

Postlude: *Land of Hope & Glory* (Edward Elgar)

## Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and we welcome everyone to this Canada Day worship service as we give joyful praise to the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time.

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: Marsha & Secoya Lovelace

Duty Elder: Sam Alfred

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](mailto:lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com).

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



### Upcoming Worship & Church Events

- **Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & Canada Day Worship Service**— We share in worship as we give joyful praise to God for blessing our country and for the gifts of freedom and peace. **All are invited to share in refreshment and fellowship following this worship service. We are also seeking volunteers to prepare refreshment on Sundays during the summer and also to set up for this time of fellowship.**
- **Communion:** We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next week Sunday, July 7 during our regular worship service.

### Music Ministry

The Senior choir will practise on Thursday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. No practices will be held during July and August.

**Church cleaning:** Sat., July 6<sup>th</sup> will be spring cleaning day at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with a list of things we hope to work on for the day. Please plan to help if you are able to.

**Church Directory:** We are in the process of updating the Church directory which contains the phone numbers and addresses of members of the St Mark's Church family. We are also hoping to include email addresses so we can develop an email database of our members for future communication. **Please fill out the slip of paper in your bulletins and place them in the offering plates or return them to Rev. Germaine.**

**Church Family Barbeque/Picnic:** On Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> we are all invited to share in a time of fun and fellowship as we host our Church Family Barbeque/Picnic after our regular worship service. Please bring salads if possible. Beverages, hotdogs and burgers will be provided.

**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](mailto:sla1302@sympatico.ca). (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

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.

Flowers this week were donated by Annette Ramdhanie.

These Days for the months of **July, August and September** are in the Narthex at a cost of \$2.25.

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



“ Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharan (Susan Ramneres' nephew and 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin who are both in intensive care)

“ Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is battling cancer)

“ 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.

“ 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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com)

### **The Season of Pentecost**

Over the last three months, we have learned about some of the seasons in the Christian Church year. These seasons, in addition to the Day of Pentecost, make up the festival half of the church year. During this time, the Christian Church focuses on the life of Jesus and celebrates major festivals commemorating his life such as Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. The last season in the



Christian Church year is the season of Pentecost. “What is the season of Pentecost about?”

The season of Pentecost is the longest season in the Christian Church year. It begins the Monday following the Day of Pentecost and lasts until the season of Advent begins. It lasts anywhere between 22 and 27 weeks, depending on when Easter takes place. The season of Pentecost is often referred to as the non-festival half of the church year because during this time the Christian Church does not celebrate a major festival commemorating the life of Jesus. It is also referred to as Ordinary Time. The word “ordinal” simply means counted time.

During the season of Pentecost, the Christian Church focuses on the teachings of Jesus. Christian Churches also celebrate other special festivals such as Mission Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, Reign of Christ, Thanksgiving, and others. The color of the paraments for season of Pentecost is green to symbolize how Christians grow in their faith through God's Word.

### **Canada Day**

July 1 marks the Confederation of Canada and on this day, we are invited to reflect on what Confederation means to us. It is an occasion to recognize that Indigenous Peoples are the original peoples—and the founding peoples—of Canada, and that today, many cultures make up the fabric of the Canadian identity. May our prayer be.....

*Creating God,*

*As we mark the 152th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, we remember and give thanks for the people who have been the stewards of this land since time immemorial, and commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation.*

*Together we dream about the country that we hope to become, a country where all are free and where we live in love, peace and service to each other. Amen.*