

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***.
- 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

We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the chant and the Scriptures are brought into the worship space

Refrain

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

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Come worship the Lord,
the Good Shepherd, our God.

The Lord guides and protects,
he revives our souls.

The Lord gives goodness and mercy for the days of our lives,
and a place in his house forever. (Psalm 23.1,3,6)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 432 Christ is made the sure foundation

1. Christ is made the sure
foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

3. Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God, today;
with your gentle lovingkindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.

4. Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

5. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

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Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

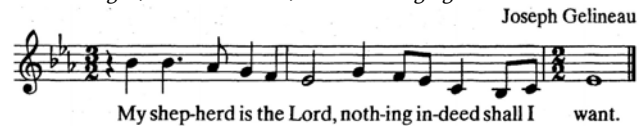
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Acts 4.1-13 *No other name*

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

PCS 18

First the organ, then the cantor, then the congregation:



*We stand for the gospel reading and
join with the cantor in the Alleluia after the organ intro:*



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Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (*John 10:11*)

Refrain

John 10.11-18 *The good shepherd*

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*

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

LITBIT: ...as Christians we cannot learn to confess our sins unless we are forgiven. Indeed as has often been stressed, prior to forgiveness we cannot know we are sinners. For it is our tendency to want to be forgivers such that we remain basically in a power relation to those we have forgiven. But it is the great message of the Gospel that we will only find our lives in that of Jesus to the extent that we are capable of accepting forgiveness. But accepting forgiveness does not come easily, because it puts us literally out of control.
STANLEY HAUERWAS

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

Thanks be to God!

Doxology





The Peace

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

Affirmation of faith: We are a pilgrim people

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.*

*We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.*

*We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.*

*We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.*

*We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.*

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 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'
2. Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

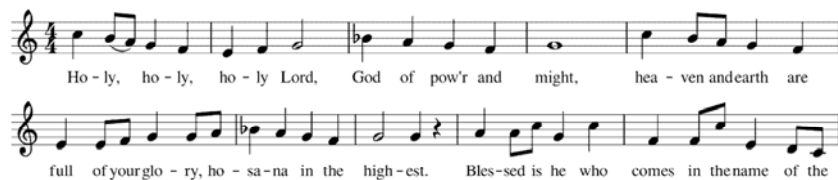
And also with you.

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

...Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*(Sung:) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. [TIS 390]*

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 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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