



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
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47th Anniversary Service

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Prelude: Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffman" - Jacques Offenbach

Introit: Open The Eyes of My Heart- Bryan and Ashitha (**Insert # 2**)

*Responsive Call to Worship

We are here today to remember:

"One generation tell your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts."

We are here to rejoice, and we rededicate ourselves to God's service

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! We will lift your name on high."

Hymn of Praise: *Your Hand O God Has Guided* **# 477 Blue**

Welcome and Announcements: **Insert # 1**

GOD'S GRACE FOR EVERY GENERATION

Combined choirs: Shine, Jesus, Shine - Graham Kendrick –
arr. by Jack Schrader - Solo part - Ivy Jones

Litany of Praise: **Insert # 2**

Prayer of Confession:

We are broken vessels who do not faithfully reflect Christ's light, so we confess our brokenness to him in prayer.

We come to you, Jesus Christ, humbly, eager for the forgiveness and healing that can only come through you. We confess that our church has not always practiced unity in the body.

We confess that we have not faithfully practiced holiness. At times we have abused power, or we have failed to respect those in authority.

We have failed to grasp the vast scope of your holiness, justice, and mercy. We have let race divide us rather than allowing the cross to unite us.

At times we have thought too highly of ourselves or we have failed to set out in faith.

We confess that we have not always been faithful witnesses. Forgive us Lord. Heal us. Renew us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Reflection: Pam Royer

*Youth Hymn: *He Leadeth Me*

364 Red

Children's Story:

Reflection: Val Kallwitz

Musical Item: Sweet Beulah Land: Squire Parsons -

sung by Beulah Francis

Psalms: 78:1-8 Refrain 2

The Scriptures: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (pages 639)

Special Item: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) -Chris Tomlin
Sung by Bryan and Ashitha

Sermon: Our Story of God's Faithfulness

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Hymn of Response: *We Are God's People* **# 472 Blue**

Prayers of God's People concluded with The Lord's Prayer

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering:

Offertory: There's something about that Name - The Gaithers

*Offertory Hymn:

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise, Into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You, The sacrifices of joy. Amen.*

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: *To God Be The Glory*

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*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: Bind Us Together - Bob Gillman

Insert # 1
Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 47th Anniversary of St Mark's Presbyterian Church and the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. We welcome everyone to this worship service as we give joyful praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We wish for everyone a tremendous blessing as we give God thanks for 47 glorious years of Christian witness in this community. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time and to all our invited guests.

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: Ram and Gita Singh

Duty Elder: Ernest Birbalsingh

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you require 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.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **St Mark's Anniversary Service:** Today October 27th, St Mark's celebrates its 47th Anniversary. All are invited to make a special donation of \$ 47 to the church for this special occasion. All are invited to share in a time of fellowship in our Lower Hall following this worship service.
- **Bible Study:** All are invited to share in a study on the Epistle to the Ephesians on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We will meet again

on Wednesday October 30th as we study Ephesians chapter 4. A blessing awaits you.

- **Holly Tea and Bazaar:** All are invited to our annual Holly Tea and Bazaar, hosted by Food Friends, on Saturday November 23, 2019 right here At St Mark's from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come and get your crafts, baked goodies and see what is available at the "White Elephant Table." You will also have an opportunity to win something from the raffle. Tickets are available: Adults \$ 6.00, Children 10 years and under \$ 4.00.
- **Memorial Service:** We note the passing of Hazel Humeniuk who made her transition into the nearer presence of God on Sunday October 13. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers. A memorial Service will be held for Hazel here at St Mark's at a date to be decided.

The Senior choir will practise on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 10:15. No Thursday practice this week.

The Intermediate choir will meet briefly following the luncheon.

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.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today were donated by Marcia Mullings.

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 at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

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

Website:

Our Technology committee has updated our website. Please visit our website at: <http://stmarksmalton.ca>. Give us your feedback!

