

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

LITBIT: ...the basic and primordial intuition which not only expresses itself in worship, but of which the entire worship is indeed the phenomenon—both effect and experience—is that the world, be it in its totality as cosmos, or in its life and becoming as time and history, is an epiphany of God, a means of His revelation, presence and power.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN

Prelude CH Rinck, *Chorale prelude: Liebster Jesu*

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Sing of the love of the Lord;

from age to age proclaim his faithfulness.

(Psalm 89.1)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 786 (tune 437)

1. Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation.
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation.
Saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are, our healer be,
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.
4. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling.
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling.
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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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

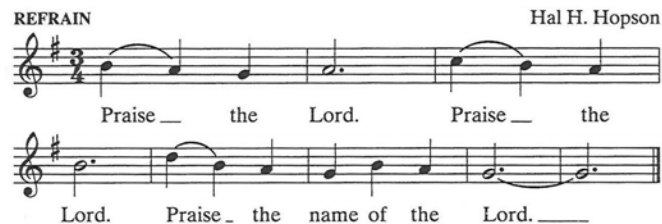
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Today's readings are the 'next' in our series on Ephesians (not always sequential!), a psalm which complements the Ephesians reading and the set Revised Common Lectionary gospel for this Sunday.

Ephesians 2.1-10 *For we are what God has made us in Christ Jesus*

Psalm 89.1-8 *Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?* [PCS
Tone 3, p343]

REFRAIN: *Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).*
The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE



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TONE



- ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all | generations.
- ² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm | as the heavens.
- ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my | servant David:
- ⁴ "I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all | generations."
- ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly | of the holy ones.
- ⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
- ⁷ a God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that | are ar-ound him?
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O LORD?
Your faithful- | -ness sur-rounds you.

Mark 6.14-29 *The death of John the Baptiser*

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

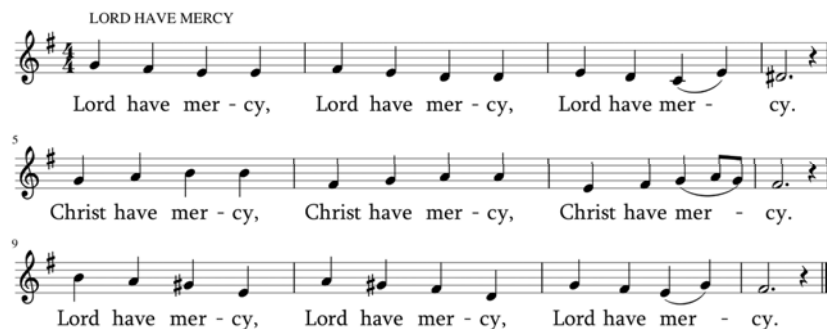
The Preaching of the Word

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

A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

Prayer of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Lord, have mercy; (3x)

Christ, have mercy; (3x)

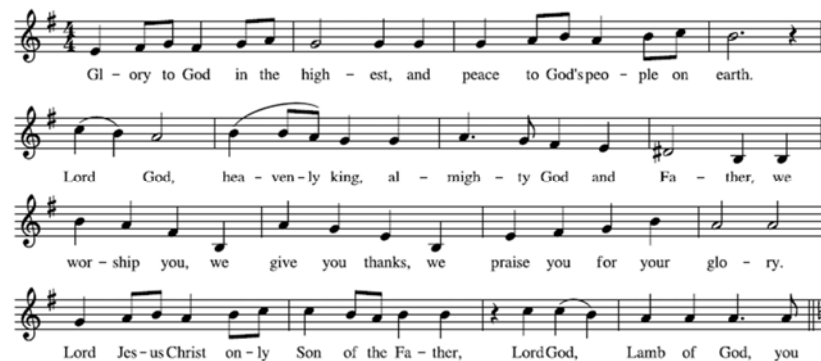
Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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: God is with us

*We are not alone,
we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

*We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

*The United Church of Canada,
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 509 Come now, everlasting Spirit

1. Come now, everlasting Spirit,
bring to every thankful mind
all the Saviour's dying merit,
sufferings for all humankind;
2. True Recorder of his passion,
now the living faith impart,
now reveal his great salvation,
preach his gospel to our heart.
3. Come as Witness of his dying;
come Remembrancer divine,
let us feel your power, applying
Christ to every soul, and mine.

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: William Boyce
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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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
5 hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

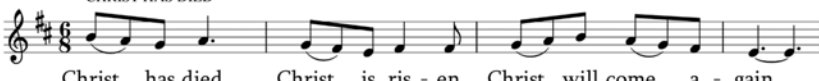
BENEDICTUS



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -
4 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain
*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*



Bless-ing and hon - our, glo-ry and power are yours for e - ver - more
*Blessing and honour, glory and power
 are yours forever more.*

The Lord's Prayer

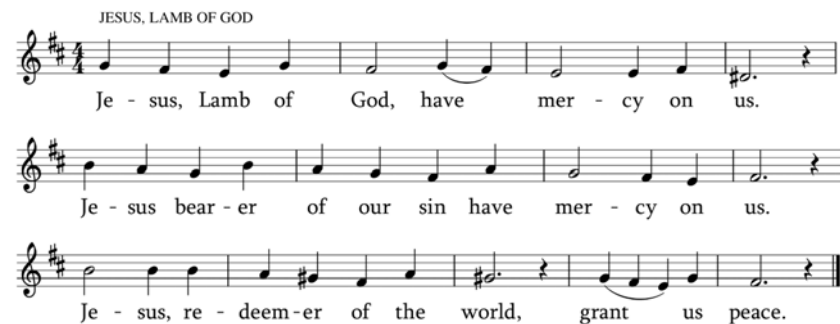
*Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the 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.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

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

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 305 Let earth and heaven combine

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| 1. Let earth and heaven combine,
their voices all agree,
to praise in songs divine
the incarnate deity,
our God contracted to a span,
incomprehensibly made Man. | 3. He deigns in flesh to appear,
widest extremes to join;
to bring our vileness near
and make us all divine:
and we the life of God shall know,
for God is manifest below. |
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2. Unsearchable the love
that has the Saviour brought;
the grace is far above
our own or angels' thought:
enough for us that God, we know,
our God, is manifest below.

4. Made perfect first in love,
and sanctified by grace,
we shall from earth remove,
and see his glorious face:
then shall his love be fully showed,
and we shall then be lost in God.

Charles Wesley
1707–88. alt.

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude D Buxtehude, *Canzona BuxWV 166*

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