

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!



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) and may include people present in the worship space.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LitBit: ...worship is the gift of grace. The Father has given to us the Son and the Spirit to draw us into a life of shared communion – of participating through the Spirit in the Son's communion with the Father – that we might be drawn in love into the very trinitarian life of God himself.

JAMES TORRANCE

Prelude JF Dandrieu, *Offertoire*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 390, selected verse)

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

Refrain

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

5. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 474 Here in this place

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the cour-age to enter the song.

3. Here we will take of the wine and the water,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt of the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings con-fining,
 not in some heaven light years away,
 but here in this space, the new light is shining,
 now is the kingdom, now is the day.
 Gather us in, and hold us forever;
 gather us in, and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen

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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

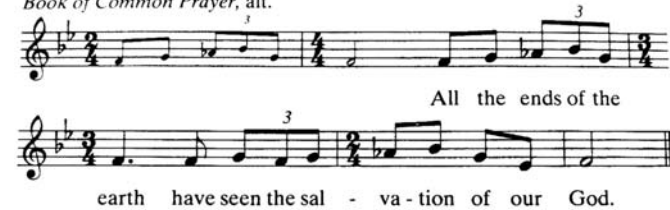
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Acts 10.44-48 *Can anyone withhold water for baptising these people?*

Psalm 98 *The salvation of our God*

Peter R. Hallock

Book of Common Prayer, alt.



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We stand for the gospel reading and join together after the organ intro:

REFRAIN

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Jesus said, You did not choose me but I chose you.
 And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.
John 15:16

Refrain

John 15.9-17 *Love, as I have loved you*

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

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: Preaching is to lead us to the Supper as to the visible Word and then invite us to turn in faith toward the famine in the rest of the world – begging for and signing God’s great relief in the prayers of intercession, in the collection, and in the sending.

GORDON LATHROP

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-susChrist, 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 552 Come, my way

1. Come, my way, my truth, my life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert 1593–1633
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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

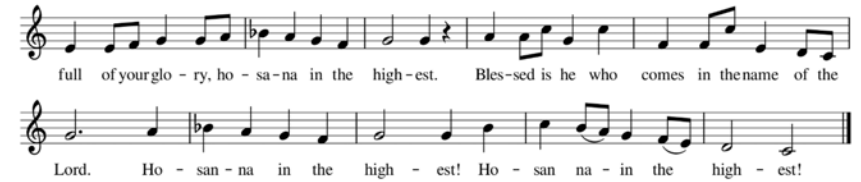
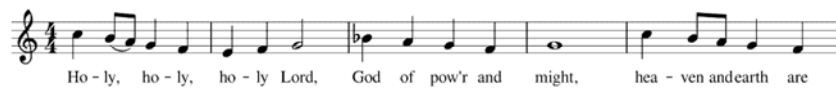
And also with you.

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

...Holy things for a people made holy;
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

*(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 411 Filled with the Spirit's power

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude C Monteverdi, *Cantate Domino* [Psalm 98]

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