

## 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**.
- The sung responses of the Communion Setting are from Chris Willcock's "Mass for the Fallen", and are used with permission
- 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** A Hammerschmidt, *Domine, quis habitabit* [Psalm 15]

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

**LITBIT:** When we cross the threshold into a service of worship, we bring with us the concerns and joys of our lives. In other words, we bring the concerns and joys of the mission field in which we live. The Sunday service does not provide 'time out' from our daily mission; liturgy and mission are integrally related. The word 'liturgy' (in Greek, *leitourgia*) literally means 'the work of the people'; yet it is primarily the work of God, in which God graciously enables us to participate. It is our graced response to God's gracious acts; through it we are brought into relationship with the triune God, and we offer worship as the body of Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

UNITING IN WORSHIP 2

**Sung Processional** (TIS 61 v.1)

*If you are able, please stand when the cantor sings the first line, and sing as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space:*

***Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness,  
joyously serve him, singing hymns of homage,  
chanting his praises, come before his presence:  
Praise the Almighty!***

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## Call to Worship

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

Come, let us thank the Lord,  
because of what he has done.  
***In the presence of the faithful  
we will proclaim God's name.***

*Psalm 52.9*

## Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

## 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.***

Colossians 1:15-23 *Once estranged, you are now reconciled in him*

Psalm 15 *Who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

*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

Praise \_ the Lord. Praise \_ the  
Lord. Praise \_ the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_

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- 1 Lord, who may dwell \* in your tabernacle?  
*Who may rest upon your \* holy hill?*
- 2 Whoever leads an \* uncorr-upt life  
*and does the thing \* that is right;*
- 3 Who speaks the truth \* from the heart  
*and bears no deceit \* on the tongue;*
- 4 Who does no evil \* to a friend  
*and pours no scorn \* on a neighbour;*
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are \* not esteemed,  
*but who honours those who \* fear the Lord.*
- 6 Whoever has sworn \* to a neighbour  
*and never goes back \* on that word;*
- 7 Who does not lend money in \* hope of gain,  
*nor takes a bribe a- \* -gainst the innocent;*
- 8 Whoever \* does these things  
*shall \* never fall.*

**REFRAIN**

Luke 10:38-42 *There is need of only one thing*

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**

*(Each line is sung first by the minister/cantor and then repeated by the congregation)*



***Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison;  
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison;  
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.***

**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**

*(Hymn 768[(ii)], through once only)*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below,  
praise God above, you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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## The Peace

...the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Affirmation of faith:** God is with us

*We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.*

*The United Church of Canada,  
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**Hymn 448** Blest are the pure in heart

*(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...)*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na  
in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.  
Bless - ed 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 hosts,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. 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...)*

## 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 gift of God for the people of God....

Lamb\_ of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have \_  
mer - cy on us, have \_ mer - cy on us.  
Lamb\_ of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have \_  
mer - cy on us, have \_ mer - cy on us.  
Lamb\_ of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant \_  
\_ us peace, grant \_ us peace.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

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grant us peace, grant us peace.*

## 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

### 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** 547 Be thou my vision

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** D Buxtehude, *Tocatta Bux* *WV 164*

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