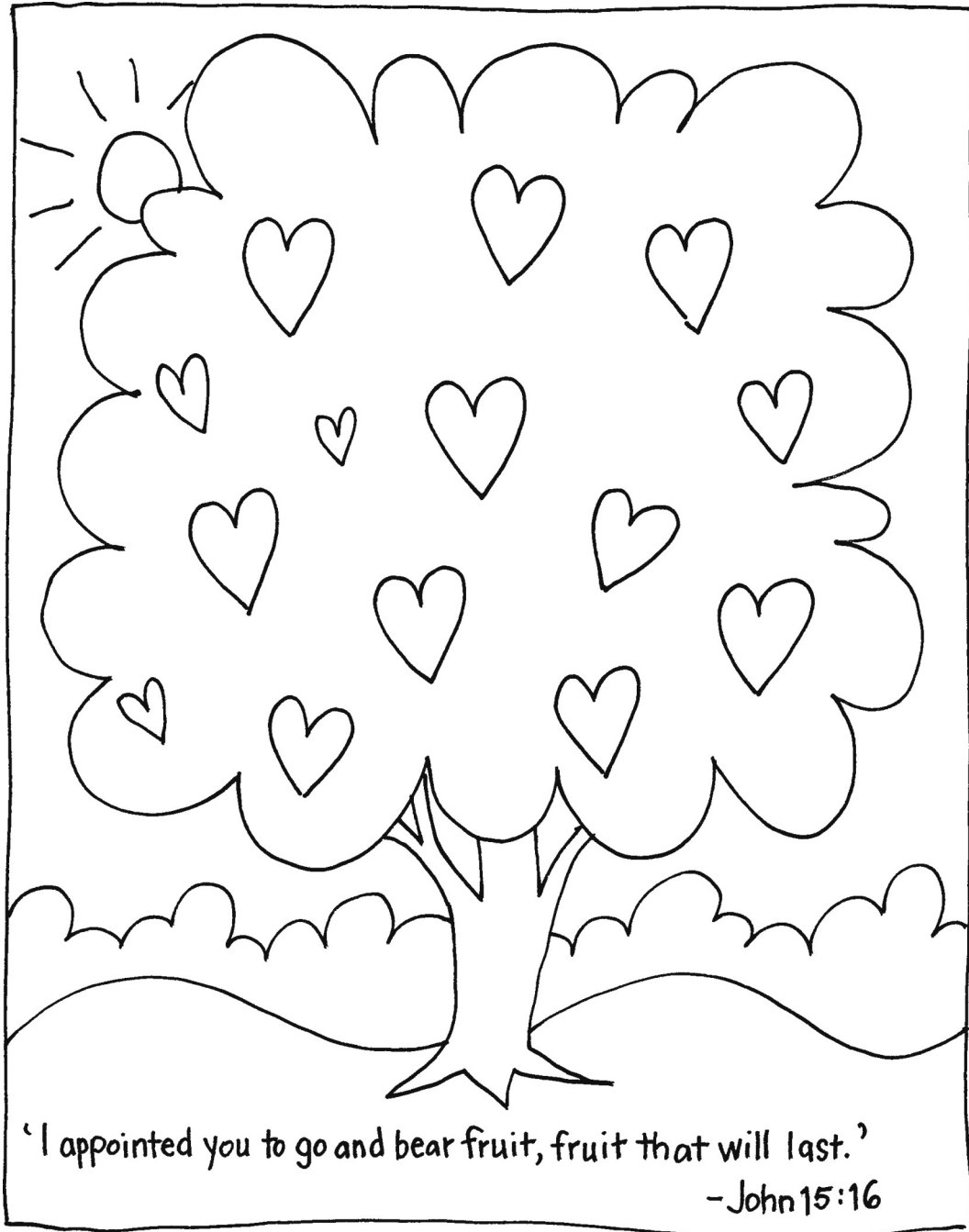


St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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 Cathi Bencken as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Curtis Searle is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 200 *“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”*

Gaudeamus pariter



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 10:44-48

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Volunteer

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, *
People: for he has done marvelous things.
Leader: With his right hand and his holy arm *
People: has he won for himself the victory.
Leader: The LORD has made known his victory; *
People: his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
Leader: He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
People: and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Leader: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
People: lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Leader: Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
People: with the harp and the voice of song.
Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
People: shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Leader: Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
People: the lands and those who dwell therein.
Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands, *
People: and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
Leader: In righteousness shall he judge the world *
People: and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.
(*silence*)

R. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
(silence)

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cathi Bencken

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

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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.

Announcements



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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Celebrant and People: 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to Communion. Receiving the bread alone is sufficient for full participation. Those who wish to receive from the chalice by intinction are asked to approach the chalice first. Only after those who wish to receive in this way have intincted, should those who wish to drink from the chalice approach to receive.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(To be recited by those worshipping on Zoom)*

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.

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.

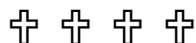
People: Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 182 *“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”*

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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.



**Join us for our Service on
Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024
at 10:00 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel
The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Mello
will be our Celebrant and Preacher.**



GRADUATION TIME!

If you have someone in your family that is graduating from college, high school, middle school or even pre-school - let the parish office know.

We will list the names of the graduate in future bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 5	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Cathi Bencken Special Parish Meeting - Following 10:00 a.m. service.
Tuesday, May 7	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 12	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joseph Pace
Tuesday, May 14	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall
Sunday, May 19	Pentecost	Erwin Chapel -
	10:00 a.m.	The Rt Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello Coffee Hour to follow in the Parlor.
Sunday, May 26	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Morning Prayer - Stephen Hard
Sunday, June 2	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel - Final Service at 90 Main St. Rev. Patricia Hames, Celebrant
Sunday, June 9	10:15 a.m.	St. James, Farmington

May 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.**

Date	Time	Place	Celebrant
May 5	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Cathi Bencken
May 12	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	Rev. Joseph Pace
May 19	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rt Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello
May 26	10:00 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

The Sixth Sunday Of Easter - May 5, 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, Richard Rusczyk, Rose Wollman, Josephine Pelligrini, Lauren Kiefer, Rebekah Maxim, Cynthia Hudson, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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

Parish families: Paul and Yvonne Gerardi, Mark Giulietti and Stephen Hard, Donna, Selfen IV and Rebecca Griffen and Thomas and Anna Griffen.

Those who have died, especially Arthur "Pooch" Tavares (brother of John Baptiste) and Darcie Peterson and those who are remembered today: A. Murray Duff.

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.

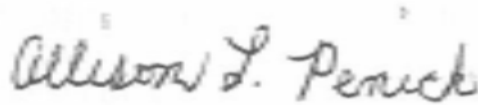
The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

This meeting is called for our official vote to approve the merger of St. Mark's and St. James Episcopal Churches



Allison L. Penick
Parish Clerk

For Special Parish Meeting on May 5

Please note, this vote does not bring about the merger. That will be brought about by a vote of the Convention of the ECCT on October 26, 2024. The ECCT requires that both parishes vote in favor of the merger for the merger request to be brought before the Convention for its vote.

**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.**

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