



ST. MARK  
REFORMED CHURCH

*Morning Worship*  
*28 June 2020*  
*Fourth Sunday of Trinity*

## **GREETINGS TO OUR VISITORS!**

If you are visiting St. Mark today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. We are delighted the Lord has brought you to worship with us and look forward to meeting you. If you are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, you are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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### **ABOUT US:**

St. Mark Reformed Church is a member church of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). Our congregation is centered on classical Christian worship that is robust, reverent, and joyful. We offer solid biblical preaching and teaching from a Reformed perspective. We are a family-friendly, welcoming congregation, desiring unity with all fellow believers. We believe and seek to embody the good news of the gospel—that salvation from sin is found in Christ alone, to be received by faith alone. We long to be a community that practices love, service, and mercy toward our community and the world.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. **(Stand at the conclusion of the Prelude)**

## *The Lord Calls Us*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Christ is ascended!

**People: That He might fill all things. Hallelujah!**

Pastor: The Spirit has been given!

**People: The promised Gift of gifts!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 72:1-4, 18-19

Pastor: Amen!

**People: Amen!**

Hymn of Procession

*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
pp. 4-5



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy  
3. I cried to him in time of need; Lord God, O hear my  
4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -  
keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er  
call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from  
a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -



va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who  
sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is  
fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,  
va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his



ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!



5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
 Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
 All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
 To God all praise and glory!
  
6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
 to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
 Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.  
 To God all praise and glory!

Johann J. Schütz, 1675  
 Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7,  
 Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch*, 1566

**Congregation: AMEN!**

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

**People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

(Psalm 122:1-2)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People: The Maker of heaven and earth!**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

# The Lord Cleanses Us

THE PURIFICATION OFFERING

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, the Scriptures teach us that whoever covers his sins shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall find mercy.

## Hymn of Confession

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty*

*Trisagion*

Alexander Archangelsky, 1846-1924

Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together . . .

We confess to You, **Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to Your word. **Almighty and merciful Father**, restore our souls in **Jesus Christ**, that we may be merciful and kind, even as You are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord **Jesus Christ** who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for His sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the **Son of God** being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through the same **Jesus Christ** our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

## DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in the Lord **Jesus Christ**: Know surely, your sins are forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Amen!

**People: Amen!**

# The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON (C.M.)  
Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828  
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,  
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;  
4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;  
5. He speaks, and, lis - t'ning to His voice, New life the dead re - ceive,  
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.  
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
His blood can make the foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.  
The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, The hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Congregation: AMEN!

THE SURSUM CORDA

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips!

**People: And our mouths will declare your praise!**

*The Doxology* (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)

OLD HUNDREDTH (L.M.)

*Genevan Psalter, 1551*

Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Thomas Ken, 1709

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

Pastor: For the word of God is living and active,

**People: sharper than any two-edged sword,**

Pastor: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow,

**People: and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

(Hebrews 4:12)



THE LESSON:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM:

119:169-176

(Verse 2 without accompaniment)

RUSSIA (L.M.)  
Daniel Read, 1786

*The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973*

1. <sup>169</sup>Be - fore Thee let my cry come near, O LORD; true to Thy word, teach  
 2. <sup>171</sup>Since Thou Thy stat-utes teach-est me, O let my lips Thy praise con-  
 Melody

(Soprano) <sup>170</sup>Be -  
<sup>172</sup>Yea,  
 me. fess. (Alto) <sup>170</sup>Be - fore Thee let my  
<sup>172</sup>Yea, of Thy word my  
 (Tenor) <sup>170</sup>Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True  
<sup>172</sup>Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For  
 (Bass) <sup>170</sup>Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise,  
<sup>172</sup>Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are

fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.  
 of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.  
 plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.  
 tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.  
 to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.  
 Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.  
 res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.  
 right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

3. <sup>173</sup>Be ready with Thy hand to help,  
 Because Thy precepts are my choice.  
<sup>174</sup>I've longed for Thy salvation, LORD,  
 And in Thy holy law rejoice.

