

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 Chris Willcock's "Mass for the Fallen", and are used with permission
- Today's psalm will be sung in place of the usual doxology following the declaration of forgiveness. See that point in the order below for how we will sing or hear the psalm today.
- Today's service includes a brief memorial and thanksgiving for Hugh O'Neill and Suzanne Yanko.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LITBIT: And on the day named after the sun all, whether they live in the city or the countryside, are gathered together in unity. Then the records of the apostles or the writing of the prophets are read for as long as there is time. When the reader has concluded, the presider in a discourse admonishes and invites us into the pattern of these good things. Then we all stand together and offer prayer. ...when we have concluded the prayer, bread is set out to eat with wine and water...

JUSTIN MARTYR, describing his 2nd century worship services

Prelude Limoges manuscript [anon], *Tierce en taille*

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!

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice,
shout for joy,
all who are upright in heart.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

The Lord is our hiding place,
and we are surrounded with cries of deliverance.

Psalm 32.11,1,7

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 402 Come, gracious Spirit

1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
with light and comfort from above;
come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er every thought and step preside.
2. The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may not depart.
3. Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
nor let us from his pastures stray:
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.
4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.

Simon Browne, 1680-1732 (alt.)
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From God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Peace and love with faith
be to you all
And also with you.

cf. Ephesians 6:23

With the Children

The Word Spoken

The Testimony of Scripture

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

Luke 15.11b-32 *God for us, in our midst*

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

(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 Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 32 *Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven*

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.



- ¹ Happy the one whose transgression | is forgiven,
and whose / sin is covered.
- ² Happy the one to whom the Lord imp-|utes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there / is no guile.
- ³ For I | held my tongue;
***my bones wasted away through my groaning
/ all the day long.***
- ⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the / drought in summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my | sin to you
and my iniquity I / did not hide.

⁶ I said, 'I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord,'
and you forgave the / guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in | time of
trouble;
in the great water flood, it / shall not reach them.

⁸ You are a place for me to hide in; you pre | serve me from trouble;
you surround me with / songs of deliverance.

⁹ 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you / with my eye.

¹⁰ 'Be not like horse and mule which have no | understanding;
*whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will / not stay near you.*

¹¹ Great tribulations remain | for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

Remembering Hugh and Suzanne

The Peace

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

The Visible Word

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...)



*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...)

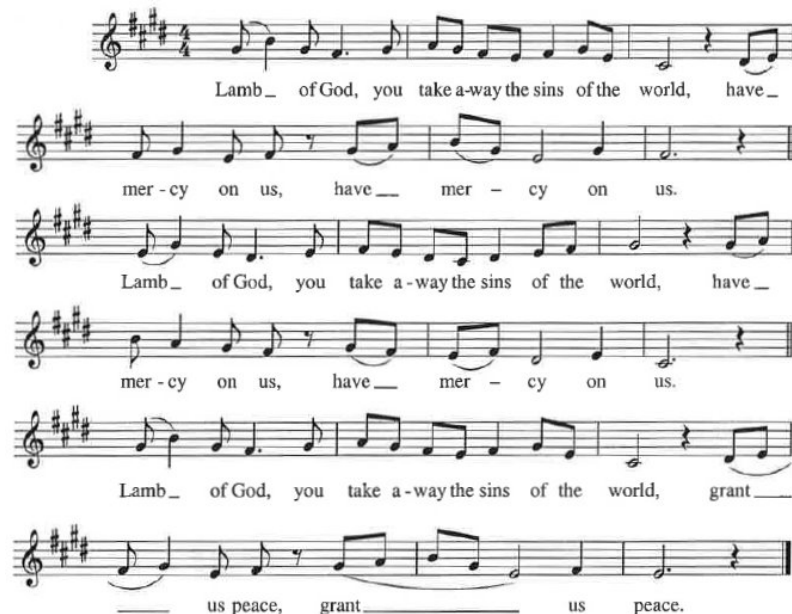
The Lord's Prayer

*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 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 613 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (tune 626)

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') 1901–53

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude Limoges manuscript [anon], *Fugue*

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