

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!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude D Buxtehude, *Praelidum BuxWV 155*

The Gathering of the People of God

LITURGY: ...the most important symbol of Christ in the room is not the minister, not the altar, not even the bread or the water of the font.

It is the assembly, the *Body of Christ*, as the New Testament says.

GORDON LATHROP

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!

Come, let us praise the LORD our God;

Holy is the Lord!

(Psalm 99.5)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.
5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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Music: Welsh melody

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

2 Corinthians 13.13

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.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 *When we turn to the Lord, the veil is removed*

Psalms 91 *Surely the LORD our God is holy* [TIS 58]

Organ, then cantor, then all together:

Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the
 heavens! Let your glo - ry ov - er all the earth be found.

F# Bm G A7 D

The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational refrain

Luke 9.28-36 *This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!*

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 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 - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins 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,
 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 Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: The Eucharist demonstrates that material reality can become charged with Jesus' life, and so proclaimed hope for the whole world of matter. The material, habitually used as a means of exclusion, of violence, can become a means of communication. Matter as hoarded or dominated or exploited speaks of the distortion and ultimate severance of relationship, and as such can only be a sign of death... The matter of the Eucharist, carrying the presence of the risen Jesus, can only be a sign of life, of triumph over the death of exclusion and isolation

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus (vv.1,3,4)

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'
3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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(If you are able, please 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...)



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



***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

Hymn 361 The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude N Bruhns, *Praeludium*

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