

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***.
- As we have an important congregational meeting after worship this morning, the service is abbreviated in a few places.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude D Buxtehude, *Vater unser in Himmelreich*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 100 v.7)

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

***Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,***

O praise Him! Alleluia!

***Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!***

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!

Come, let us worship God...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 443 Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell

The "adventurous" might consider re-starting the tune (but not the verse) at line two of each verse, singing "canonically" under the main tune to the end of the verse...

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.

Luke 11:1-13 *Teach us to pray*

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

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: When you open the book containing the gospels and read or hear how Christ comes here or there, of how someone is brought to him, you should therein perceive the sermon or the gospel through which he is coming to you, or you are being brought to him. For the preaching of the gospel is nothing else than Christ coming to us, or we being brought to him.

MARTIN LUTHER

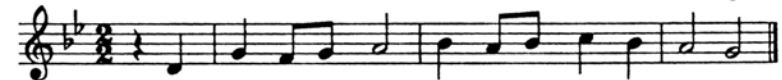
A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 85.7-13 *Show us your mercy, O Lord* [PCS 76]

Organ, then cantor, then all together:

Hal H. Hopson



Lord, show us your love; show us your love and mer-cy.

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The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational 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!

The Peace

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

The Nicene Creed *(Sung):*

The musical score for the Nicene Creed is written in a single system with two parts: Cantor and People. The music is in a minor key (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, 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

The musical score for the Eucharist prayer is written in a single system with two parts: Cantor and People. The music is in a minor key (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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

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 gifts 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.

LitBit: At the central moment, just before we receive the bread and wine, we pray the prayer of Jesus: we say, "Our Father..." – and that is a great and significant moment, not just a bit of muttered devotion before we start on our way to the altar, but one of the supreme transitions in the drama of the entire service. For when we pray the prayer of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is in us and at work in us. We are affirming that in this act of worship the Holy Spirit is speaking Jesus' words in us, praying 'Abba, Father', just as Jesus did and does.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

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

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have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
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-servers 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 628 In faith and hope and love

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude J Pachelbel, *Vater unser in Himmelreich*

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