



*Christ Pantocrator (Ruler of All)
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Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
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Lent 3B



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 usual 1.5 meter distance 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: J Pachelbel, *O mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross* [TiS 100]

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

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

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lord, keep us in your good grace.

For you are our saviour, you are our rock.

[Psalm 19]

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 100 *All creatures of our God and King*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Swift-rushing winds that are so strong,
and clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him ...
5. And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear
praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him ...
6. And you, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
You lead to heaven the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him ...
7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Based on *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore*
the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi 1182-1226
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Greeting and Welcome

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.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19 *The sky tells the glory of God*

Text: *The Psalter*, 1994, ICEL Music: Hal Hopson

REFRAIN

Tell out the deeds of the Lord; — tell out the won-ders God has wrought.

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- 2 The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
- 3 Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night.
- 4 without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
- 5 yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim.
- There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
- 6 like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run the race.
- 7 It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escapes its heat.

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O Lord, my de-light, — my de — light is in your Law

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- 8 God's perfect law revives the soul.
God's stable rule guides the simple.
- 9 God's just demands delight the heart.
God's clear commands sharpen vision.

- 10 God's faultless decrees stand for ever.
God's right judgments keep their truth.
- 11 Their worth is more than gold, the purest gold;
their taste richer than honey, sweet from the comb.
- 12 Keeping them makes me rich, they bring me light;
- 13 yet faults hide within us, forgive me mine.
- 14 Keep my pride in check, break its grip;
I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.
- 15 Keep me, thought and word, in your good grace.
Lord, you are my saviour, you are my rock.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel John 2:13-22

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

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

(We stand)

...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 495 *Father, we give you thanks*

1. Father, we give you thanks, who
planted
your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life
immortal
Jesus your Son to us imparts.
2. Lord, you have made all for your
pleasure,
and giv'n us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the power, be yours the
praise.
3. Over your church, Lord, watch in
mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conforming to your will.
4. As grain, once scattered on the
hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so may your world-wide church be
gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.

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

The Invitation

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,

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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 -

4



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

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 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

(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 618 *What does the Lord require...?*

1. What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire
or tribute bid you bring?

*Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with
your God.*

2. Rulers of earth, give ear!
should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; ...

3. Leaders in wealth and trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid
if greed your commerce soils.

Do justly; ...

4. Still down the ages ring
the prophet's stern commands:
to merchant, worker, king,
he brings God's high demands.

*Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with
your God.*

5. How shall our life fulfil
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.

*Then justly,
in mercy,
we'll humbly walk
with God.*

Albert Frederick Bayly 1901–84 *alt.*
based on Micah 6:6–8

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude: JF Dandrieu, *Ofertoire - Basse de Cromorne - Duo sur la Trompette - Dialogue*

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