

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 10, 2024
Responsive Call to Worship

Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD,

For God keeps faith with us forever.

Praise God who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

We will praise the One who lifts up all those who bear heavy burdens.

God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

Let us praise the LORD with our lips and honour God with our lives.

Hymn 372 Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer

**1. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him, highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;
in his arms he carries them all day long.**

Refrain:

**Praise him, praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!**

**2. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;
he, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.**

Refrain:

**Praise him, praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!**

**3. Praise him, praise him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
crown him, crown him, Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;**

power and glory unto the Lord belong.

Refrain:

**Praise him, praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!**

Prayer of Praise (minister)

Two minutes of silence

Hymn 800 O Canada (unaccompanied)

**1. O Canada our home and native land,
true patriot love in all our hearts command.**

**With glowing hearts, thy children stand,
the true north strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower,
be ours a nation evermore
that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.**

**May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**God of justice and mercy, we confess that the world around
us is in a mess. Nations turn disputes over territory into acts
of aggression. Old enemies stir up conflict with their rivals.
Threats of violence keep us all on edge. We confess we have
not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with
justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us, and lead
us in a better way.**

- silent confession -

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 146 **p. 550 NT & Psalms**

¹ Praise the Lord!

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

³ Don't put your confidence in powerful people;
there is no help for you there.

**⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,
and all their plans die with them.**

⁵ But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**⁶ He made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.**

⁷ He gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

**⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.
The Lord loves the godly.**

⁹ The Lord protects the foreigners among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

**¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever.
He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the
generations.
Praise the Lord!**

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Scripture Lessons

1 Kings 17:8-16 p. 283 pew Bible

Hebrews 9:24-28 p. 387 New Testament with Psalms

Mark 12:38-44 p. 87 New Testament with Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What is sacrifice?

Prayers of the People (minister)

From the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Hymn 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated

**1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

2. Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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)

Receive our gifts this day, O God, and bless them with your
love and power. Use them in the work for justice and peace
to prevail. Bless all who take a stand against injustice, here
and everywhere, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of
Peace. 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