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!

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A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LITBIT: The Congregation is the embodiment in one place of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping, witnessing and serving as a fellowship of the Spirit in Christ. Its members meet regularly to hear God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments, to build one another up in love, to share in the wider responsibilities of the Church, and to serve the world.

THE BASIS OF UNION

Prelude

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

It is good to sing praises to our God,

A joy to honour the LORD with praise!

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music to the LORD our God. (Psalm 147.1)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 375 Come, let us with our Lord arise

- 1. Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies; who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead; he rose, the prince of life and peace, and stamped the day for ever his.
- 2. This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed, may feel his resurrection's power, and rise again to fall no more, in perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with all the life of God.
- 3. Then let us render him his own, with solemn prayer approach the throne, with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record; our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. 2 Corinthians 13.13

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

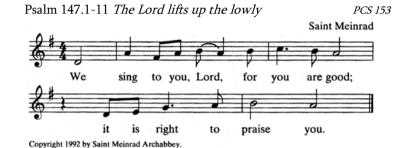
The Testimony of Scripture

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes

from the mouth of God

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *I do it all for the sake of the gospel*



Mark 1.29-39 And he went throughout Galilee

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

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

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!



The Peace

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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 402 Come, gracious Spirit

- 1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; come, be our guardian and our guide; o'er every thought and step preside.
- 2. The light of truth to us display and make us know and choose your way; plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may not depart.
- 3. Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pastures stray: lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
- 4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there; lead us to God, our eternal rest, to be with God for ever blest.

Simon Browne, 1680-1732 (alt.)

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

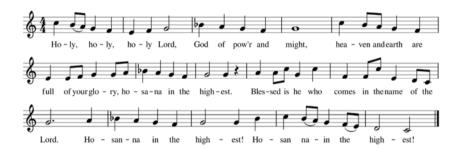
And also with you.

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!



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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

LITBIT: ...in the heart of the Lord's prayer, we ask God, with an astonishing confidence...to forgive us now and give us bread now. ...we borrow first-century Jewish apocalyptic language, but here we find that language transformed, reversed. These things are the presence now of expected end-time gifts. Only God forgives, and that at the end. Only God will spread the great, life-giving feast for the called ones: at the end. Here, in the assembly, in celebration of the actual presence of these things, Christians turn to each other in mutual forgiveness, which corresponds to and receives God's forgiveness now, and the community holds a meal that it believes to be already God's meal. Christians dare to do this, of course, because of the presence of Jesus Christ in the Spirit, the source of forgiveness and the grounds of the meal.

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

After the invitation, and commencing from the front rows, please come forward two rows at a time, and stand in a line before the Table. Please leave a gap at the centre aisle to enable ease of access for all. Communion is presently only being distributed under the 'kind' of the bread, to minimise any potential for COVID-19 infection.

Prayers of the People

[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 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his table take leave.
 The supper is ended: may now be extended the fruits of his service in all who believe.
 The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching, shall blossom in action for all humankind.
 His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the tasks of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in his life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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