

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!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude

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.*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us worship the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 383 Joyful the morning

1. Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen!
Golden light is dawning, the day spring radiant shines,
all the hosts of heaven raise on high their psalms divine,

*O let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen, and opens heav'n for all those who believe.*

2. Now earth awaking is raising shouts of praise,
'Jesus now is risen!' All creatures now rejoice
they are in the care again of their triumphant Lord.

Refrain

3. All peoples living in lands washed by the seas,
nations under all four directions of the wind,
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.

Refrain

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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 1.1-8 *The revelation of Jesus Christ*

Psalm 30 (selected verses) *You have turned my sadness into joy*

Organ, then cantor, then all together:

PCS 27
Hal H. Hopson



Sing praise to the Lord. Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth.

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The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational refrain

We stand for the gospel reading and join with the cantor in the Alleluia after the organ intro: [PCS p.342 no.1]



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I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty (Rev 5:13b)

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

John 21:1-14 *The risen Lord meets his disciples by Lake Galilee*

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



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: Eucharist

Hymn 552 Come, my way

1. Come, my way, my truth, my life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert 1593–1633

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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...)

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 risen.
Christ will come again.***

(The prayer continues...)



***Blessing and honour, glory and power
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

The gifts of God for the people of God...

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

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

LITBIT: "...if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: 'You are the body of Christ, member for member.' If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying 'Amen' to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith."

AUGUSTINE

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 264 Hark! a herald voice is calling

1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from heav'n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.
4. So when love comes forth in judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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