

## *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***.
- Most of the sung responses of the Communion setting can be found in the hymn book as indicated; the Gloria is in the red supplement *Sing Alleluia*, 100b, but will be familiar to most.
- 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** M-A Charpentier, *Memento nomine David* [Psalm 131]

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

#### **Sung Processional**

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

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation;  
Come all who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;  
Praise him in glad adoration.*** (TIS 111 v.1)

#### **Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

Sing aloud to God our strength;

***shout for joy to the God of Jacob.*** (Psalm 81.1)

Let us worship the Lord...

#### **Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** 474 Here in this place

### *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

#### **The Testimony of Scripture**

**LITBIT:** ...instead of that picture of the Bible as a book held in the hands of a solitary reader alone in a room, have in your mind another kind of picture, one in which somebody is proclaiming God's story to a gathering of diverse people – and all of them asking themselves, and asking one another, "How do we find ourselves in this? How are we going to be renewed together by this reading?"

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Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet

***and a light to our path.***

Philippians 2:1-11 *Have in yourselves the mind of Christ*

Luke 14:7-11 *Humble yourselves*

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** commencing with a mediation (Psalm 131: *I have calmed and quieted my soul*) [PCS p.344 no.6]

*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

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

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## TONE

*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not | lifted up,  
**my eyes are not | raised too high;**  
 I do not occupy my- | -self with things  
**too great and too marvel- | -lous for me.**
- <sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
 like a weaned child | with its mother;  
**my soul is like the weaned child | that is with me.**
- <sup>3</sup> O Israel, | hope in the LORD  
**from this time on and for | evermore.**

## REFRAIN

*(...a prayer of confession follows...)**(...Sung, as at hymn 758; the congregation echoes the minister/cantor)*

Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Christ, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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

*(Sung, as at Sing Alleluia, 100b)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.  
 Amen.**

## The Peace

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

## Affirmation of Faith: We are a pilgrim people

*Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.  
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,  
the Head over all things,  
the beginning of a new creation.***

***We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.***

***We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards a promised goal;  
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.***

***We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.***

***We affirm that every member of the Church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died.  
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.***

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**LITBIT:** The Eucharist reminds us of the need for honest repentance – of the need to confront our capacity to betray and forget the gift we have been given. And that is why the Eucharist is not, in Christian practice, a reward for good behaviour; it is the food we need to prevent ourselves from starving as a result of our own self-enclosure and self-absorption, our pride and our forgetfulness.

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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...)*

*(Sung, as at hymn 761)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***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...

*(Sung, as at hymn 766)*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,*

*have mercy on us, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,*

*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-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** 548 Eternal light, shine in my heart

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** C da Rore, *Memento nomine David* [Psalm 131]

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