

## *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*

**LITBIT:** And on the day named after the sun all, whether they live in the city or the countryside, are gathered together in unity. Then the records of the apostles or the writing of the prophets are read for as long as there is time. When the reader has concluded, the presider in a discourse admonishes and invites us into the pattern of these good things. Then we all stand together and offer prayer. ...when we have concluded the prayer, bread is set out to eat with wine and water...

*JUSTIN MARTYR, describing his 2<sup>nd</sup> century worship services*

### Sung Processional *(TIS 390, selected verse)*

*We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the chant and the Scriptures are carried into the worship space.*

#### Refrain

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

4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
new life for all! Alleluia!

#### *Refrain*

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### Call to Worship

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

Shout with joy to the Lord, all lands,  
***lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.***

Sing a new song to the LORD,  
***for God has done marvellous things.*** *(Psalm 98.5, 1)*

### Prayer of invocation

#### Hymn 101 Come, you people

1. Come, you people, come adore him  
God in Holy Trinity,  
God the Father, Son and Spirit,  
ever blessed unity.

2. All your glory, God almighty,  
to the Son and Spirit given,  
ere upon the world's creation  
dawned the newborn light of heaven:

3. holy, holy, we adore you  
one in power, in nature one;  
God the Father, God the Spirit,  
God the co-eternal Son.

4. By your Son the wide creation  
rose where chaos held its sway;  
by the Spirit, God Almighty  
swept eternal night away.

5. Son, the Father's love revealing,  
Son, through whom the Spirit came,  
blessed Godhead! endless glory  
be to your exalted name!

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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

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

Acts 8.26-40 *An angel of the Lord said to Philip*

Psalms 22.23-31 *Those who seek him shall praise the LORD PCS p343*  
*REFRAIN: Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end). The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE*

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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#### TONE

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
***I will perform my vows in the presence of / those that fear you.***

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
***those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall / live for ever.***

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
***and all the families of the nations shall / bow be-fore him.***

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's  
***and he rules / over the nations.***

<sup>29</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,  
***or those who go down to the dust / kneel be-fore him?***

<sup>30</sup> He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;  
***this shall be told of the Lord for genera- / -tions to come.***

<sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,  
***declaring that he, the / Lord, has done it.***

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

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

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My Father is glorified by this,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples

*Sung: ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!****

John 15.1-8 *I am the true vine*

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

...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 Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he arose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

Hymn 537 Let us talents and tongues employ,

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

### *Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

### *Refrain*

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God-Immanuel everywhere.

Refrain

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*Arr.: Alistair Spence*

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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!***

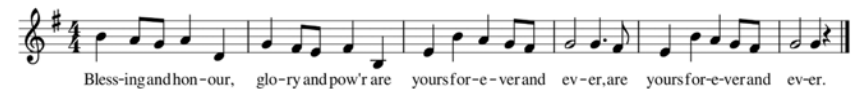
***Hosanna in the highest!***



***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 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.*

**LITBIT:** What difference does it make if the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ and we don't?  
GODFREY DIEKMAN OSB

## 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

1. 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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