

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 1 August 2021
Sunday 18B

Preparing for Worship Today

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for the participation of those who can't join us physically.
- 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: J Kuhnau, *Gott sei mir gnaedig (Psalm 51)*

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' [Jn 6:35]

Jesus, give us this bread now and always. [Jn 6:34]

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 246 Christ is the world's light

1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.
2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;
no one can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.
3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother —
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.
4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
Glory to God on high.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000

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Greeting: The grace...

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Introduction

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

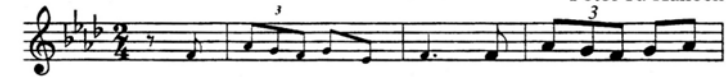
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

2 Samuel 11: 26- 12: 13a Nathan condemns David

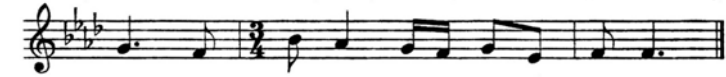
Psalm 51: 1-12

(Organ, then cantor, then all together)

Peter R. Hallock



Have mer-cy on me, O



God, ac - cord-ing to your lov - ing kind-ness.

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2. Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me. (R)
4. Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement. (R)
5. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
6. For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly. (R)
7. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
8. Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice. (R)
9. Hide your fact from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
10. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (R)
11. Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12. Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. (R)
Ephesians 4: 1-16 Unity in the Body of Christ

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 and Lament

After each of the three prayers, we sing one of these lines in turn:

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

(We stand)

...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 not alone

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 159 God whose farm is all creation

1. God whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that all might live.
2. Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripening into fruit and grain.

3. All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

John Arlott 1914-91 alt.

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(We remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

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.

(The prayer continues...)


...And so we praise you

with the faithful of every time and place,

joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation

in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

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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!

(The prayer continues...)

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.

(The prayer continues...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR

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.

(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

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.

Invitation

...Let us receive what we are;

Let us become what we receive:

The body of Christ.

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.

Prayers of the People

Offering and Prayer

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 462 'Now we come, our heavenly Father'

1. Now we come, our heavenly Father,
one in glad community,
needing still your guiding mercies,
stronger faith, more fervent plea;
all your blessing
now confessing,
we would praise you trustingly.
2. Through the years your Spirit guided
those who blazed the path we tread,
in the glow of faith they laboured,
by the Bread of Life were fed;
while their yearning
hearts were learning
more of Christ, their living head.
3. Proudly high they held his gospel,
far surpassing human creeds,
striving for his church united
in the things for which he pleads:
torn no longer,
but made stronger,
one church meeting all our needs.
4. Lift we, then, their torch with gladness,
pledging all to this high aim:
your lost world reclaimed from darkness,
yielded to your sovereign claim;
visions firing,
hearts inspiring,
march we onward in your name!

*Clifford George Taylor 1915–94
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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude: JF Dandrieu, Ofertoire

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