



ST. MARK

REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship
12 April 2009
Resurrection Sunday

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.

Nursery: For families with young children or infants, please avail yourselves of the cry room at the back of the sanctuary. A remote speaker is located inside, enabling those within the room to hear the service.

ABOUT US:

St. Mark Reformed Church is a member church of the Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). Our congregation is centered around 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 (To be read silently during the Prelude.)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **(Stand at the conclusion of the Prelude)**

The Lord Calls Us

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Pastor: Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: The Lord bless you!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 30:4-5

Pastor: Amen!

People: Amen!

Hymn of Procession

Worship, Christ, the Risen 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!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: The Maker of heaven and earth!

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy

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Lord have mer - cy Ky - ri - e. Chri - ste.

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together . . .

CONFESSION OF SIN:

(Kneeling if able.)

People: O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; 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: Hear God's sure and trustworthy promise: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, has committed the ministry of reconciliation to his Pastors, giving them power and commandment, to declare and pronounce to his repentant people the absolution and remission of their sins. Thus, in the name of the crucified and risen Savior, I declare to you: All your sins have been fully and freely pardoned. Go and sin no more! May God grant you his Holy Spirit that you may do only those things that please him, and at the last day, enter into his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

People: Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent

Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today

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 mouth will declare your praise!

The Doxology

(with hands upraised—1 Timothy 2:8)

Thomas Ken, 1709

L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



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.

Pastor: The word of God is living and powerful

People: sharper than any two-edged sword,

Pastor: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,

People: and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

THE LESSON:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

The Psalm

Psalm 16

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lector: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

Hymn of Celebration

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

THE GOSPEL:

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ!

People: Praise be to Christ!

The Gloria Patri

2nd cent. text Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Gloria Patri' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE LESSON OF THE DAY:

John 21:1-25

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
(Please stand.)

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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

In unison JOHN MERBECKE, 1549

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.

Pastor: Let us remain standing for prayer.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

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.

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!

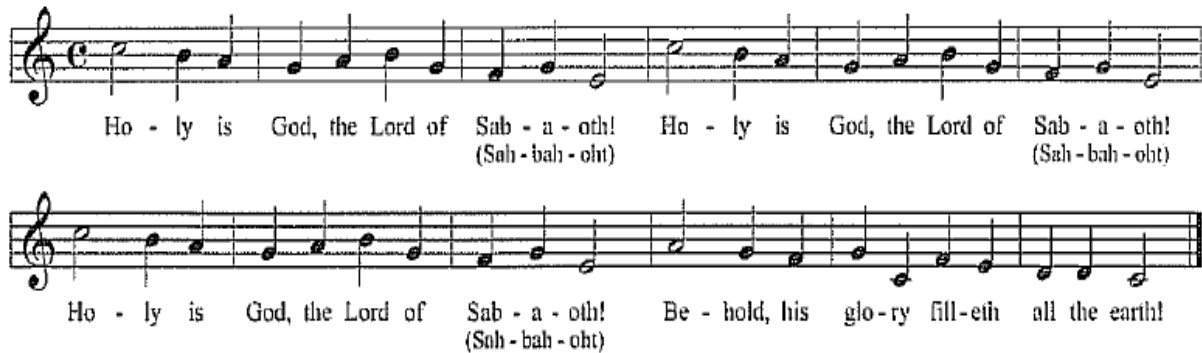
People: And also with you!

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:

Sanctus



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
(Sah - bah - oht) (Sah - bah - oht)

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!
(Sah - bah - oht)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE BREAD: Prayer of thanksgiving, breaking the bread, distribution, eating together

THE WINE: Prayer of thanksgiving, distribution, drinking together

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(We will sing stanzas 1-2 of the hymn as the bread is distributed, and the rest of the hymn as the wine is distributed.)

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you all steadfast in the true faith and in unity until life everlasting, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Amen!

The Lord Commissions Us

Hymn of Dismissal

Glorious Is Thy Name, O Lord!

Pastor: And now look up to receive the Lord's blessing ...

THE BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

A musical score for a threefold Amen. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two measures are 'A - men.', the third measure is 'A - - - -', and the fourth measure is 'men.'.

POSTLUDE