



ST. MARK

REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship
17 July 2022
Fifth Sunday after 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.

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

Grant Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy congregation may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 98:1-2

Pastor: Amen!

People: Amen!

Hymn of Procession

O Worship the King

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: Before Almighty God, all hearts are open, all desires known, and no secrets are hid. Our only hope of righteousness is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our only hope of purity is found in the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. Let us now magnify the grace of God by confessing our sins together. Come, let us worship and bow down. (Kneeling if able.)

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit; our eyes have been kept from discerning His presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit; our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word. We have not trusted in His redeeming power; and have been overcome of evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His victory over death; and have not known the things that belong to our peace. But now in penitence we come to You; beseeching Your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins; and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Through the cross and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, you have been redeemed and renewed, justified and sanctified, adopted and reborn. Trust God alone and give him thanks for his glorious gospel of grace! Amen!

People: Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker!

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 bless - ings flow;

Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

(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:

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Genesis 18:1-14

THE PSALM:

Psalm 27:7-14



- [7] Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;
be gracious to me and | answer me!
- [8] You have said, | “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”
- [9] Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have | been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my | salvation!
- [10] For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,
but the LORD will | take me in.
- [11] Teach me your way, | O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
- [12] Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.
- [13] I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD
in the land of the | living!
- [14] Wait | for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the LORD!

Congregation: AMEN!

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 1:21-29

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

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.

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

Colossians 3:1-17

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

“The Above and the Hidden”

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

COLLECTION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

(Please stand.)

Offertory Hymn

Psalm 110

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

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.

John Merbecke, 1549

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(Standing if able.)

Pastor: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You praise and thanks for all Your goodness and tender mercies. We bless You for the love that created us, and that sustains us day by day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom You have made known Your will and favor. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, our Comforter; for the holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of the faithful and godly people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service. Father, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: Save and defend Your Church universal, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Give to her pastors and ministers endowed with your Holy Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make her perfect in love and in all good works, and establish her in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite Your people in all the world, that one holy, catholic, and apostolic church may bear witness to You, the God and Father of all. Father, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: We humbly entreat You for all sorts and conditions of men, that You would be pleased to make Your ways known to them, Your salvation to all nations. Send forth Your light and Your truth into all the earth. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants to labor in the gospel at home and in distant lands. Lord, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: Preserve our nation in righteousness and true honor, and grant Your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, and cause them to acknowledge and obey Your holy will. King Jesus, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: God of all comfort and protection, we bring before You all who are in any wise afflicted, all persons oppressed with poverty, sickness, unemployment, or other trouble of body or mind, especially those whom we name now in our hearts before You. . . . Grant them the consolations of which they have need, and overrule their present sufferings to their eternal good. 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 grant a measure of Your love, taking them into your tender care. O Holy Spirit, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: We rejoice with thanksgiving in all those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your people, and bring us at length to the joy of Your everlasting kingdom. O Holy Spirit, hear our prayer!

People: For You are gracious.

Pastor: All these things, and whatever else You see that we need, grant us, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. And now we pray as Your Son has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer



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; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. 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!

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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

Humbly We Come

* We will sing vv. 1-3 during the distribution of the bread, and vv.4-6 during the distribution of the wine.

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

Psalm 20

(Verses 3 and 5 without accompaniment)

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



POSTLUDE