

## *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!
- There are a couple of seasonal changes to reflect the Easter season. We switch to the "Erfreuen" ("Rejoice") setting for the communion responses, although without the sung Kyrie or the Lamb of God elements. We also stand for the gospel and share in a sung acclamation, with a few other alleluias thrown in through the service!
- Today's psalm will be sung responsorially in the congregation: each side of the centre aisle singing alternative lines. Read through the psalm before we get there, to familiarise yourself with its rhythm.



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Prelude** D Buxtehude, *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland*

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

**Sung Processional** (TIS 390, selected verse)

*We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the refrain, and the Scriptures are brought in the worship space:*

Refrain

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation.

*Refrain*

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## Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Praise God in the holy temple,

***Give praise in the firmament of heaven.***

Praise God who is mighty in deed.

***Give praise for God's greatness.***

Let everything that has breath

Praise the Lord.

***Hallelujah!***



*ex Psalm 150*

## Prayer of invocation

**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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From the God who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the first-born from the dead,  
grace and peace be with you all.

***And also with you.***

*Revelation 1:4-5*

### 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.***

Revelation 1.1-11 *The apocalypse of Jesus Christ*

Psalm 148 *Praise the Lord*

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*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*

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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- 1 ...Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
***praise him / in the heights!***
- 2 Praise him, | all his angels;  
***praise him, / all his host!***
- 3 Praise him, | sun and moon;  
***praise him, all you / shining stars!***
- 4 Praise him, you | highest heavens,  
***and you waters / above the heavens!***
- 5 Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
***for he commanded and / they were created.***
- 6 He established them for | ever and ever;  
***he fixed their bounds, which / cannot be passed.***
- 7 Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
***you sea monsters / and all deeps,***
- 8 fire and hail, | snow and frost,  
***stormy wind fulfilling / his command!***
- 9 Mountains | and all hills,  
***fruit trees / and all cedars!***
- 10 Wild animals | and all cattle,  
***creeping things and / flying birds!***

11 Kings of the earth | and all peoples,  
***princes and all rulers / of the earth!***

12 Young men and | women alike,  
***old and / young together!***

13 Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
***for his name alone is exalted;***  
***his glory is above / earth and heaven.***

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for | all his faithful,  
***for the people of Israel who are / close to him...***

**REFRAIN**

*We stand for the gospel reading and  
join with the cantor in the Alleluia after the organ intro:*

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Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to  
believe. (John 20:29 NRSV)

***Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

John 20.1-18 *My Lord and my God*

This is the gospel of the Lord!

***Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## 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

### 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-susChrist, on-ly Son of theFa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of theworld: have mer - cy on us; youare 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 Visible Word: Eucharist*

**Hymn 394** Christ is risen!

1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown:  
healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!

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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...)*

**LITBIT:** The centrepiece of this part of the liturgy is The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. The origins of this central Christian prayer lie in Jewish prayer at Passover and in the grace at every meal. Jesus built on these at the Last Supper. Our present sacrament also derives meaning from other meals hosted by Jesus – e.g. after the resurrection at Emmaus (Luke 24), or by the seashore (John 21). Its essence is thanksgiving for the mighty acts of God. It is a 'Great' Prayer because it is the expression of all the gifts of God for our salvation, above all in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

UNITING IN WORSHIP 2

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...)*



***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**

...Let us receive what we are,  
let us become what we receive  
***The body of Christ***

### **The Communion**

*The United 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 380 Yours be the glory**

1. Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

#### ***REFRAIN***

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

2. See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

#### ***Refrain***

3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

#### ***Refrain***

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## Word of Mission and Blessing

**Postlude** D Buxtehude, *Fuga Bux* *WV174*

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