

## 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

**Prelude** JP Sweelinck, *Toccata*

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

**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, worship the God who reveals justice,  
***the God who judges the earth and  
delivers the needy from wickedness***

*[cf. Psalm 82.2f]*

Come, seek the kingdom of God;  
***in God's reign we have all things.***

**Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn 383** Joyful the morning

## *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 11.29 – 12.2 *The pioneer and perfecter of our faith*

Luke 12.49-56 *I came to bring fire*

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

*(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

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## 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** Celebrating the Eucharist not only reminds us that we are invited to be guests; it also reminds us that we are given the freedom to invite others to be guests as well. We have experienced the hospitality of God in Christ; our lives are therefore set free to be hospitable... Being in the neighbourhood of Jesus is sharing Jesus' freedom to *invite* – to make our lives and our communities places of welcome for those most deeply in need of solidarity, of fellowship.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

## Hymn 506 Author of love divine

*(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



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.*

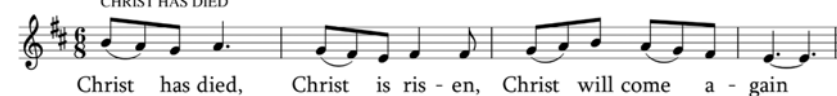
*Hosanna in the highest.*

*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

The gifts of God for the people of God...

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

*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 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

Psalm 82 *Rise up, O God, judge the earth* [PCS p.344 no.8]

*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

Lord, you are our strength, has - ten to help us.

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### TONE

<sup>1</sup>God has taken his place in the di- | -vine council;  
*in the midst of the gods | he holds judgment:*

<sup>2</sup>How long will you judge | unjustly  
*and show partiality | to the wicked?*

<sup>3</sup>Give justice to the weak and | the orphan;  
*maintain the right of the lowly | and the destitute.*

<sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak | and the needy;  
*deliver them from the hand | of the wicked."*

<sup>5</sup>They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around | in darkness;  
*all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.*

<sup>6</sup>I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, | all of you;  
*nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
 and fall like | any prince."*

<sup>8</sup>Rise up, O God, | judge the earth;  
*for all the nations be- | -long to you!*

### REFRAIN

### The Prayers

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### 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** 145 The king of love my shepherd is

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** J Speth, *Magnificat (in tertii toni)*

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