



Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
17th January, 2021
Epiphany 2B



Services at MtE are now live-streamed (live broadcast) via our YouTube channel. Cameras are principally directed at the lectern and table/sanctuary but shots will sometimes be taken from the back of the building (generally during hymns and communion).

COVID-19 health measures

- Please wear a mask in the church, unless you have an exemption, have a leadership role, or need to remove it to receive communion. We will join in congregational singing in the service but masks should still be worn during the singing.
- Please observe the usual hand sanitation routines on entering and leaving the building
- Please observe the appropriate distancing between yourself and others who are not members of your family – whether seated or standing (family groups may move their seats closer together)
- Please see the relevant part of the service order regarding the distribution of the communion elements

Preparing for Worship Today

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship (From Psalm 139)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know when I sit down, and when I stand up.
You search out my path, and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
Search me, O God, and know my heart,
Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn 597 Master speak, thy servant heareth

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| 1. Master, speak, thy servant
heareth,
waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that
cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
what hast thou to say to me? | 3. Master, speak: and make me
ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady
still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak, O speak to me! |
| 2. Speak to me by name, O Master,
let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster,
with a step more firm and free,
where the shepherd leads the
flock
in the shadow of the rock. | |

*Frances Ridley Havergal
1836-79*

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

We do not live by bread alone,
***but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.***

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

Hymn 87 (Psalm 139) You are before me, Lord, you are behind.

1 Corinthians 6: 12 -20

John 1: 43 - 51

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Light of the world

The Preaching of the Word

The text of the sermon will normally be available after worship and online

Prayer of Confession (From Covenant Service)

Have mercy on us and forgive us,

Declaration of Forgiveness

(We stand)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

The Covenant:

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will,

Rank me with whom you will;

Put me to doing, put me to suffering;

Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you;

Let me be full, let me be empty;

Let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

To your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours,

To the glory and praise of your name.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 499 Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts

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| 1. Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
true fount of life, our lives
sustain,
from any bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to you again | 3. We taste you, Lord, the living
bread,
and long to feast upon you still,
we drink of you, the
fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from you to
fill. |
| 2. Your truth unchanged has ever
stood,
you save all those who on you
call,
to those yet seeking you are good,
to those who find you, all in all. | 4. For you our restless spirits yearn,
whatever comes, until the last,
glad when your presence we
discern,
blest when our faith can hold you
fast. |
| 5. For ever, Jesus, with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright,
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed on this world your holy light. | |

Anon., Latin, 12th cent. tr. Ray Palmer 1808-87 alt.

(We remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

...And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place,
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation
in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BENEDICTUS

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***
(The prayer continues...)

CHRIST HAS DIED

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***
(The prayer continues...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR

Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

***Blessing and honour, glory and power
are yours forever more.***

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 for ever. Amen.***
(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.***

The Communion

The United Church recognises this Table as the Lord's and, so, open to all who would normally commune in their home congregations.

The Eucharist in the context of COVID-19. Given the present health crisis, the distribution of communion will be limited to one of the church's historic practices – 'under one kind', or receiving the bread only. The bread will be broken at the table after the hands of the celebrant have been sanitised, and the bread will be covered until that point.

The bread will be served to members who present themselves in a single file down the centre of the church; please maintain the usual C-19 distancing while waiting to receive. AND, please feel free to refrain from receiving under the current circumstances, if this feels appropriate to you.

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

[Offering]

For the time-being, financial offerings will not be collected from the pews but should be made in the designated offering box as you enter the church. If you miss the opportunity, you can put it in the box after the service!

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 572 O thou who camest from above

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| 1. O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart. | 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for
thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me |
| 2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent
praise. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete. |

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude