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# **September 15, 2019**

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: I walked where Jesus walked (Geoffrey O'Hara)

\*Responsive Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalms 124:8; 118:24; 51:15)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will proclaim your praise.

Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise # 290 Blue

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Responsive Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Welcome and Announcements:

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

\*Children's Hymn: When He Cometh Insert

Children's Story:

Baptism of Dawn Imperial Autida

Special Item: You Raise Me Up sung by Nuel Abenojar

Psalm: 51: 1-11 Refrain # 1

The Scriptures:

Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (page 963)

Special Item: Just a closer walk with Thee sung by Velda Walkes

Sermon: Faith's Merciful Journey

Hymn of Response: And Can It Be # 352 Blue

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

## WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory: A Prayer (Wm. Stickles)

\*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: A Wonderful Saviour Is Jesus # 335 Red

\*Benediction:

\*Choral: Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: Bourrée & Hornpipe - Water Music (G.F. Handel)

# Welcome to St. Mark's

Today is the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 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:

Duty Elder:

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 15<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. All are invited to share in a time of fellowship following this worship service.
- World Communion: On Sunday October 6 we join with Christians all across the world as we share in World Communion. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to unite in Spirit as Christians as we share in The Lord's Supper and share some special prayer concerns on worldwide issues.

- **St Mark's Anniversary Service:** On October 27<sup>th</sup>, St Mark's will be celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Studies will begin on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please speak with Rev. Lovelace if you intend to be part of this engaging study. A blessing awaits you.

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 and for the months of August and September will be donated by Abhijit Ghosh

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," who are homebound:
- " Hazel Humeniuk
- " Nashwill Gordon
- " Muriel Bennett
- " Helen Forsyth
- "Sandra & James Moravek

- " Edna Hazel
- "Verna Dockendorff
- "Sarwar Paul Hussain, Azar Paul's Father who will undergo gallbladder surgery on August 30.
- "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 last Saturday 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 today trying to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. This category 5 hurricane battered the 700-Island nation for over 24 hours, leaving a trail of disaster and disrupting lives and livelihood. Let us pray for relief agencies and other responders who are reaching out to them at this very sad 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.

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>

# Sermon Focus: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The words and testimony of the Apostle Paul offer each of us a message of hope. These words remind us that no matter who we are, what we have done, what mistakes we have made, God wants to use us!

The sum total of this text is that, like Paul, God has chosen each of us, even though we are the worst of sinners, because he can use what we have to offer. It's an honour to be chosen, but sometimes we have doubts about our chosenness. In verse 14 Paul states, "The grace of God was more than abundant, more than sufficient," because part of God's choosing is his choosing to forgive us.

We've made mistakes; our past is most imperfect, but we have been chosen, forgiven, and empowered by God. To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### When He Cometh

1 When he cometh, when he cometh to make up his jewels, all his jewels, precious jewels, his loved and his own.

#### Refrain:

Like the stars of the morning, his bright crown adorning, they shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for his crown.

- **2** He will gather, he will gather the gems for his kingdom, all the pure ones, all the bright ones, his loved and his own. [Refrain]
- **3** Little children, little children who love their Redeemer, are the jewels, precious jewels, his loved and his own. [Refrain]