

God's city and ours

Revelation 22

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 22 May 2022
Easter 6C

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!
- 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

LITBIT: When we worship, we affirm our citizenship in another realm... we do not leave the sanctuary to enter the "real world." To the contrary, it is in the sanctuary that we participate in the real world, and we discover there the illusory nature of much that claims to be the "real world."

THOMAS LONG

Prelude JF Dandrieu, *Offertoire*

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.*

5. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
*for God judges the peoples with equity
and guides the nations upon earth.*

Psalm 67

Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 432 Christ is made the sure foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.

3. Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God, today;
with your gentle lovingkindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.

4. Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

5. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

[Latin] John Mason Neale, 1818-66 (alt.)

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 21:10, 22; 22:1-22:5 *The Lord God will be their light*

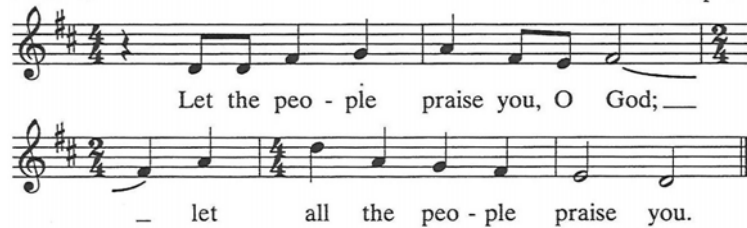
Psalm 67 *May God be gracious to us bless us* [PCS p.342 no.2]

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

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TONE



REFRAIN

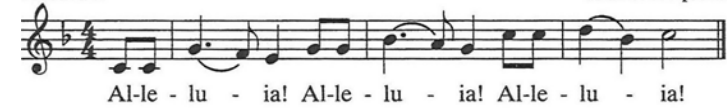
- ¹ May God be gracious to us | and bless us
and make his face to shine | upon us,
- ² that your way may be known | upon earth,
your saving power a- | -mong all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
*for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations | upon earth.*
- ⁵ Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has yielded | its increase;
God, our God, | has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God continue | to bless us;
let all the ends of the | earth revere him.

REFRAIN

We stand for the gospel reading and
join in the Alleluia after the opening note:

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[Jesus said], “Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them”

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John 14:23-29 *Peace I give to you*

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

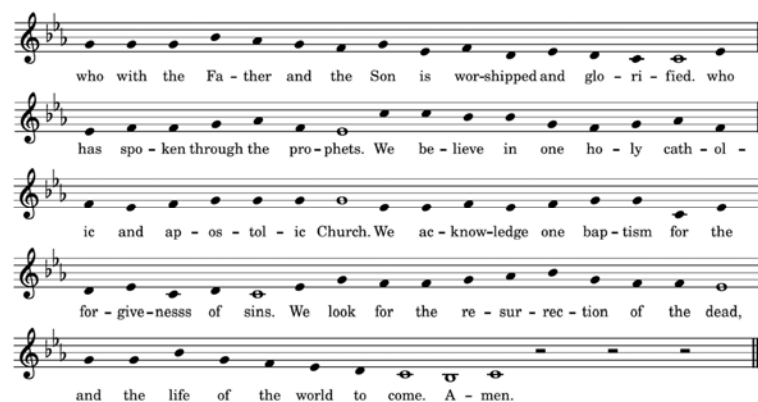
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace to Gods' peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al - migh - ty God, and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are 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 Nicene Creed (Sung):

Cantor | *People*
 We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - migh - ty, mak - er of
 heav - en and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in
 one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be -
 got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from light, true God from true
 God, be - got - ten not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him
 all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from
 heaven, was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Vir - gin Mar -
 y and be - came tru - ly hu - man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied
 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: Eucharist

LITBIT [St John Chrysostom] displays the early Church’s conviction that at the Eucharist the heavenly banquet irrupts into earthly time: “For when our Lord Jesus lies as a slain Victim, when the Spirit is present, when He Who sits at the right hand of the Father is here, when we have been made children by baptism and are fellow-citizens with those in heaven, and we have our fatherland in heaven and our city and citizenship, when we are only foreigners to earthly things, how can all this fail to be heavenly?” This is a fundamental disfigurement of imagination of citizenship in the territorial state. One’s fellow-citizens are not all present Britons or Germans, but fellow members (and potential members) of the Body of Christ, past, present, and future.

WILLIAM CAVANAGH

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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow'r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

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 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 273 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the sound of this refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him
robed in awesome majesty;
those who have betrayed and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply shamed before him, deeply shamed before him,
deeply shamed before him
shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Sing amen! let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for your own;
O come quickly, O come quickly,
O come quickly;
hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude JF Dandrieu, Flutes; *Dialogue*

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