

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!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (*TIS 134 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:

***Praise my soul the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!!

The LORD is our refuge and stronghold,
one in whom we can put our trust.

Let us worship the LORD,
for he has shown us his salvation.

Psalm 91.2,16

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 375 Come, let us with our Lord arise

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.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 *Of riches*

Luke 16:19-31 *Listen*

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 91.1-6, 9-16 *My refuge and my stronghold* [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*

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

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¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of / the Almighty,

² shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I / put my trust.'

³ For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the / deadly pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his
feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your / shield and buckler.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that / flies by day;

⁶ of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that des- / -troys at noonday.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High / your stronghold,

¹⁰ there shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come / near your tent.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in / all your ways.

¹² They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot a- / -gainst a stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample / underfoot.

¹⁴ Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they / know my name.

¹⁵ They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring / them to honour.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy them
and show them / my salvation.

REFRAIN

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

LITBIT: To say "peace be with you" is not to say hello but is to utter a prayer, so that the passing of the peace in church is in fact a *practising* of prayer, and a preparation for the serious work of praying for each other. We might, then, speak of the passing of the peace as a kind of sacrament of intercessory prayer.

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: ... when the risen Christ eats with his disciples it is not just a way of proving he is 'really there'; it is a way of saying that what Jesus did in creating a new community during his earthly life, he is doing now with the apostles in his *risen* life. We who are brought into the company of the apostles in our baptism – which, remember, brings us to where Jesus is to be found – share that 'apostolic' moment when we gather to eat and drink in Jesus' presence. And that is why, throughout the centuries since, Christians have been able to say exactly what the apostles say: they are the people with whom Jesus ate and drank after he was raised from the dead. Holy Communion makes no sense at all if you do not believe in the resurrection.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 197 God's Son came to bless 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.

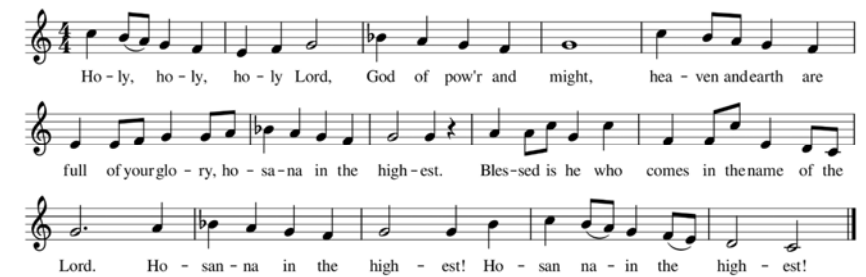
Lift up your hearts.

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 pow'r 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 in the highest!

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 pow'r
are yours forever and ever,
are yours forever and ever.***

(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...



***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 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 160 Father all-loving and ruling in majesty

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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