

## *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!
- Today's order of service includes a few minor shifts to reflect the beginning of the season of Lent. Most notably, the communion setting is changed, of which the Gloria is omitted until Easter. We continue today with our reflections on Job.



## 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.***

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
***Amen.***

Come, let God lead you in truth;  
***the God of our salvation.***

Come, let God teach his paths;  
***we lift up our souls to the LORD.***  
*Psalm 25.1,4,5*

LITBIT: The congregation gathers in response to a call to worship, which is the fundamental vocation of being human. God is calling out and constituting a people who will look "peculiar" in this broken world because they have been called to be renewed image bearers of God – to take and reembrace our creational vocation, now empowered by the Spirit to do so.  
JAMES K. A SMITH

### Prayer of invocation

### Hymn 143

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.
5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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From the God who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the first-born from the dead,  
grace and peace be with you all.

*And also with you.*

*Revelation 1:4-5*

### With the Children

### *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

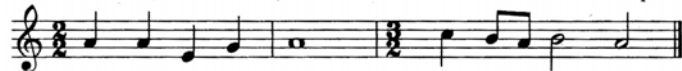
#### The Testimony of Scripture

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
*but the word of our God will stand for ever.*

Job 42.1-6 *I have uttered what I did not understand*

Psalms 25.1-10 *To you O LORD I lift my voice*

Presbyterian Refrain 8  
Hal H. Hopson



Lord, you are my strength;      has - ten to help me.

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Mark 1.9-15 *You are my Son, the Beloved*

### The Preaching of the Word

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

#### Prayer of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord have mer - cy,    Lord have mer - cy,    Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy,    Christ have mer - cy,    Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy,    Lord have mer - cy,    Lord have mer - cy.

**Lord, have mercy; (3x)**

**Christ, have mercy; (3x)**

**Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

#### 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*

**LITBIT:** In the Eucharist we are at the *centre* of the world: we are where Christ, the Son, gives his life to his Father in the Spirit. And in the Eucharist we are at the end of the world: we are seeing how the world's calling is fulfilled in advance; we are seeing ourselves and our world as they really are, contemplating them in the depths of God, finding their meaning in relation to God. And the job of a Christian is constantly trying to dig down to that level of reality, and to allow gratitude, repentance and transformation to well up from that point. 'With you is the fountain of life', says the psalm; and it is that fountain that we drink from in Holy Communion.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

## Hymn 506

1. Author of life divine, you have a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread; preserve the life yourself have given, preserve the life yourself have given, and feed and train us up to heaven.	2. Our needy souls supply with fresh supplies of love, till all your life we gain, and all your fullness prove, and, strengthened by your perfect grace, and, strengthened by your perfect grace, behold without a veil your face.
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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.*

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!*

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.*

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 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.*

*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

1. O love how deep, how broad, how high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2. He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.

3. For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.

5. For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

6. For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

7. To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

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Thomas à Kempis, 1379-1471*

## Word of Mission and Blessing

## Postlude

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