

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

Worship does not primarily express the faith of the gathered congregation but the faith of the universal church. It is, then, concerned first with the "facts" and not our "feelings", with the substance of the world and not our experience of it. In this, worship *invites* us to believe as much as *expresses* what the congregation might (or might not!) believe.

Prelude J Pachelbel, *Toccata*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (*TIS 52 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:

Let us sing to the God of salvation,

let us sing to the Lord our rock!

Let us come to God's house with thanksgiving,

let us come before the Lord and sing!

Praise our Maker, praise our saviour,

praise the Lord our everlasting king!

Every throne must bow before him,

God is Lord of everything!

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

and his mercy

endures forever.

Praise the LORD for his mercy,

and the love he has

for his children

(*Psalm 107.1,8*)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

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 3.1-10 *Clothe yourselves with the new self*

Psalm 49.1-12 *No ransom avails for one's life*

Read responsively

[*To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.*]

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² both low and high,

rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom;

the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶ those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?

⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸ For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice,

⁹ that one should live on forever
*and never see the grave.**

¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.

¹¹ Their graves* are their homes for ever,
their dwelling-places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

Luke 12.13-21 *On richness towards God*

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

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Lord, have mercy; (3x)

Christ, have mercy; (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Declaration of Forgiveness

...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



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 526 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

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.

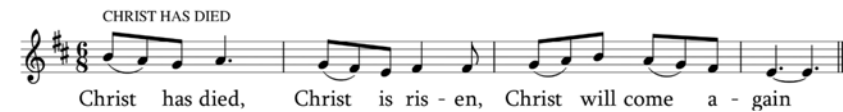
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)



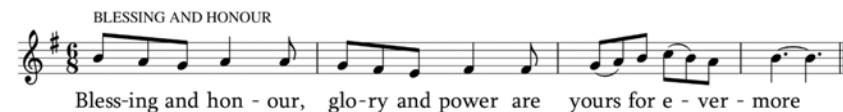
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

(The prayer continues...)



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

(The prayer continues...)



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

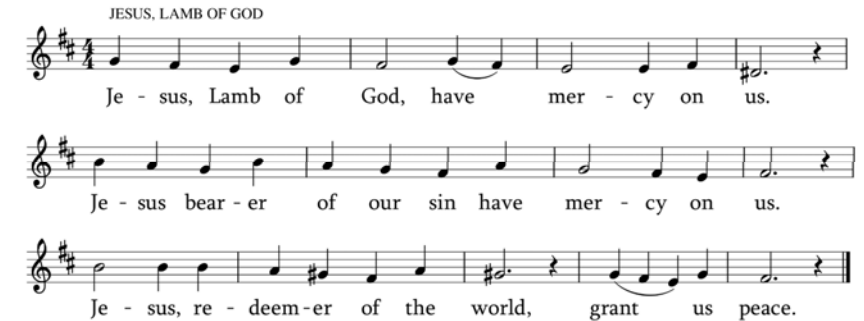
The Lord's Prayer

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

The Communion

The United 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 571 Forth in your name O Lord I go

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude J Pachelbel, *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott*

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