

Preparing for Worship Today

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for the participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- With the change of liturgical seasons – into Easter! – there are a few changes to the liturgy.
- 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

Sung Processional *(TIS 390, selected verse)*

We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the refrain, and the Scriptures are brought in the worship space:

Refrain

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, praise God in the holy temple,

Give praise in the firmament of heaven.

Praise God who is mighty in deed.

Give praise for God's greatness.

Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord.

Hallelujah!

ex Psalm 150

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 361 The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;

let all things seen and unseen
 their notes of gladness blend,
 for Christ the Lord has risen,
 our joy that has no end.

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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

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Acts 4.32-35 *Of one heart and soul*

Psalm 133 *Life together in unity* [PCS 138]
Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end):

Hal H. Hopson



The Lord a-noints and bless-es, gives life for-ev-er - more. _

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*We stand for the gospel reading and
 join in the Alleluia after the opening note [PCS 342]:*

Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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Have you believed because you have seen me?
 Blessed are those who have not seen
 and yet have come to believe. *(John 20:29 NRSV)*

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John 20.19-31 *'My Lord and my God*

This is the gospel of the Lord!
Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Preaching of the Word

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

LITBIT: Witness to Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit is the content of the Word of God, and this alone constitutes the essence of preaching: 'and the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth' (1 Jn 5:7). The ambo is the place where the sacrament of the word takes place, and therefore it must never be turned into a tribune for the proclamation of even the most elevated, most positive, but only human truth, only human wisdom.
 ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God!

Doxology



Glo - ry to God... in the high - est and
peace to Gods' peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al - migh - ty God. and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,
Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

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 394 Christ is risen!

1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown:
healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

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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.

LITBIT: In the Eucharist, we receive the gift of Christ not as mere passive recipients, but by being incorporated into the gift itself, the Body of Christ. As members of the Body, we then become nourishment for others – including those not part of the visible Body – in the unending trinitarian economy of gratuitous giving and joyful reception.

WILLIAM CAVANAUGH

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san na - in the high - est!

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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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

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 383 Joyful the morning

1. Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen!
Golden light is dawning, the day spring radiant shines,
all the hosts of heaven raise on high their psalms divine,

O let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen, and opens heav'n for all those who believe.
2. Now earth awaking is raising shouts of praise,
'Jesus now is risen!' All creatures now rejoice
they are in the care again of their triumphant Lord.
Refrain
3. All peoples living in lands washed by the seas,
nations under all four directions of the wind,
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.
Refrain

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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