

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***.
- Please notice (and be prepared for!) the unusually-placed hymn before the distribution of the communion elements today!
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude L Bourgeois, *Reveillez-vous, chascun fidele* [Psalm 33]

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 715)

*We stand to sing as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space; this can be sung as a round, repeating at **; the cantor sings through once, then we join to sing 3 ½ times, the last ½ being a repeat of the second line.
If you join in at ** you will sing it 3 times without the repeat.*

Everything that has breath

*****Praise the Lord of hosts forever, praise the Lord!***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Come, rejoice in the Lord!

It is good for the just to sing praises!

Psalm 33.1

Let us worship the Lord...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 361 The day of resurrection

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.

Hebrews 11:1-11 *They desire a better country*

Luke 12:32-40 *Treasure*

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

Psalm 33:12-22 *Our heart is glad in him*

[PCS p.344 no.6]

REFRAIN: Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).

The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



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

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¹² Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen | as his heritage.

¹³ The LORD looks | down from heaven;
he sees all | humankind.

¹⁴ From where he sits en- | -throned he watches
all the inhabitants | of the earth—

¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts | of them all,
and observes | all their deeds.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by | his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by | his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a vain | hope for victory,
and by its great might it | cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on | those who fear him,
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their | soul from death,
and to keep them | alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits | for the LORD;
he is our | help and shield.

²¹ Our heart is | glad in him,
because we trust in his | holy name.

²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we | hope in you.

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.

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

LITBIT: Think of the domination, exploitation and pollution of man and nature that goes with bread, all the bitterness of competition and class struggle, all the organized selfishness of tariffs and price-rings, all the wicked oddity of a world distribution that brings plenty to some and malnutrition to others, bringing them to that symbol of poverty we call the bread line. And wine too – fruit of the vine and work of human hands, the wine of holidays and weddings ... This wine is also the bottle, the source of some of the most tragic forms of human degradation: drunkenness, broken homes, sensuality, debt. What Christ bodies himself into is bread and wine like this, and he manages to make sense of it, to humanize it. Nothing human is alien to him. If we bring bread and wine to the Lord's Table, we are implicating ourselves in being prepared to bring to God all that bread and wine mean. We are implicating ourselves in bringing to God, for him to make sense of, all which is broken and unlovely. We are implicating ourselves in the sorrow as well as the joy of the world.

TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

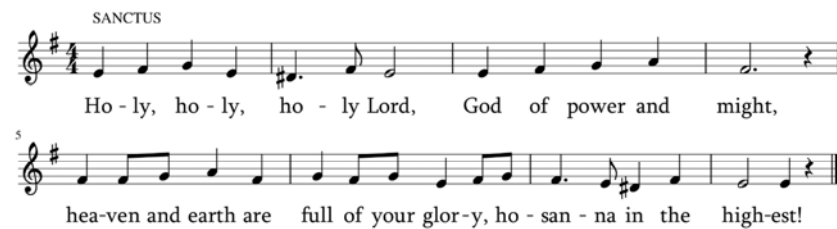
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
5 hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, ho - san - na in the high-est!

BENEDICTUS



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -
4 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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



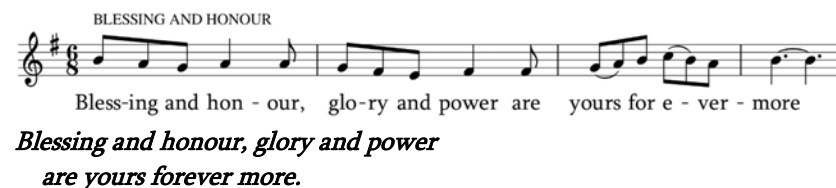
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR



Bless-ing and hon - our, glo-ry and power are yours for e - ver - more
*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

Petition :: Hymn 548 (tune 332) Eternal light, shine in my heart

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.

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 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude T Tremain, *Let all the Just to God with Joy [Psalm 33]*

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