

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!
- Today's psalm will be sung responsorially in the congregation, following the declaration of forgiveness: each side of the centre aisle singing alternative lines. Read through the psalm before we get there, to familiarise yourself with its rhythm.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JF Dandrieu, *Dialogue*

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!

Take delight in the Lord;

to those who so delight,

God gives the desires of their heart.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently;

those who wait for the Lord

shall inherit the land.

ex Psalm 37

Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
 2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.
 3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

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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

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

Luke 6:27-38 *Enemies*

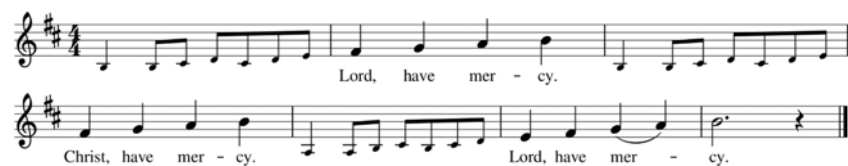
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.
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: Psalm 37.1-11 *Trust in the Lord* PCS p.344(6)

The REFRAIN is sung before and after the whole psalm.

The psalm text will then be sung responsorially to the TONE below: the first line is sung by the 'half' of the congregation closest to the stained glass windows, the second bold-italic line by the other side.

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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TONE *

- ¹ Fret not because of | evildoers,
be not jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon | wither like grass
and like the green herb | fade away.
- ³ Trust in the Lord and be | doing good,
 dwell in the land and be nour- | -ished with truth.
- ⁴ Let your delight be | in the Lord
and he will give you your | heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord and put your | trust in him,
and he will bring | it to pass.
- ⁶ He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light
and your just dealing | as the noonday.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and | wait for him
do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their | evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and | aban-don wrath
do not fret, lest you be moved | to do evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall | possess the land.

¹⁰ Yet a little while and the wicked shall | be no more
you will search for their place and | find them gone.

¹¹ But the lowly shall | possess the land
and shall delight in abund-| -ance of peace.

REFRAIN

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Nicene Creed (Sung):

Cantor | *People*

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, mak - er of
heav - en and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in
one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be -
got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from light, true God from true
God, be - got - ten not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him
all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from

heaven, was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Vir - gin Mar -
y and be - came tru - ly hu - man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied
un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the
third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as -
cend - ed in - to heaven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -
ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the
dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - y
Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther,
who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied, who
has spo - ken through the pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - ol -
ic and ap - os - tol - ic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the
for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: The Body of Christ which overcomes the scattering of humanity through Adam's sin is not enacted by any social contract but is always received as a gift; "the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin" (Romans 5.16). The Eucharist undercuts the primacy of contract and exchange in modern social relations.

WILLIAM CAVANAUGH

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.

The Prayers of the People

LITBIT: Very near the heart of Christian prayer is getting over the idea that God is somewhere a very, very long way off, so that we have to shout very loudly to be heard. On the contrary: God has decided to be an intimate friend and he has decided to make us part of his family, and we always pray on that basis.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

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 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude L. Beethoven *Symphony no 9: IV [excerpt]*

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