



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
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** Please stand for these moments during the service.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: The Breaking of the Bread - Beatrice Bush Bixler

*Responsive Call to Worship:

Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet.
Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven.

Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds.

Let us worship God and remember the ascension of our Messiah.

*INTROIT: Majesty - Jack W. Hayford; All hail King Jesus - Dave Moody

Prayer of Praise and Adoration (In Unison)

God of glory and majesty,
in Christ Jesus you came to be among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows.
After he suffered and died for our sake,
you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things.
As our Risen Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation. So, we offer you our worship this day, claiming that hope, and blessing you for your powerful love which still transforms lives.
Receive our praise, O God, offered in the name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Hymn of Praise: All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name **# 363 Blue Book**

Welcome and Announcements

Long Ago and Far Away - Pat Mayberry, arr. by Margaret Stubbington –
sung by the Intermediate Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*Children's Hymn: Glorify Thy Name **# 300 Blue Book**

Children's Story: The Blessing of Family

Psalm: 97 Refrain # Amanda Rachpaul

The Scripture:

Today's Reading: Acts 1: 6-11 (page 884)

Anthem: Send the Light! - Charles H. Gabriel, arr. by Larry Leader –
solo part Valerie Laylor

Message: True Christian Witness

Hymn of Transition: He Touched Me **# 532 Red Book**

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

We Confess Our Faith: Apostles' Creed (BoP#539)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (BoP#564)

The Communion of God's People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory: Somebody Bigger Than You and I - Johnny Lange,
Hy Heath and Sonny Burke

*Offertory Hymn: (Hallelujah refrain – Caribbean Traditional)

Halle, halle, halle- lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: When We All Get to Heaven **# 467 Red Book**

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: May the Lord, Mighty God

Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 7th Sunday of Easter & Ascension and General Assembly Sunday. We welcome everyone to this service as we give joyful praise to the God of grace. If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

Nursery: The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Arthur and Amanda Rachpaul

Duty Elder: Sam Alfred

Elements: Mavis Thomas & Velda Walkes

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you wish pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com.

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.



The Senior Choir will not be practising this week.

Both The Five Alive Singers and the Intermediate Choir will rehearse following the service of worship.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events

- **Today is Ascension & General Assembly Sunday**– We share in worship and communion as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. Please be in prayer for the 145th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that runs from June 2 to 6 at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.
- **Board of Managers:** The Board of Managers meet today after our worship service.

- **Kirk/Session:** The monthly meeting Kirk/Session will take place tomorrow June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Portuguese Dinner:

"On behalf of the Board of Managers we would like to thank all those who participated in the Portuguese dinner held last Saturday May 25, 2019.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this night a success. This includes people who sold and purchased tickets, assisted with the set up and clean up, in addition to donations and prizes.

We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of this annual fundraiser and making our 2019 dinner one of the most successful to date.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue to keep up with the building fund which is used to repair and renovate our church. With heartfelt thanks."

Gita Singh.

Spring Concert: On behalf of the Music and Worship Committee we extend sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Spring Concert yesterday. Your support was greatly appreciated. We thank all those who used their God-given gifts and talents and everyone who worked hard to make this fundraising effort a success.

Bus Trip: The Bus Trip to Port Dover will take place on July 27, 2019. The bus leaves St Mark's at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$ 95, children under 12, \$ 45. Cost includes: Bus ticket, cruise and lunch. Reserve your tickets early by contacting Velda at: 905-678-2677.



If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or sla1302@sympatico.ca. (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

The Summer Issue of the Presbyterian Connection is available in the Narthex. Please take one for your reading pleasure. They are free of cost.

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden.

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2019 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

Especially in our prayers

" Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick, or who are homebound:

- “ Hazel Humeniuk
- “ Nashwill & Advira Gordon
- “ Helen Forsyth
- “ Edna Hazel
- “ Verna Dockendorff



- “ Members of our church family who are recovering from surgeries.
- “ Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
- “ For the people of Jamaica as a significant portion of the country is now under a “State of Emergency” due to violence. Pray also for other countries of the Caribbean, Latin & South America, Africa and Asia that are experiencing violence at this time.

Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith. Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:

- “ For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.
- “ For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God’s light lead and guide them forward.

Prayer Chain: If you would like the prayer chain to pray for you or for a particular concern please contact Hazel Humeniuk at 905-677-6828 or hazelandwilliamhumeniuk12@gmail.com.

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark’s at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS



In the season of Eastertide, we celebrate a mystery—the mystery that Jesus died, and that God made him alive again. We celebrate this happy news on Ascension Day. Read the story of Ascension Day from your Bible. It can be found in Luke 24:44-53 and in Acts 1:1- 11.

Christ’s ascension is a pretty big deal. Saint Luke includes a detailed accounts of Jesus’ instruction, blessing, and supernatural departure in both the ending of his “first book” (Luke 24:44-53) and the beginning of his “second book” (Acts 1:1-11). In the Reformed tradition we stress the importance of Christ’s ascension as a *witness* and *guarantee* of our own resurrection as well as a call to evangelism, justice, and compassion

On Ascension Day, the church celebrates Christ’s going up and returning to his Father in glory after his resurrection. Ten days later, we celebrate God coming down again, this time not in human form in a particular time and place but now as Spirit, a gift to each believer in every time and place. As we share in communion, we affirm Christ’s ascension by saying these words: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Introit:

Majesty/All Hail King Jesus Medley

Majesty, worship his majesty;
 Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom authority,
 Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
 So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
 Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
 Majesty, worship his majesty,
 Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

All hail King Jesus.
 All hail Emmanuel,
 King of kings, Lord of lords,
 bright Morning Star,
 and throughout eternity
 I'll sing your praises,
 and I'll reign with you