

Preparing for Worship Today

- Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
- Today's service is 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!
- Our service today is briefer than usual in view of the workshop to follow.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JP Sweelinck, *De profundis* [Psalm 130]

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Wait for the LORD;
in God's word is our hope.

Wait for the LORD;
with the LORD there is mercy. (Psalm 130.4,6)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 443 Come, dearest Lord

1. Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell
by faith and love in every breast;
then shall we know, and taste, and feel
the joys that cannot be expressed.

2. Come, fill our hearts with inward strength,
make our responding souls possess,
and learn the height, and breadth, and length
of your immeasurable grace.

3. Now to the God whose power can do
more than our thoughts or wishes know
be everlasting honours done
by all the church, through Christ his Son.

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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

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.

Genesis 3:1-10 ...*I was afraid because I was naked, and so I hid*

Psalm 130 *Out of the depths*


The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: Whether it be the preaching of the gospel or "Hello", a successful event of the word is an occasion on and in which a transforming vision of the future opens up, as the realistically entertainable future of the ones who are already there to be addressed, defined by all that has happened to them and to their world. Therefore for Christians "the word" is the word of forgiveness, which opens a future that is ours no matter what the past may have been.

ROBERT JENSON

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

Prayer of Confession



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

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

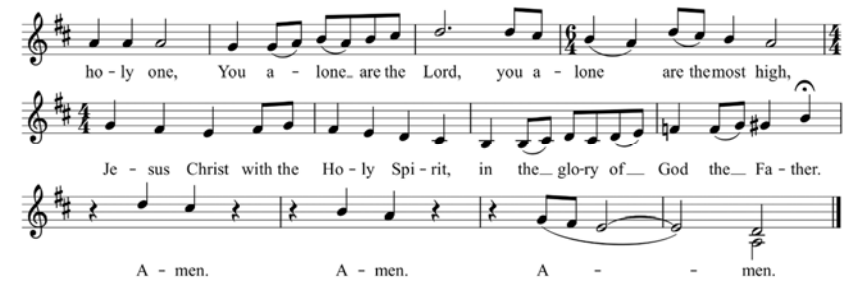
...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

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 theFa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of theworld: have mer - cy on us; youare 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 Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: ...the transformation that is going on in Holy Communion is the work of the Holy Spirit. We call down the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and upon the gifts of bread and wine: we say 'Here we are, in the company of Jesus: Father, send the Holy Spirit that as these people share these things, the life of Jesus may fill them all... It not just that we ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in the bread and wine. We ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in all of us...

ROWAN WILLIAMS

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...)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na - in the high - est!

*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!*
 (The prayer continues...)

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...)

Bless-ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow'r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

*Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r
 are yours forever and ever,
 are yours forever and ever.*

(The prayer continues...)

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
 us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 grant us peace, 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 in single file to the table, where you will be offered the bread at one point and the wine (in communion glasses only) at a second point. The wine has been prepared with as much COVID-19 precaution as practicable, and the celebrant and wine-server have sanitised their hands prior to the distribution. The common cup will only be used by the celebrant

If you can't stand or walk to the front but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand if the celebrant has not already noticed you.

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

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

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.	2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
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3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude D Buxtehude, *Canzonette BuxWV169*

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