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# World Communion: October 6, 2019

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

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: The Rosamunde Air - Schubert, Op. 142, No. 3

Nothing But the Blood - Robert Lowry -

Vv. 1 & 2 sung by the Senior choir

Congregational chorus:

O! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

\*Responsive Call to Worship

We come as guests invited -

to a conversation, to a relationship, at the Lord's Table. Our invitation comes from Jesus Christ.

who is the Head of the Church and the host of this feast.

With brothers and sisters around the world,

we gather to worship God; whose faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn of Praise: Revive Us Again # 20 Red

# **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

Creator, Christ, and Spirit; When we hunger for fulfillment: you are our bread, you are our sustenance, you are the one who meets all of our needs.

When we thirst for communion with you: you are sweetness of life, you are the fullness of life, you are life itself.

When we desire what is true and enduring: you alone are truth, you alone are genuine, you alone are the one who was, who is, and who shall be.

Holy One, you are our hunger filled, you are our thirst quenched, and you are our desire fulfilled, so to you, now and forever, O God, we give our praise. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: (Silent Prayers)

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord - traditional song, St. Vincent -

sung by the Intermediate choir

Welcome and Announcements:

(Insert 1)

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

\*Children's Hymn: Pass It On

# 507 Red

(During the singing of this hymn the youth will light Candles as we pray for peace across the world)

Musical Item: Bless this House

sung by Godfrey Lalor

Psalm: 137 Refrain # 2

The Scriptures:

Reading: Luke 17:5-10

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Anthem: Hymn to Joy - Ludwig van Beethoven,

arr. by Kenneth Henderson

Sermon: One Faith, One Hope, One Lord.

Hymn of Transition: Christ For The World We Sing

# 498 Red

# WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Litany for The Lord's Supper can be found on (Insert 2)

# WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory: Something Worth Living For - Dale Oldham / William J. Gaither \*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

\*Closing Hymn: There Is Power In The Blood

# 283 Red

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: Your hand, O God, has guided - Edward H. Plumptre / Basil Harwood

# Insert 1 Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost World Communion and 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!

<u>Nursery:</u> 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: Anthony and Sheba Sampras

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: <a href="mailto:lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com">lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com</a>.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 join with Christians all across the world as we share in World Communion. All are invited to share in a time of fellowship following this worship service in our Lower Hall.
- Kirk/Session: The Kirk/Session will meet on tomorrow Monday October 7 at 7:00 pm.

- 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.
- Thanksgiving Sunday: On Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> we will share
  in our Thanksgiving worship service as we pause to give God
  thanks for providing for us in so many ways. Please bring a gift
  of a fruit or vegetable to share with someone.
- <u>Bible Study:</u> 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.

The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.

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

These Days are in the Narthex, October, November and December at \$2.25 each

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 <a href="mailto:sla1302@sympatico.ca">sla1302@sympatico.ca</a>. (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: <a href="http://stmarksmalton.ca">http://stmarksmalton.ca</a>. 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:

<sup>&</sup>quot; Hazel Humeniuk

- " Nashwill Gordon
- " 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)
- "The family of Jonathan Davis who lost his life in a tragic incident on Darcel Avenue. We are also praying for the families of those who are still in hospital recovering and for those who are still traumatized by this act of violence.
- "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 <a href="mailto:stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com">stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com</a>

# The Church Unites Through The Lord's Supper

Though not a specific day on the calendar of the Christian year, the unity of the church is a theme that needs constant attention. In a day of embarrassing fractures, congregations must step back from their own local concerns and highlight the unity of the body for which Jesus himself prayed (John 17:20-21). Such observances also give the church an opportunity to recommit itself to a life of unity.

The unity of the church needs to be observed and valued on several levels. Local unity sees worshipers of a local community experiencing their oneness in Christ without regard to their diverse experiences, ethnicity, opinions, or gender. Generational unity sees worshipers of all age levels sharing their oneness in Christ and encouraging one another. Historical unity sees the worshipers of today affirming their oneness with those who have gone before, perhaps many centuries before. Global unity sees God's people of a variety of cultures and traditions affirming one another's value, praying for one another, and joining in service together. Each of these dimensions demonstrates that unity does not imply uniformity.

Though this theme may be highlighted often during the Christian year, this occasion is especially appropriate. Worldwide Communion Sunday in October gives local churches the opportunity to come to the Lord's table with the awareness of brothers and sisters of many churches and cultures who are doing the same. This time of worship may include scriptures that emphasize the importance of solidarity in Christ; creeds and confessional statements that point to our unity; prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for the entire body of Christ; and sensitivity toward those parts of the body of Christ that are suffering.

# Insert 2 Communion Service World Communion – October 6, 2019

## The Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from north, south, east and west, and sit at table in God's Kingdom.

Brothers and sisters, this table is set to welcome us all; around it let there be no divisions.

When our Risen Lord sat at table with his friends, he took bread, broke it and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Here, may our eyes be opened so that we can recognize Christ present with us all as we break bread together and share in his cup. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN. The Lord be with you; All: And also, with you.

Min: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Min: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Min:* It is right, our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things came to be:

the sun, moon and stars; the earth, sky and seas.

Your Spirit moved over creation, bringing order out of chaos, so, all the life you inspired could flourish according to your purposes. From the elements of the earth, you created us as unique and distinct peoples, to bear your holy image together.

You called us all to love and serve you in lives marked by justice and compassion.

Although we have turned away from you and from one another, you have never turned from us. Through the prophets you called us back to do justice and love mercy.

In the fullness of time, you came to us in Jesus, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal the full extent of your grace and love.

Again and again you welcome us with the open arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we join our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

All: Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Min: Holy is your Son, Jesus.

Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst.

Here and everywhere, we follow his example, breaking bread and sharing wine, as we recall the mystery of our faith in him:

# **Communion Prayer/Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

All: There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
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And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
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Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine, that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of your body and this cup of blessing the communion of your blood, that we, and all who share this feast, may be one with Christ and he with us.

Remember your church around world as we celebrate the feast with brothers and sisters of every nation and race. Especially where keeping the faith is dangerous or difficult, may your Spirit protect and nourish your people.

Remember the world of nations, torn by division and disaster. By your Spirit renew the face of the earth. Let peace and justice prevail.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, Creator and Sustainer of all, now and forever.

Together we pray the prayer Jesus taught all his followers, saying:

Many: Our Father...

Sharing of the Bread - Hymn: Let us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Sharing of the Wine – Hymn: Just As I Am (verses

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in thee I find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown Hath broken every barrier down; Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have nourished us in this meal and fed our bodies and souls. We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it. We have seen your love, so send us out to show it. We have been fed on your love, so send us out to share it. And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

