

## *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*

**LITBIT:** Gathering indicates that Christians are called from the world, from their homes, from their families, to be constituted into a community capable of praising God. . . . The church is constituted as a new people who have been gathered from the nations to remind the world that we are in fact one people. Gathering, therefore, is an eschatological act as it is the foretaste of the unity of the communion of the saints.

JAMES K A SMITH

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

*We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the chant and the Scriptures are carried into the worship space.*

#### Refrain

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

4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
new life for all! Alleluia!

#### *Refrain*

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### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!  
***And also with you!***

Praise God, sun and moon;  
***praise God, all you shining stars.***

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
***princes and all rulers of the world;***

Young men and maidens,  
***old and young together.***

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
***for God's Name only is exalted,  
God's splendour is over earth and heaven.***

*Psalm 148.1,3,11-13*

### Prayer of invocation

### Hymn 474 Here in this place

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take of the wine and the water,  
 here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
 call us anew to be salt of the earth.  
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
 give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
 not in some heaven light years away,  
 but here in this space, the new light is shining,  
 now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
 Gather us in, and hold us forever;  
 gather us in, and make us your own;  
 gather us in, all peoples together,  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 7.9-17 *Salvation belongs to our God*

Psalms 148 *Praise the Lord from the heavens* [PCS 155]

*Organ, then cantor, then all together:*

Hal H. Hopson

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

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*We stand for the gospel reading and  
 join in the Alleluia after the introductory notes:*

Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

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*(Jesus said:) I give you a new commandment, that you love one  
 another.  
 Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

**REFRAIN**

*Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Matthew 6.1-6 *Whenever you pray*

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**

**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.*

## Affirmation of Faith: We are a pilgrim people

*Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.  
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,  
the Head over all things,  
the beginning of a new creation.*

*We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.*

*We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards a promised goal;  
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.*

*We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.*

*We affirm that every member of the Church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died.  
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.*

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

LITBIT: Holy Communion changes the way we see things as well as people. It changes how we see the world and...it changes how we see one another (as we learn to see our neighbour as God's guest). It reinforces and sustains the hospitality that believers want to show to those in need, and it also obliges us to look at other Christians and take seriously the fact that they have been invited too.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

**Hymn 517** Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.'
2. Hallelujah! not as orphans,  
are we left in sorrow now;  
hallelujah! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,  
and on earth our food, our stay;  
hallelujah! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Hallelujah! King eternal,  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:  
you within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

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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***

### **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 TIS 560(ii) - All my hope on God is founded**

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
all my trust he will renew,  
through all change and chance he guides me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
all we build with care and labour,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily the almighty giver  
will his bounteous gifts bestow;  
in his will our souls find pleasure,  
leading us where'er we go.  
Love will stand  
at his hand,  
joy shall wait for his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all: z  
those who follow shall not fall.

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## Word of Mission and Blessing

### Postlude

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