

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Trinity Sunday – June 4, 2023

Responsive Call to Worship

We gather to worship the one who created the universe.

God is in this place, continuing to form and re-form all creation.

We gather to learn how to follow Christ.

Christ is in this place, showing us the way and sending us into the world.

We gather to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in this place, infusing us with new hope and energy.

Hymn 299 Holy, holy, holy

**1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 291 Thou Whose almighty Word

**1. Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,**

hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
Let There Be Light!

2. Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
Let There Be Light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
Let There Be Light!

4. Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
Let There Be Light!

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God our Creator, we confess that we have not lived wisely in your creation, and so the earth suffers.

God our Redeemer, we have not valued ourselves or one another as those made in your image, and so our relationships are strained.

God our Sustainer, we have not trusted in your loving guidance, and so we follow paths that lead to foolish ends.

Forgive our mistaken choices and selfish desires. Call us back to your loving presence and teach us again how to follow you.

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 5 Lord, our Lord, your glorious name

**1. Lord, our Lord, your glorious name
all your wondrous works proclaim;
in the heavens with radiant signs
evermore your glory shines.**

**2. Infant voices chant your praise,
telling of your glorious ways;
weakest means work out your will,
mighty enemies to still.**

**3. Moon and stars in shining height
nightly tell their Maker's might;
when I view the heavens afar,
then I know how small we are.**

**4. Who are we that we should share
in your love and tender care,
raised to an exalted height,
crowned with honour in your sight?**

**5. With dominion crowned, we stand
o'er the creatures of your hand;
all to us subjection yield,
in the sea and air and field.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 8 p. 461 NT & Psalms

¹ O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.

² **You have taught children and infants**

**to tell of your strength,
silencing your enemies
and all who oppose you.**

³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—**

⁷ the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,

⁸ **the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.**

⁹ **O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!**

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

p. 1 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

p. 322 NT & Psalms

Matthew 28:16-20

p. 60 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Numbers

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our
love and commitment to live for you. Bless our gifts and our
lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or**

imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve you well and wisely. Amen.

Communion Hymn 507 Break now the bread of life

**1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.**

**2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;
your holy word is truth redeeming me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

We come to this table not because we must but because we may, not because we are strong, but because we are weak.

We come not because any goodness of our own gives us a right to come, but because we need mercy and help.

We come because we love the Lord and would like to love him more. We come because he loved us and gave himself for us.

We come and meet the risen Christ together, for we are his Body.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God our Creator, your Holy Spirit swept over the face of the waters like a mighty wind and the world was born full of mystery and wonder.

You breathed on the dust and humankind sprang to life, made in your image to share in the dance of life. By your Spirit, you gave us breath and speech, that we might find a voice to sing your praise with all

living things. So now, with all your creatures great and small, with your saints before us, beside us and beyond us, we lift our voices to echo the song of creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God our Companion in Jesus Christ we have seen your loving face smiling at those on the edge of the crowd, weeping with friends in the depths of despair, inviting little children to draw nearer, offering new possibilities for each precious soul. In this bread and this cup, you hold out new possibilities for each of us, precious as we are.

You have spread this table for us, offering us not only the bread and cup, but your very self, present with us here and everywhere. In anticipation of receiving these gifts, we proclaim our faith and our hope as we say:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

God our Helper, the Spirit of Life, rising in us and around us, breathe upon us now and upon this bread and cup. May they be for us Christ's body and blood, gifts of new life, with the power to make us whole. As this bread and cup become a part of us, may we become a part of you, Lord Jesus, united with you and with each other in love. Dare us to live for justice and joy, trusting that all things will work together for good through the power of love that raised you from the dead, the power of the love we share in your name. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

The Revelation

Partaking of the Bread

Partaking of the Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Triune God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world knowing your love, the strength of your Spirit, as we give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 325 Eternal Father, strong to save

**1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep
and calm amid the storm did sleep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bade their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for wild confusion, peace:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**4. O Trinity of love and power,
our kindred shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
then evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude