including: Pauline and George; Elsie and Olin; Sophie and Edwin; Raymond; Marion; George; Andrea "Topsey"; Allena "Lee" and Colleen and Chet Medon.

**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).**

## 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](http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org).**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
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 sign up 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!



## **ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

You are invited to attend and receive ashes at 12 noon and 7 p.m. at St. James, Farmington - The 7 p.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook Live.



An Ash Wednesday Service will also be held at 11:45 a.m. by Pastor Jane Rowe at South Church 90 Main St. There will be a brief service in the sanctuary where the imposition of ashes will be offered. Then from noon until 1 p.m. Pastor Rowe and a Deacon will be on the plaza in front of the church to offer the imposition of ashes to people passing by.



### **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.

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