

### *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***.
- With the move to the "Ordinary" season in the church year, we drop the additions Alleluia responses of Easter and pick up again the Kyrie in the prayer of confession
- 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.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Prelude** J Zwart, *Koraal* [Psalm 42]

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

#### **Call to Worship**

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

Come to the altar of God,  
***to the God of our joy  
and gladness***

The LORD it is, who lifts us up,  
***in God we put our trust.*** (Psalm 43.4,6)

Let us worship God.

#### **Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** Father, we praise you (Tune 246)

1. Father, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we all before you;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.
2. Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.
3. All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.

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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 (again!) *God's home is with mortals*

Luke 8.26-39 *Return, and declare what God has done for you*

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## The Preaching of the Word

**LITBIT:** The sermon should say in word from the texts the same thing the bread and cup say in sign: the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you. Take. Eat. Drink. Believe. Live.'  
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*A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching*

## Prayer of Confession

**Psalm 42.1-6a** *Hope in God*


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## CONG RESPONSORIAL

*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



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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**TONE**



<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for | flowing streams,  
***so my soul longs for | you, O God.***

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the | living God.

***When shall I come  
and behold the | face of God?***

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food | day and night,  
***while people say to me continually,  
'Where | is your God?'***

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour | out my soul:  
***how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the | house of God,***  
with glad shouts and | songs of thanksgiving,  
***a multitude | keeping festival.***  
<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, | O my soul,  
***and why are you disquiet- | -ed within me?***  
Hope in God; for I shall | again praise him,  
***my help*** <sup>6</sup> | ***and my God.***

REFRAIN

## 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



Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

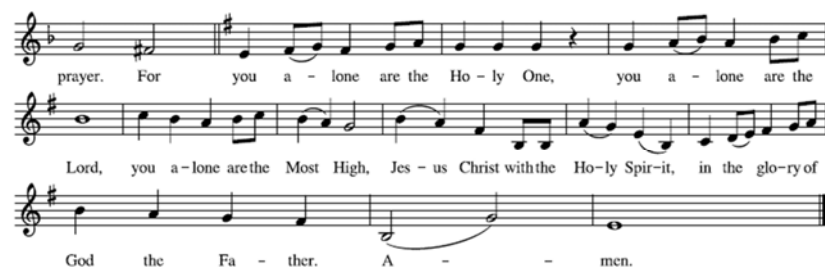
Lord God, hea - ven - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our



### 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:** ...the meal that we keep, in its intensity and focus, its staple and food festive drink, its ceremonial welcome of a wide circle, might suggest that we are consuming magical food, food of the angels, a heavenly banquet, food that will grant us immortality. Then we hear the content of the feast: "the body of Christ, the blood of Christ, given for you." A specific, real death is proclaimed, and if "immortality" is given, then this is a new kind of freedom from death, coming in a world-affirming, bounded, palpable, and mortal way, *here*.

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### Hymn 509 Come now, everlasting Spirit

*(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...)*

SANCTUS

BENEDICTUS

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

*(The prayer continues...)*

CHRIST HAS DIED

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

*(The prayer continues...)*

BLESSING AND HONOUR

***Blessing and honour, glory and power  
are yours forever more.***

## 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...

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.***

...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** 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** J Rosenmueller, *Sicut cervus (Psalm 42)*

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