

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2025

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

We come from many places, following different roads.

We come hungering for greater understanding.

We come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

We come seeking companions in the faith.

We come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

We come to grow as disciples of Christ. Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Hymn 77 From all that dwell below the skies

**1. From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.**

**2. Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word:
your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.**

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*)

God of majesty and mercy, even as we offer you our praise, we confess we often seek darkness rather than Easter's revealing light. We forget the new beginnings Christ offers us and cling to our old ways. Forgive us for failing to recognize Christ's presence with us in the midst of our sorrows. Hear us now as we confess in silence those times we have failed to live by Easter's light.

- 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 821 Sun of my soul, my Saviour dear

1. Sun of my soul, my Saviour dear,
it is not night if you are near;
oh may no earthborn cloud arise

to hide you from your servant's eyes.

**2. When the soft dews of kindly sleep
my wearied eyelids gently steep,
be my last thought: How sweet to rest
forever on my Saviour's breast.**

**3. Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
with blessings from your boundless store;
be every mourner's sleep tonight,
like infants' slumbers, pure and light.**

**4. Come near and bless us when we wake,
as through the world our way we take,
till in the ocean of your love
we lose ourselves in heaven above.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 p. 564 NT & Psalms

¹ I love the Lord because he hears my voice
and my prayer for mercy.

**² Because he bends down to listen,
I will pray as long as I have breath!**

³ Death wrapped its ropes around me;
the terrors of the grave overtook me.
I saw only trouble and sorrow.

**⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Please, Lord, save me!"**

¹² What can I offer the Lord
for all he has done for me?

**¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and praise the Lord's name for saving me.**

¹⁴ I will keep my promises to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**¹⁵ The Lord cares deeply
when his loved ones die.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
yes, I am your servant, born into your household;
you have freed me from my chains.

**¹⁷ I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people—

**19 in the house of the Lord
in the heart of Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

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Scripture Lessons

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 p. 203 NT & Psalms

1 Peter 1:17-23 p. 403 NT & Psalms

Luke 24:13-35 p. 155 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon No. No one was blind.

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, you bless us with life, purpose, and opportunities to serve in the world you love. We offer you our gifts in Christ's name, not seeking greater gain, but desiring to enrich life around us with your love.

Amen.

Hymn 257 The strife is o'er, the battle won

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Hallelujah!**

**2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Hallelujah!**

**3. The three sad days have quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Hallelujah!**

**4. Lord, from your wounds God's blessings spring:
free us, we pray, from death's dread sting
that we may live, and ever sing:
Hallelujah!**

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