

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Trinity Sunday – May 26, 2024
Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

Responsive Call to Worship

Loving God, you call us together

To worship God as the people of God.

You call us by name and just as we are: you know each of our needs; you know our experiences; you know what rests in our minds and our hearts, and in your love you call us:

To worship God as the people of God

We come together, our heads, our hearts and our hands and feet yearning to be remade and redirected to paths of justice, and in ways of love. Help us, Jesus, to walk in the paths of justice and love that you yourself have walked:

To worship God as the people of God.

God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people! Mold us, Holy Spirit:

To worship God as the people of God.

Prayer of Lament for children who did not return from residential schools

Hymn 542 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.**

**2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of all, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful,
his own self for heavenly food.**

**3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its van guard on the way,
as the Light of Light, descending**

from the realms of endless day,
comes the powers of hell to vanquish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six winged Seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, Lord most high.'

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 210 Man of sorrows, wondrous name

1. Man of sorrows, wondrous name
for the Son of God who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! Gracious Saviour!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! Loving Saviour!

3. Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement can it be?
Hallelujah! Blessed Saviour!

4. Lifted up he was to die,
'It is finished' was his cry,
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! Mighty Saviour!

5. When Christ comes, our glorious King,
all the ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! Wondrous Saviour!

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

We confess our brokenness, God. We come before you with all that we are - and all that we fail to be. With all we have done, and all we have failed to do. God of mercy, in you we know we can find healing and wholeness.

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 685 How firm a foundation

**1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. 'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4. 'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**

**5. 'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!'**

Responsive Reading Psalm 29 p. 478 NT & Psalms

¹ Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings;
honor the Lord for his glory and strength.

² Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.

The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

**⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars;
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶ He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;
he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with bolts of lightning.

**⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks
and strips the forests bare.

In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

**¹⁰ The Lord rules over the floodwaters.
The Lord reigns as king forever.**

**¹¹ The Lord gives his people strength.
The Lord blesses them with peace.**

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Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 6:1-8 p. 557 pew Bible

Romans 8:12-17 p. 268 New Testament & Psalms

John 3:1-17 p. 162 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What to do

Prayers of the People (minister)

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!

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)

**Generous God, thank you for the gifts you have bestowed on
each of us. We are pleased to be able to give back to you
with cheerful hearts. Accept our gifts of money, time,
energy, and work. Amen.**

Hymn 825 Saviour, again to your dear name

**1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
we join to bless you, ere our worship cease,
then, in the silence, wait your word of peace.**

**2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day.
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.**

**3. Grant us your peace, as day turns into night;
stay with us until the coming of the light;
keep safe all those who call upon your name.
for dark and light to you are both the same.**

**4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;**

**then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O God, to your eternal peace.**

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