



St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
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** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER IN THANKSGIVING

Prelude: A Thanksgiving medley

Processional Hymn of Praise: Bringing In The Sheaves **(Insert 1)**

*Responsive Call to Worship

In deep gratitude we pause to worship God, our Maker.

We celebrate God as the source of all the goodness we know.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God.

Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control, these are God's good gifts.

So come with grateful hearts, to give God thanks not just for good things, but for all the goodness we enjoy.

God, our Maker, receive our gratitude in song and prayer.

Introit: I Thank You, thank You, Jesus

Verse 1 - Youth choirs Verse 2 - Intermediate choir in Swahili

Congregation to repeat final chorus:

I thank you, thank you, Jesus (x2)

I thank you, thank you Jesus in my heart.

Repeat the above.

Welcome and Announcements: **(Insert 1)**

All Things Bright and Beautiful - 17th Century English Melody
arr. by Anna Laura Page - sung by the Intermediate Choir

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE IN OUR LIVES

Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving **(See Insert 2)**

Prayer of Confession:

Out of a desire to recognize the truth about ourselves and live in right relationship with God and one another, let us confess our sin together:

God of mercy, we confess that too often we have failed to be grateful for what we have; to be satisfied with who we are. We have not welcomed others as we have been welcomed, or lived as forgiven, merciful people.

We recognize within ourselves our jealous instincts, the reflex to be selfish, that constant need we feel for something more than we have.

Forgive us for not being content and thankful.

Help us to love you more than everything else.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

*Children's Hymn: This Is My Father's World **# 328 Blue**

Children's Story:

Psalms: 100, 106, 107, 118, 136 Refrain **(See Insert 2)**

The Scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:4-7 Val Kallwitz (page 639)

Philippians 4:4-9 Susan Ramnares (page 955)

Anthem: Make It a Day of Thanksgiving - Mark Patterson –
Descant- Beulah Francis

Sermon: Praise From Grateful Hearts

Hymn of Response: We Plough The Fields And Scatter **# 807 Blue**

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

WE LEAVE TO LIVE OUT OUR THANKS

Offertory: Prayer of Thanksgiving - Old Dutch Melody - arr. by W. H. Anderson

*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.***

*Offertory Prayer & Dedication of Harvest Gifts

*Closing Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness **# 54 Red**

*Benediction:

*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: The Call for Reapers - J. O. Thompson / J. B. O. Clemm

Insert 1
Welcome to St. Mark's

On this 18th Sunday after Pentecost we pause in Thanksgiving for all that God has done in our lives. 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 worship God together. 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: Sam Alfred and Colleen Gordon

Duty Elder: Murna Creighton

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.

Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **Today is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**-We share in worship as we give joyful praise to God for drawing us together in service, faith and love. Today we also share in our Harvest Thanksgiving Service as we thank God for all his many blessings in our lives. **All are invited to share in a time of fellowship following this worship service in our Lower Hall.**

- **St Mark's Anniversary Service:** On October 27th, St Mark's will be celebrating its 47th Anniversary. All are invited to make a special donation of \$ 47 to the church for this special occasion. We will also share in a time of fellowship after our Anniversary Service.
- **Bible Study:** All are invited to share in a study on the Epistle to the Ephesians on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. A blessing awaits you. We will meet again on Wednesday October 23 as we study Ephesians chapter 3.

The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.

No rehearsals will be held for the Youth choirs today.

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 Sister Ivy Jones in memory of her late mother Margaret Samuels.

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:

“ Hazel Humeniuk

“ 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 Seecharran (Susan Ramneres’ nephew and 1st Cousin who are both recovering from illness)

“ Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery.

“ Ivy Jones who is recovering 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 Monday and is recovering at home.

“ 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 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

Bringing In The Sheaves

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
 - *Refrain:*
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves
2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping’s over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Insert 2
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Prayers of Thanksgiving Litany

(Prayers led by Ivy Jones)

Lit: Lord of the harvest, here we gather to give Thanks and praise to you for the countless blessing from your bountiful store of grace. For the perfect gift of salvation through your holy Son Jesus Christ.

Cong: Heavenly Father we thank you

Lit: For each day you lend us life.

Cong: Heavenly father we thank you

Lit: For darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep, after taxing activities of the day. For the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars.

Cong: Heavenly Father we thank you, so let your light shine in and out of our hearts blessing others for your glory.

Lit: For healthy bodies, strong limbs that till the soil, for the fish and the sea and other activities vital to our sustenance, for sun, wind, rain, plant and animal life.

Hymn: "Who Givest All"

**O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
to thee all praise and glory be;
how shall we show our love to thee,
who givest all?**

**The golden sunshine, vernal air,
sweet flowers and fruits, thy love declare;
where harvests ripen, thou art there,
who givest all.**

**Thou didst not spare thine only Son,
but gav'st him for a world undone,
and freely, with that blessed One,
thou givest all.**

**We lose what on ourselves we spend,
we have as treasure without end
whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
who givest all.**

(Prayers led by Ralph Saywack)

Lit: Creator God, for our world we are thankful. You have made a varied yet beautiful world.

Cong: For giving us your world, we say thanks. Thanks to you, Provider God.

Lit: The mountains stand in grandeur, the running streams refresh, the valleys reveal your depths, the trees and grass protect our environment.

Cong: God of splendor, may we daily appreciate your created beauty.

Lit: For tropical birds, decorative shrubs and trees, waterfalls and lakes, flowers that give testimony of the glory of God.

Cong: Dear Lord, be pleased to accept and bless these gifts we now place before you, not that you need our gifts but by these we are ever reminded that all things are yours. Let all that we say and do be said and done in reverence, honour and glory to your name. Thank you Lord. Amen.

Lit: On this harvest day we thank you for all workers who labour in the various sectors of our national life. By their efforts we can live our lives, rejoice and give thanks to you. Help us to live our lives by sharing and caring for others.

Cong: For our workers we thank you.

Musical Item: All Things Bright and Beautiful - 17th Century English Melody arr. by Anna Laura Page - sung by the Intermediate Choir

Lit: For all who work to preserve the environment, those who work to manufacture food and those who invest in agricultural pursuit. For food, shelter, and clothing and the opportunities to work and be paid.

Cong: We thank you for their interest and enterprise.

Lit: We remember today, the many workers who contribute to nation building. We pause to recognize the many represented here today.

Cong: We thank you, O God.

All: Finally on this day of rejoicing and thanksgiving we pray you will accept our gifts of food, money, lives and talents. We pray you pardon our poor and indifferent use of the world and your gifts to us. We have not been good to each other; give us again a heart of love. May we go from here filled with a heart to harvest others for your Kingdom. Amen.

Musical Item: In Christ Alone (Medley) Justina Martin

Psalms 100, 106, 107, 118, 136 Murna Creighton

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

And his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Refrain)

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them; that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. (Refrain)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

His love endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say:

His love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever. (Refrain)

Refrain

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks for all you've done

I am so blessed my soul is at rest

Oh lord I give you thanks