



**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
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Music Director: Jo-Ann Bischoff

**June 9, 2019**

*\* Please stand for these moments during the service.*

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *Gabriel's Oboe* (Ennio Morricone)

\*Responsive Call to Worship:

Come, Holy Spirit of God! Bring your mighty power into our lives.  
**Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.**  
Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us today in our thoughts and our prayers.  
**Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us in our worship, Emblazon us with the confident spirit of faith that our lives will show your love.**

\*Hymn of Praise: *God We Praise You For The Morning* # 436 Blue Book

Prayer of Praise and Adoration (In Unison)

Holy God, from our scattered lives we gather to praise you for you are great and wonderful. With joyful hearts, we celebrate the work of your Spirit in human history. At the dawn of creation, you sent your Spirit to bring life. Over the centuries, your Spirit called your servants to proclaim your love and your justice.

Through the flames of Pentecost, your Spirit gave birth to the church with energy and wonder.

Today, your Spirit is active in the world, working to bring renewal and hope to your people. As we gather this day, may we be transformed by your Spirit to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

\*Hymn of Praise: *Revive Your Work O Lord* # 284 Blue Book

**Refrain:** Revive Your work, O Lord!  
While here to You we bow;  
Descend, O gracious Lord, descend!  
Oh, come, and bless us now!

Welcome and Announcements

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Children's Hymn: *Seek Ye First* # 625 Blue Book

Children's Story:

Psalm: 104: 24-34      Refrain # 1      Mavis Thomas

**The Scriptures:**

First Reading: John 14:25-27 (page 877)

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 (page 919)

Special Music: *The Lord's Prayer* sung by Nuel Abenojar

Message: Spirit Powered Church

\*Hymn of Response: *The Comforter Has Come* # 93 Red Book

## **WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Offertory: *Nicea* (arr. Healey Willan)

\*Offertory Hymn: (Hallelujah refrain – Caribbean Traditional)

*Halle, halle, halle-lujah!*  
*Halle, halle, halle-lujah!*  
*Halle, halle, halle-lujah!*  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: *Revive Us Again* # 20 Red Book

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary* (Jeremiah Clarke)

## Welcome to St. Mark's

Today we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. 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: Rajendra and Aruna Paul

Duty Elder: Mavis Thomas

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 Day of Pentecost**– We share in worship as we give God thanks for the Holy Spirit's power in our lives as we live, work and witness empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- **Board of Managers:** The Board of Managers will meet on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> following our worship service.
- **Kirk/Session:** The monthly meeting Kirk/Session will take place tomorrow June 10 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](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.

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](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 DAY OF PENTECOST

**Dates:** Pentecost is celebrated on a Sunday 50 days after Easter (counting Easter Sunday), or seven weeks (seven times seven) not counting Easter Sunday.



### Meaning of Name

Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē* meaning “50th” (day). Pentecost is a reference to the Jewish festival Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks, which is held on the 50th day after the second day of Passover.

The celebration of Pentecost is recorded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. When many people were gathered in Jerusalem for the traditional Jewish festival of ‘Shavuot,’ some astonishing things happened

that brought new meaning to the long-practiced tradition. While God’s people were celebrating the giving of the religious law to Moses, the Holy Spirit descended on them. This event, which we celebrate as Pentecost, is known as the birth of the Christian church.

The foundation of the Church is built on the Spirit who empowers us. Pentecost is about receiving power from God to do things we could never do on our own. At Pentecost, we are reminded that the church was founded on the bedrock of reconciliation – the reconciliation of God to humanity and the reconciliation of each of us to one another. When God’s people are together, we find unity in our diversity through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Liturgical Colour: Red

Red is a primary colour and a warm colour. It symbolizes fire, spirit, energy, passion, strength, power, intensity, courage, and determination. It draws to mind the flames dancing over the disciples and friends of Jesus gathered in the upper room on the day of Pentecost.

### A Prayer for the Day of Pentecost

Almighty God,  
 you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples,  
 to bless your people with a variety of gifts,  
 and to empower your church to continue your Son’s ministry.  
 We often resist the Spirit’s guidance.  
 We are uncomfortable with the challenges the Spirit offers us.  
 We have ignored or belittled the gifts of others  
 and failed to live in ways that reveal Christ’s love for the world.  
 God of compassion, forgive us.  
 Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit,  
 and renew our faithfulness to follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.