4. <sup>175</sup>O let Thine ordinances help;  
 My soul shall live and praise Thee yet.  
<sup>176</sup>A straying sheep, Thy servant, seek,  
 For Thy commands I ne'er forget.

Congregation: AMEN!

THE EPISTLE

Romans 7:1-13

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ!

People: Praise be to Christ!

*Gloria Patri* (with hands upraised - 1 Timothy 2:8)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together. Christian, in whom do you believe?

*Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all  
worlds;*

*God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.*

*And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

(The congregation may be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 1:1-2:3

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

“The Day of the LORD”

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## *The Lord Collects Our Gifts*

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

COLLECTION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

(Please stand.)

Offertory Hymn

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:  
4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:  
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.  
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - right - eous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art; Free - ly let me take of Thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: What gifts have you brought for your Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us. We offer ourselves in Christ through confession, praise and thanksgiving; we give our prayers and alms for the sake of the world; and we participate in the Lord's Supper as a memorial of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Father, receive now these gifts offered to you in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to you a portion of that which you have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

People: Amen.

## The Lord Communes with Us

THE PEACE OFFERING

### Agnus Dei

JOHN MERBECKE, 1549

*In unison*

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(Standing if able.)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

**Save and defend your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give to her pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the sacraments. Make her perfect in love and in good works, and establish her in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our missionaries:

**Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants to Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten the coming of the fullness of the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

**O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray you graciously to regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Tennessee, the Mayor of Nashville, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

**God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you....**

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

**Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care. Amen.**

Pastor: Finally, let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us.

*The Lord's Prayer*  
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Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, Thy King - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry For - ev-er! A-men.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: The love of God the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Holy things for holy people!

**People: The gifts of God for the people of God!**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is good and right to do so!**

Pastor: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

*The Sanctus*

*fff* Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the

High - - - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

(The congregation may be seated).



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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE BREAD: Prayer of thanksgiving, breaking the bread, distribution, eating together.

THE WINE: Prayer of thanksgiving, distribution, drink after you have taken your cup.

### Hymn of Distribution

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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\* We will sing vv. 1-3 during the distribution of the bread, and vv.4-5 during the distribution of the wine.

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on-ly  
 2. Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace, reign-ing om-  
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a-lone we live, and all our  
 4. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, no harsh-ness  
 5. Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav-ior of my heart, who pain didst un-der-  
 nip-o-tent in ev-'ry place: so come, O King, and  
 sub-stance and our strength re-ceive; O com-fort us in  
 hast thou and no bit-ter-ness: make us to taste the  
 built up-on thy prom-ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 our whole be-ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 death's ap-proach-ing hour, strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.  
 sweet grace found in thee and ev-er stay in thy sweet u-ni-ty.  
 strong-er hope and sure that we can bold-ly con-quer and en-dure.

Strasbourg Psalter, 1545  
 Tr. by Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt. 1961

TOULON 10.10.10.10.  
 Genevan Psalter, 1551

**Congregation: AMEN!**

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you all steadfast in the true faith and in unity unto life everlasting, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People: Amen!** (Please stand)

# The Lord Commissions Us

Hymn of Dismissal

*O Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King*

Brian L. Penney, 2011

Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different verses. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

1. O Je - sus Christ our Sov' - reign King, of  
2. Send forth the Gos - pel's sav - ing pow'r, the  
3. O Fath - er, Son, and Hol - y Ghost, our

heav'n and earth be - low; Your glor - y  
Church Your Truth to show, By word and  
God Whom we a - dore, be glor - y,

and Your ma - jes - ty, Your grace on earth be - stow.  
deed, by love and grace, til all the na - tions know.  
hon - or, praise and love, now and for - ev - er more.

Congregation: AMEN!

Pastor: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: And now look up to receive the Lord's blessing ...

THE BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two measures each contain the words 'A - men.' with a short melodic phrase. The third measure contains 'A - - - -' followed by 'men.' in the fourth measure, indicating a long note for 'A'.

POSTLUDE