



"Christ in Prison" by Philip Davydov, St Petersburg, 2020

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
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 Lent 2C

### *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***.
- The sung responses of the Communion Setting are from "Mass for the Fallen" by Fr Chris Willcock sj, and are used with permission.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- There are a few changes to our recent order of service which reflect our move now into the season of Lent



### A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Prelude:** D Buxtehude, *Wie Schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern* [TiS 400]

### *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!***

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

***whom shall I fear?***

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

***of whom shall I be afraid?***

Teach me your way, O LORD,

***and lead me on a level path...***

Psalm 27:1 & 11

#### Prayer of invocation

## Hymn 400

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
and in our hearts your work begin,  
and make our hearts your dwelling.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
around and in us brightly shine,  
your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance  
life from heaven  
now is given  
overflowing,  
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.
2. Left to ourselves, we surely stray;  
O lead us on the narrow way,  
with wisest counsel guide us;  
and give us steadfastness, that we  
may follow you for ever free,  
no matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those  
hearts now broken;  
give some token  
you are near us,  
whom we trust to light and cheer us.
3. O mighty rock, O source of life,  
let your good word in doubt and strife  
be in us strongly burning,  
that we be faithful unto death  
and live in love and holy faith,  
from you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy  
on us shower;  
by your power  
Christ confessing,  
we will cherish all your blessing

Michael Schirmer 1606–73  
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 adapted

## Greeting and Welcome

## *The Word Heard*

### The Testimony of Scripture

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

First Reading          Philippians 3:14-4:1

Gospel                  Luke 13:31-35

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 Lament

Wars rage, destruction mounts:  
***Where are you Lord?***

The gap between rich and poor grows wider:  
***Where are you Lord?***

People suffer, struggle, there seems no end in sight:  
***Where are you Lord?***

Help us find you  
***in the words and actions of those who proclaim peace.***

Help us find you  
***in the faces and lives of the poor.***

Help us find you  
***and be ready to welcome you, whatever your disguise.***

And give us compassion  
that we might open our hearts to those in need:

***and in serving them, be served;  
in loving them, find love  
and in knowing them, know you. Amen.***

(Each line is sung first by the minister/cantor and then repeated by the congregation)



***Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison;  
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison;  
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.***

### Declaration of Hope

Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.  
***Thanks be to God!***

### Psalms 27

1. God is my strong salvation,  
what foe have I to fear?  
in darkness and temptation  
my light, my help is near;  
though hosts encamp around me,  
firm at my post I stand;  
what terror can confound me,  
with God at my right hand?

2. Place on the Lord reliance,  
my soul with courage wait;  
his truth my reassurance  
when faint and desolate;  
his might my heart shall strengthen,  
his love my joy increase;  
mercy my days shall lengthen,  
the Lord will give me peace.

James Montgomery 1771–1854alt.  
Music © B. Harwood

### 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*

### Hymn 533

tune 223

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–

*(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...)*

...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:



***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. 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...)*

### 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 sins of the world, have \_

mer - cy on us, have \_ mer - cy on us.

Lamb\_ of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have \_

mer - cy on us, have \_ mer - cy on us.

Lamb\_ of God, you take a-way the sins 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.***

## 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 349

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
2. Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us  
worldliness and self deny;  
by his Spirit it inspires us  
him, through love, to glorify.
3. When the woes of life o'er take us,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake us,  
from it shines our peace and joy.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring 1792–1872 *alt.*  
v.2 Charles Louis Fouvry 1928–

### **Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude:** D Buxtehude, *Toccata BuxWV 157*

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