

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

Prelude F Capocci (1840-1911), *Phantasie über Veni Creator Spiritus*

The Gathering of the People of God

LITBIT: *The Congregation is the embodiment in one place of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping, witnessing and serving as a fellowship of the Spirit in Christ. Its members meet regularly to hear God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments, to build one another up in love, to share in the wider responsibilities of the Church, and to serve the world.*

THE BASIS OF UNION

Processional

If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sing, sing to the Lord as long as you live!

***I will sing praise to the Lord
while I have being.***

The LORD sends forth his Spirit

and renews the face of the earth *(Psalm 104.33,30)*

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 402 Come, gracious Spirit

1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
with light and comfort from above;
come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er every thought and step preside.
2. The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may not depart.
3. Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
nor let us from his pastures stray:
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.
4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.

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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 21.1-6a *The holy city, the new Jerusalem*

Psalms 104.24-30 *You renew the face of the earth* [PCS p.343 no.3]

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



²⁴ O LORD, how manifold | are your works!

*In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full | of your creatures.*

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things without | number are there,
living things both | small and great.

²⁶ There | go the ships,
and Leviathan that you | formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all | look to you
to give them their food | in due season;

²⁸ when you give to them, they | gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are | filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they | are dismayed;
*when you take away their breath,
they die and return | to their dust.*

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they | are created;
and you renew the face | of the ground.

REFRAIN

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



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 14.26

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John 14:12-17, 25-27 *The promise of the Spirit of truth*

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



Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 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

LITBIT:...the transformation that is going on in Holy Communion is the work of the Holy Spirit. We call down the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and upon the gifts of bread and wine: we say 'Here we are, in the company of Jesus: Father, send the Holy Spirit that as these people share these things, the life of Jesus may fill them all... It not just that we ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in the bread and wine. We ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in all of us...

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 507 Come, Spirit blest

1. Come, Spirit blest, your influence shed,
and realise the sign;
your life infuse into the bread,
your power into the wine.

2. Effectual let the tokens prove
and made, by heavenly art,
fit channels to convey your love
to every faithful heart.

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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...)



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

...Holy things for a people made holy;

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalms 34:8

*(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 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 416 Great God, your Spirit, like the wind

1. Great God, your Spirit, like the wind
unseen but shaking things we see
will never leave us undisturbed
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,
until we turn from faithless fear
and prove the promise of your grace
in justice, peace and daily bread
with joy for all the human race.

2. Lord, shake us with the force of love,
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;
remove our hearts of stone, and give
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep
for all your children in distress
and dying for the wealth we keep.
Help us prevent, while we have time,
the blighted harvest greed must reap.
3. And then, in your compassion, give
your Spirit like the gentle rain,
creating fertile ground from which
your peace and justice spring like grain;
until your love is satisfied,
with all creation freed from pain,
and all your children live to praise
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude A Guilman (1837-1911), *Deux Strophes (sur Veni, Creator Spiritus)*

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