

## *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!
- During the course of our series of reflections on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we will hear the gospel reading set for the day and a psalm which reflects some of the theme for today's selection from Ephesians



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

### Prelude

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

### Processional

### Call to Worship

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

Sing to the LORD, God's people;  
***give thanks to the LORD***  
***who remembers us.***

*(Psalm 30.4)*

### Prayer of invocation

### Hymn 447 Lord, your almighty word

1. Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2. Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.

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Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all;  
**and also with you.**

*cf 1 Timothy 1.2*

## With the Children

### *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

#### The Testimony of Scripture

**LITBIT:** ...reading the Bible is about listening to God in Jesus – which is what Christians ought to be doing in all circumstances anyway. It is letting the Holy Spirit bring you inside the story of how God related to the ancient Israelites and the first Christian believers – letting the Holy Spirit bring you inside that story so that you recognize it as *your* story.

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

Ephesians 1.1-14 *The pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as  
God's own people*

Psalm 91.1-12 *Lord, you have been our dwelling-place* [PCS 84]  
Hal H. Hopson

Teach us to know the short-ness of our  
days; may wis-dom dwell with-in our hearts.

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Mark 5.21-43 *Two healings*

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

#### The Preaching of the Word

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

*A 'sermon of stillness' – a few moments for quiet reflection – will usually follow the  
preaching*

#### Prayer of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY  
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.  
5 Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.  
9 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

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## Doxology



Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - 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 Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin 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, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## 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*

Hymn 254 O changeless Christ, for ever new [tune 564]

1. O changeless Christ, for ever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.
2. As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.
3. As wind and storm their Master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest-tossed be stilled.
4. And as of old to all who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not unknown.
5. In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.
6. O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.

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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.*

SANCTUS



BENEDICTUS



*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!*

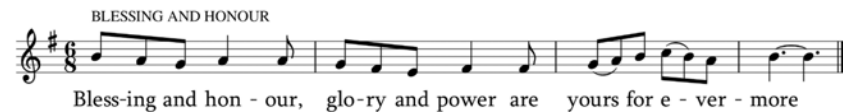
CHRIST HAS DIED



*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*



***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.***

**LitBit:** At the central moment, just before we receive the bread and wine, we pray the prayer of Jesus: we say, "Our Father..." – and that is a great and significant moment, not just a bit of muttered devotion before we start on our way to the altar, but one of the supreme transitions in the drama of the entire service. For when we pray the prayer of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is in us and at work in us. We are affirming that in this act of worship the Holy Spirit is speaking Jesus' words in us, praying 'Abba, Father', just as Jesus did and does.

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### The Breaking of the Bread

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



***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.***

Let us receive what we are,  
let us become what we receive  
***The body of Christ***

### 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

*Many members now make their offering by electronic transfer; the plate will be passed for those who prefer to make cash/envelope offerings. The prayer dedicating the offerings 'captures' the full range of gifts.*

### Notices

### *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn 145** The king of love my shepherd is

1. The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

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## **Word of Mission and Blessing**

### **Postlude**

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