Especially in our prayers

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

“ Nashwill Gordon

“ Lee Younger



" Muriel Bennett
 " Helen Forsyth
 " Sandra & James Moravek
 " Edna Hazel
 " Verna Dockendorff
 " Sarwar Paul Hussain, (Azar Paul's Father)
 " Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharan (Susan Ramneres' nephew and 1st Cousin who are both recovering from illness)
 " Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery. Abhijit sends thanks to his church family for all the prayers on his behalf.
 " Ivy Jones who continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.
 " Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is faithfully going through chemotherapy as he battles cancer)
 " Cordaleen Hinds who had surgery on and is recovering well so far.
 " Please pray for the situation in Hong Kong, that the Lord will have mercy and bring peace, as pressure is building on all sides and emotions are becoming more raw and frayed.
 " Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
 " **We pray for people in the Bahamas** who are still recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian.
 " 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 Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 905-677-4514 or stmarkschurchmalton@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

St Mark's Celebrates 47 Years of Worship and Witness

St. Mark's came into being as an indirect result of an invitation from the Anglican church regarding the joint use of the site presently occupied by the church of St. Hugh of Lincoln on Goreway Drive (near Morning Star) in Malton.

The first Worship Service was held on March 26, 1972 on Palm Sunday at Lancaster Senior Public School and soon the definite outlines of a Congregation began to emerge. A Sunday School was organized along with a Women's Group and Junior and Senior Choirs. A Steering Committee was also formed to help the Minister with the Congregational responsibilities.

When the city of Mississauga purchased the land on the corner of Morning Star Drive and Darcel Avenue, we exchanged our site with the city for our present property on the corner. This exchange was most advantageous for both parties. It gave the city an unbroken stretch of land for future community development and the congregation a more prominent site and visibility.

The Congregation, at its Annual Meeting held on January 21, 1974, decided to begin a Building Program in 1974 and on October 13, 1974, the congregation celebrated a Sod Turning Service.



As the builder finished his work, the congregation moved in the with paint, brushes, tiles, etc., to complete the work and to keep the cost down. Many people contributed of their time, talent and energy to this task. From Lancaster Public School to the corner of Darcel and Morningstar St Mark's continues by God's grace to share the Gospel of Redeeming Grace. As we worship and witness God has been good to us and in God's Grace, we continue our journey of faith. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Insert # 2
47th Anniversary Service
Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving

Today we celebrate the 47th anniversary of St Mark's Presbyterian Church.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 47 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this place.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 47 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this place.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Countless children, parents, and Nations have been part of the St Mark's family as we have lived out our Mission, "Out of Many Nations we are one family."

They are more than can be numbered and we thank you for bringing people from all across the world to be part of this blessed Church family.

Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place.

They are more than can be numbered and we thank you for hearing our prayers and giving grace to all those on whose behalf we stand in the gap.

Countless witnesses have gone out from St Mark's to spread the gospel in this community and throughout the world.

They are more than can be numbered and we thank you for helping us participate in the work of the Presbyterian Church here in Canada and across the world.

Song Verse: Lord, Listen to you Children Praying
449 Blue

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***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. (Repeat)***

All of our activities,
all of our sacraments,
and all of our benedictions
we offer up in praise to God.

**Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;
they are more than can be numbered.**

With thanksgiving for the past,
with joy in the present,
and with hope for the future
we celebrate this 47th anniversary.

**Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;
they are more than can be numbered.**

In this time of celebration
we would offer special praise.
As we think of past and future,
vow anew to walk your ways.
Times of triumph, times of failure—
still your Word keeps ringing through:
Lord, your works cannot be numbered,
St Mark's Church belongs to you.

Leader: Hear the good news from the scriptures:

Sheba: *[from the pulpit]* This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is

in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Shash: *[from the baptismal font]* Today we remember our baptism and we are thankful. You command us to go into all the world, to preach, teach and baptise in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God is good; his love endures forever.

Youth: *[from the Table]* From this table we celebrate the supper of our Lord through prayers of gratitude, confession, lament, and dedication. Come, taste and see that our God is good.

All standing: From here we journey with God's grace to serve the world where so many are hurting and longing for the Good News of God's grace. Amen.

Hymn: Lord Jesus You Shall be My Song As I Journey #
665 Blue

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go.

For our life and our peace and our love is yourself.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.

For you saved me by giving your body and blood.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;

but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

And with all of the family you saved by your love,

we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shinin' in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

We sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

I want to see You....