

## 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.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**LITBIT:** ...the basic and primordial intuition which not only expresses itself in worship, but of which the entire worship is indeed the phenomenon—both effect and experience—is that the world, be it in its totality as cosmos, or in its life and becoming as time and history, is an epiphany of God, a means of His revelation, presence and power.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN

**Prelude** A Holborne, *Pavane "Decrevi"*

## 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:*

***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!***

Let us worship the Lord,  
***The LORD delivers and forgives,  
for his name's sake.***

*cf. Psalm 79:9*

### Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 437 Blessed Jesus, at your word

## 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.***

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 *O my poor people*

Psalm: 79.1-9 *Let your compassion be swift to meet us*

Howard Hughes, S.M.



O God, come to our help \_\_\_\_\_ and save us. \_\_\_\_\_

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Luke 16.1-16 *No slave can serve two masters*

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

(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.

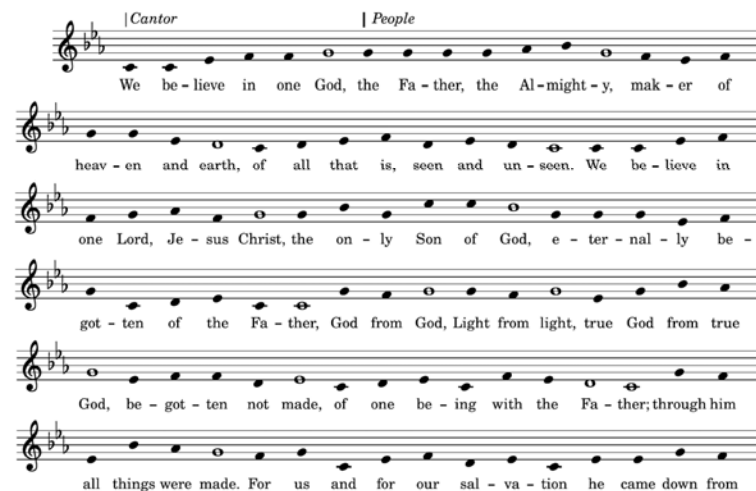
**Thanks be to God!**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

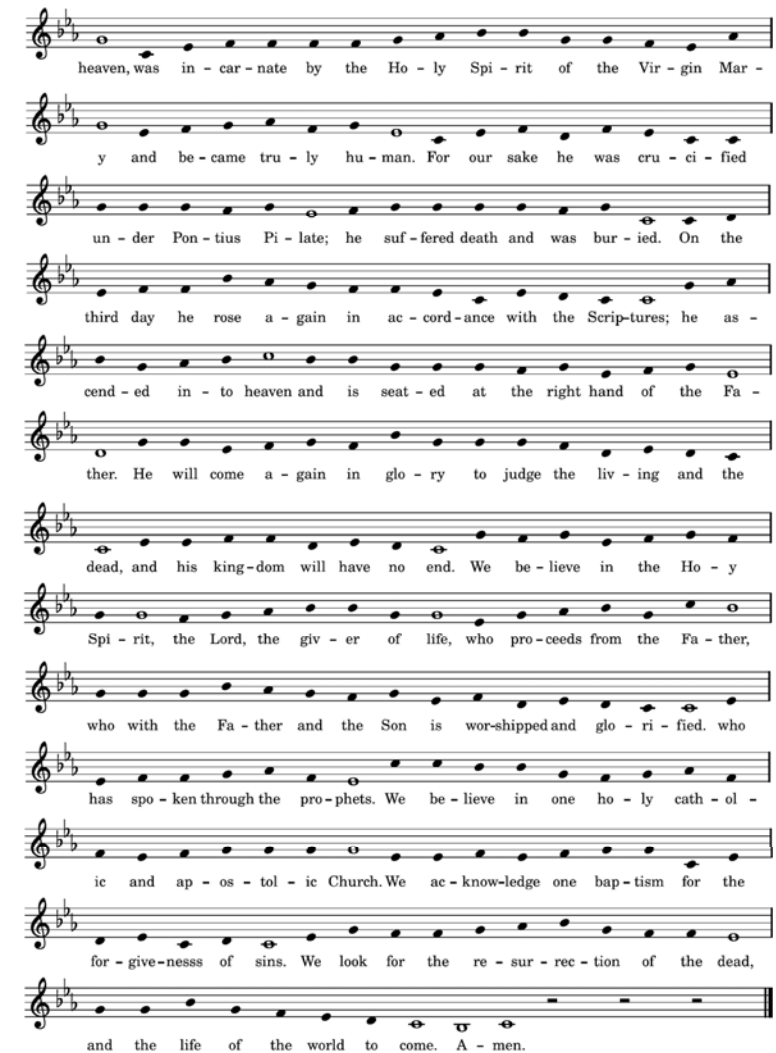
**And also with you.**

## The Nicene Creed



*Cantor* | *People*

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  
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*

**LITBIT** The *ecclesiology* of the Lord's prayer is this: the assembly is the community given this prayer, taught it in baptism, repeating it at Eucharist, invited to stand articulately with humanity—indeed, with all things—where Christ is amid the loss and fear. The assembly is made up of ordinary people, people themselves in need but also people willing to stand with the need of others. The assembly is also the community which, by the power of the Spirit and the presence of the Risen One, is given now, as an earnest-gift of all that God intends for the world, the bread and forgiveness that the world needs. The assembly is the community, therefore, that confesses the enfolding presence of the triune God and is called to practice the word of forgiveness and the meal of resurrection.

GORDON LATHROP

### **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.*

...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

*(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 28 God is our strength and refuge

*'...God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore. ...'*

## Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude W Tisdall, *Alman*

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