

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

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you.

Come, worship the Lord,
our true hope is in the Lord.

God alone is our rock and our salvation,
our strong rock and our refuge. (Psalm 62.6f)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 101 Come, you people

1. Come, you people, come adore him God in Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son and Spirit, ever blessed unity.	2. All your glory, God almighty, to the Son and Spirit given, ere upon the world's creation dawned the newborn light of heaven:
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3. holy, holy, we adore you one in power, in nature one; God the Father, God the Spirit, God the co-eternal Son.	4. By your Son the wide creation rose where chaos held its sway; by the Spirit, God Almighty swept eternal night away.
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5. Son, the Father's love revealing,
Son, through whom the Spirit came,
blessed Godhead! endless glory
be to your exalted name!

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Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all;
and also with you.

cf 1 Timothy 1.2

With the Children

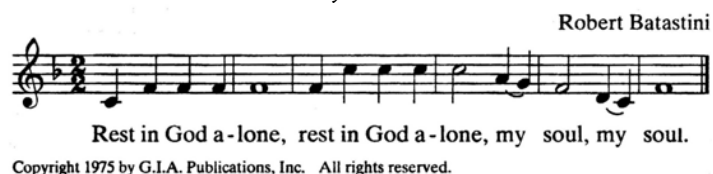
The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

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

1 Corinthians 7:29-32a *The present form of this world is passing away*

Psalms 62:5-12 *God alone is my rock and salvation*



Mark 1:14-20 *The kingdom of God has drawn near*

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: The preacher ought never to introduce a new text as “my text”, as if the preaching event were something other than what the assembly is doing as a whole. Even Jesus was *handed* the scroll of Isaiah. In the Christian community, all the members of the assembly need to know the texts, own the texts, be able to prepare the texts.

GORDON LATHROP

Prayer of Confession



Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology

(Hymn 768[(ii)], through once only)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Apostles' Creed

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he arose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.*

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: To take 'the world' in the eucharistic elements and name them as signs of Jesus, signs of creative love and reconciling gift, is to recognize the possibility of the world's transfiguration, in the name and power of Jesus, into a world of justice and peace; not to allow this possibility to be realized, not to act in such a way that our belief in transformed relations is made evident, is to be convicted of unbelief. We do not trust the risen Jesus: which means that we do not trust ourselves to be forgiven or others to be forgivable.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn Jesus, we thus obey

1. Jesus, we thus obey your last and kindest word; here, in your own appointed way, we come to meet you, Lord.	2. Our hearts we open wide, to make the Saviour room; for now the Lamb, the crucified, the sinners' friend has come.
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3. Your presence makes the feast; now let our spirits feel the glory not to be expressed, the joy unspeakable.	4. With high and heavenly bliss you now our spirits cheer; your house of banqueting is this, and you have brought us here.
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5. Now let our souls be fed
with manna from above,
and over us your banner spread
of everlasting love.

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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.



*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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 in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*



*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*



*Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r
are yours forever and ever,
are yours forever and ever.*

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 Breaking of the Bread



*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, 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.

As the COVID-19 threat to public health has forced us into a regime of physical isolation and 'remote' provision of worship, only the celebrant can receive the communion elements. The church has long held that participation in the Eucharist is more than simply eating and drinking and that, when it has been necessary to do so, one can eat and drink for another, or for others. Here, participation takes the form of allowing another to act or speak on our behalf, and can be thought of as a kind of prayer of intercession. The possibility of such 'remote' participation is at the heart of Christian faith: precisely such an understanding undergirds, for example, the Church's confession that the death of Jesus is the death of all those who believe in him, and his life is their life also.

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.	2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
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3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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