

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
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- 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.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude GP Cima, *Confitemini Domino* [Psalm 126]

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!

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Come, then, worship the LORD;
let those who went out weeping
come home with shouts of joy.

(Psalm 126.1,2,6)

Come, then, let us worship God: let us pray...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 472 Father of mercy

1. Father of mercy, God of consolation,
look on your people, gathered here to praise you:
pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,
source of all blessing.
2. Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,
come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners:
grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit,
heal us and save us.
3. Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,
come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens:
give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,
stay with us always.
4. God in three persons, Father, Son and Spirit,
come to renew us, fill your church with glory:
grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,
foretaste of heaven.

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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

The Testimony of Scripture

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

John 12.1-8 *The anointing at Bethany*

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

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

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 126

PCS 130

Organ, then cantor, then all together:

Hal H. Hopson



The Lord has done great things, and we are glad in - deed.

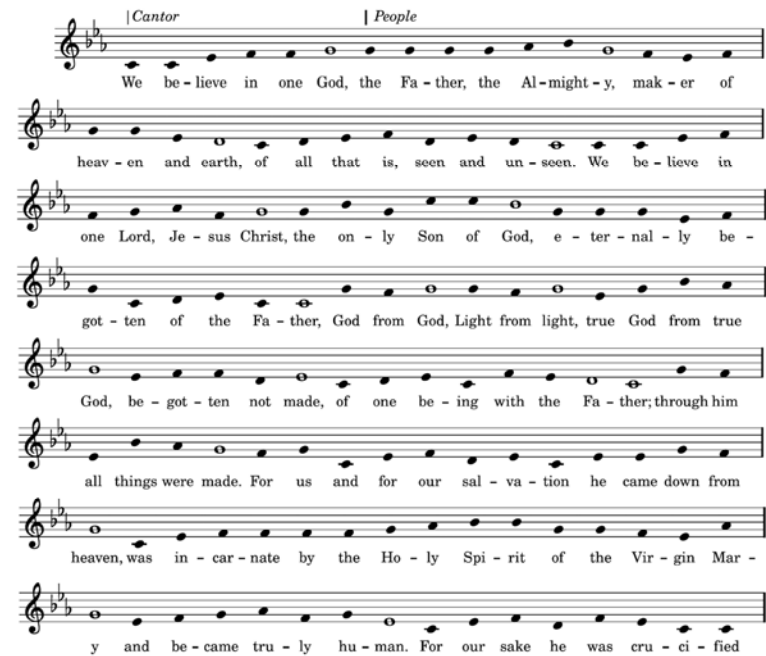
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The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational refrain

The Peace

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

The Nicene Creed



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.

The Visible Word

LITBIT: In the Eucharist, the pastor stands at the table and gives thanks, proclaiming how this food and all food comes from God, proclaiming the mystery of God now using this food to give us life through Jesus Christ, begging the Spirit to form us in the sharing of food.

GORDON LATHROP

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 hosts.
 Hea - ven and earth are _ full _ of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na
 in _ the _ high - est. Ho - san-na in _ the _ high - est.
 Bless - ed 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 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...)

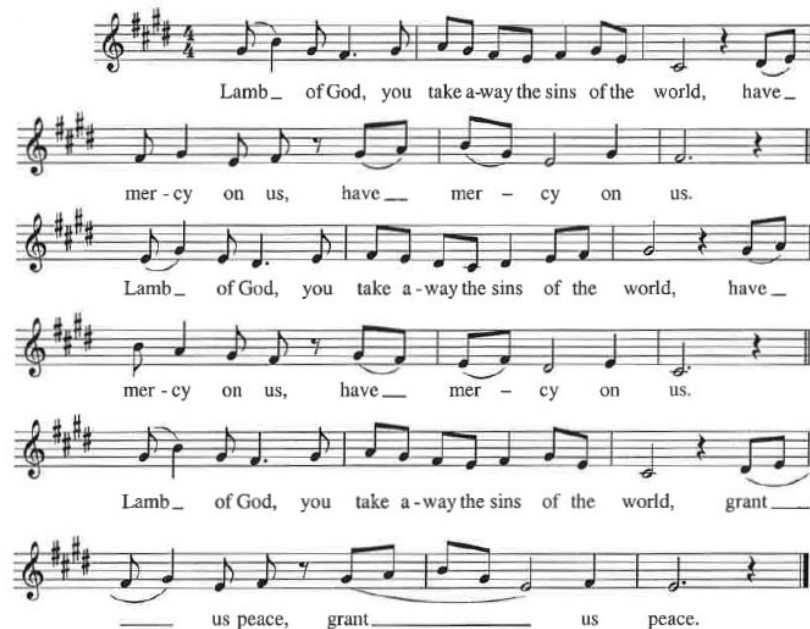
The Lord's Prayer

*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 notice.

Prayers of the People

LITBIT: ...every time we pray in the power of the Spirit – every time the Holy Spirit carries our prayer to Jesus and Jesus intercedes to the Father for us, the question for the Father is the same: 'How much of your ultimate glory are you going to reveal and bestow at this present moment, and how much are you going to withhold until the last day?'

SAMUEL WELLS

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 28 God is our strength and refuge

1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling waters are raging;
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.
2. There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her,
she shall not be moved.
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence;
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.
3. Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear.
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations;
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude JS/JM Bach, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

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