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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 Joseph Pace as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn LEVAS 106 "Take My Hand, Precious Lord"



**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

**Collect for Purity**

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.*

**Opening Anthem**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

"The days are surely coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the LORD. "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the LORD: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the LORD; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

The Word of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-13**

Volunteer

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
**People: in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**  
Leader: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*  
**People: and cleanse me from my sin.**  
Leader: For I know my transgressions, \*  
**People: and my sin is ever before me.**  
Leader: Against you only have I sinned \*  
**People: and done what is evil in your sight.**  
Leader: And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**People: and upright in your judgment.**  
Leader: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**People: a sinner from my mother's womb.**  
Leader: For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**People: and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**  
Leader: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**People: wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**  
Leader: Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**People: that the body you have broken may rejoice.**  
Leader: Hide your face from my sins, \*  
**People: and blot out all my iniquities.**  
Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**People: and renew a right spirit within me.**  
Leader: Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
**People: and take not your holy Spirit from me.**  
Leader: Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**People: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*(silence)*

**Sequence Hymn 508 “Breathe on me, Breath of God”**

**Nova Vita**

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
*(silence)*

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Joseph Pace**

## **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.

### **Confession of Sin**

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 C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### 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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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. When ever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People:** We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.

**Celebrant:** Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:** **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Celebrant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

**Celebrant and People:** **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 who 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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**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: Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 493 *“O for a thousand tongues to sing”* **Azmon**

**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, March 17</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel</b>	<b>The Rev. Joseph Pace</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Cooper Hall -</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
			<b>The Rev. Carol Gadsden</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. James, Farmington - Maundy Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel - Good Friday - Stephen Hard,</b>	
		<b>Worship Leader</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>St. James, Farmington - Easter Sunday</b>	



**March 2024 Worship Schedule for St. Mark’s**

**Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for March 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:**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
March 17	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Joseph Pace
March 24 - Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Carol Gadsden







**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE - MARCH 24, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.**

We will begin in Cooper Hall with the Blessing of the Palms and then process back to Cooper Hall for our service.

See the bulletin board outside the Parish Office to sign up to read a part in the service.

## Holy Week Schedule - 2024



### **Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday - Time TBA St. James, Farmington**

MAUNDY THURSDAY gets its name from 'mandatum' meaning commandment – the commandment to the disciples and to us, to 'love one another' as Jesus loves. This commandment came within the setting of the Last Supper and so on this day we recall the institution of the Holy Eucharist as we break bread together for the last time before we celebrate the risen Christ. Jesus himself enacted the commandment to love by washing the disciples' feet and in our liturgy we are given the opportunity to do likewise and wash one another's feet as a sign of the ways we serve one another as Christ served us. Following the Eucharist the altar is stripped as we remember how Jesus goes from the upper room to the Garden awaiting his trial and arrest.



### **Friday, March 29 - Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**



### **Sunday, March 31 - Easter Day - 6:30 a.m. - South Church**

**10:15 a.m. St. James, Farmington**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 17, 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:** Mark Giulietti, Richard, Rose Wollman, Josephine Pelligrini, Lauren Kiefer, Rebekah Maxim, Cynthia Hudson, Patricia Anderson, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

**Continued Healing:** The Rev. Carol Gadsden.

**ECCT Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees nad their families and The Church in Wales.

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

**Parish families:** Migdalia Vazquez, John and Dale Whalen, Desmond Williams, and Oscar and Gertrude Yagoobian.

**Those who have died, especially Edward Murr and those who are remembered today:** Evelyn Briere and Rosalie Von Achen.

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

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**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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