Preparing for Worship Today

- Congregational responses are printed in *bold italics*.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today's service includes a re-affirmation of baptism look through this before the service to see what happensthere.



AND the service begins a congregational chant. Please have a look at the "Processional Chant" section before the service begins.

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A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JS Bach, Christ ist erstanden

Processional Chant: Jubilate Deo

(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)

After the cantor (Craig) sings through once, join in! "Jubilate Deo" is pronounced "You-bee-lah-tay D-ay-oh"

The chant is a round, repeating every four beats; these points are underlined below – feel free to chime in with a new thread, whenever!

We sing this until the "Amen" is introduced and repeated – tone in with the Amens after you've finished your current verse, until the Amens are brought to a close.

Ju-bi-<u>la</u>-té Dé-o! <u>Ju</u>-bi-la-té <u>D</u>-éo: <u>A</u>-llé-lu-ia

("Jubilate Deo" is Latin, and means "Rejoice in the Lord".)

These words and music are attributed to Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

The Gospel according to St Luke

Luke 24.1-12

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 360 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky (vv1-4, 8)

- 1. Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victory; alleluia, alleluia! the glad earth shouts her triumph high and groaning hell makes wild reply: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. while our Lord Christ, the mighty king, despoiling death of all its sting and trampling down the powers of night brings forth his ransomed souls to light.
- 3. His tomb of late the threefold guard of watch and stone and seal had barred; but now in power and triumph high he comes from death to victory.
- 4. The pains of hell are loosed at last; the days of mourning now are past; an angel robed in light has said, "The Lord has risen from the dead!"
- 8. Jesus, the king of gentleness, come now yourself our hearts possess, that we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.

Anon., Latin c,7th cent. tr.John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt. Public Domain

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.*

1 Corinthians 15.19-26 *The last enemy*

This is the word of the Lord; *Thanks be to God!*

The Preaching of the Word

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

(The congregation stands)

Sisters and brothers...

...And so I ask you now:

Do you turn to Christ? *I turn to Christ.*

Do you repent of your sins? *I repent of my sins.*

Do you renounce evil and the false values of this world? *I renounce them.*

And now I ask you to confess the faith into which you were baptised, and in which you continue to live and grow:

"To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended. What did God intend? He intended that human beings should grow into such love for him and such confidence in him that they could rightly be called God's sons and daughters. Human beings have let go of that identity, abandoned it, forgotten it or corrupted it. And when Jesus arrives on the scene he restores humanity to where it should be."

Do you believe in God, who made you and loves you? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Lord?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, and the continuing work of our salvation?

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.

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

We are not ashamed to confess it in Christ our Lord.

(Water is poured into the font.)

Come Lord Jesus, refresh the lives of your faithful people. (*The people are sprinkled with water.*)

Declaration of Forgiveness

...Hear, then, Christ's word of grace: your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

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

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 12 Ye gates, lift up your heads



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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

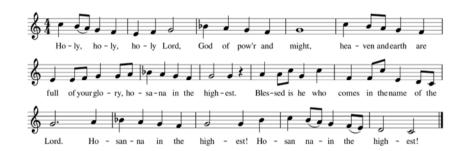
Lift up your hearts.

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 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...)

...Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)

...Then shall we join together in praise:

(Sung:) Blessing and honour, glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

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

...Holy things for a people made holy; Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

(Sung:) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. [TIS 390]

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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

Offering (We stand as the offering is brought forward)

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

...love's redeeming work is done...

1. Christ the Lord is risen today:

Hallelujah!

Let the whole creation say:

Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high:

Hallelujah!

Sing now, heaven, and earth reply:

Hallelujah!

Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won; vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell.

- 3. Lives again our glorious king; where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise: ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.

May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

Alleluia! Amen.

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.

May you pass with Christ from death to life.

Alleluia! Amen.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

Alleluia! Amen.

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude JS Bach, Ach Herr, lass dein lieb Engelein

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