St. Mark’s Worship Sunday May 24, 2020

Welcome to our Online Worship!

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Transition Report**

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***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

Open my eyes that I may see

Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see;

open my eyes, illuminate me,

Spirit Divine!

**Mission Statement**

**“** Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We serve others”

***America the Beautiful Verse 1,2,3***

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,

confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

**Call to Worship**

P: Let’s begin worship in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of his

meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**C: Amen**

P: If we died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the

one who is faithful. God our helper,

**C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not**

**finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God.**

**Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have**

**chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these

promises: God will never leave you or forsake you, who were lost have been

found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C: Amen**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty and ever living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on**

**earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all**

**the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and**

**Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and**

**forever.**

**Psalm 68: 1-10 The Message**

Up with God!  
     Down with his enemies!  
        Adversaries, run for the hills!  
Gone like a puff of smoke,  
    like a blob of wax in the fire—  
        one look at God and the wicked vanish.  
When the righteous see God in action  
    they’ll laugh, they’ll sing,  
        they’ll laugh and sing for joy.  
Sing hymns to God;  
    all heaven, sing out;  
        clear the way for the coming of Cloud-Rider.  
Enjoy God,  
    cheer when you see him!

Father of orphans,  
    champion of widows,  
        is God in his holy house.  
God makes homes for the homeless,  
    leads prisoners to freedom,  
        but leaves rebels to rot in hell.

God, when you took the lead with your people,  
    when you marched out into the wild,  
Earth shook, sky broke out in a sweat;  
    God was on the march.  
Even Sinai trembled at the sight of God on the move,  
    at the sight of Israel’s God.  
You pour out rain in buckets, O God;  
    thorn and cactus become an oasis  
For your people to camp in and enjoy.  
    You set them up in business;  
    they went from rags to riches.

**“Alleluia”**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

**John 17: 1-12 The Message**

**Sermon** Pastor Dan Cole

***God of Our Fathers Verse 1,2,4***

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
 leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
 of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
 our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;  
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
 your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;  
 lead us from night to never-ending day;  
 fill all our lives with heav’n born love and grace   
 until at last we meet before your face.

**Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

**Offering & Response**

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***Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be

done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as

we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us

from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

**Blessing**

***My Country Tis of Thee Verse 1,2,4***

My country, tis of thee,

sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;

land where my fathers died,

land of the pilgrims' pride,

from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,

land of the noble free, thy name I love;

I love thy rocks and rills,  
 thy woods and templed hills;  
 my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Our fathers' God, to thee,

author of liberty, to thee we sing;

long may our land be bright  
 with freedom's holy light;

protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

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