

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
30 October 2022  
Sunday 31C

### *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*

#### Processional

*If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.*

#### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

You are righteous, O LORD,  
***and your judgments are right.***

You have appointed your decrees in righteousness  
***and in all faithfulness.*** *Ps 119:137f*

#### Prayer of invocation

Hymn 107 *Sing praise and thanksgiving...*

#### Greeting and Welcome

## *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

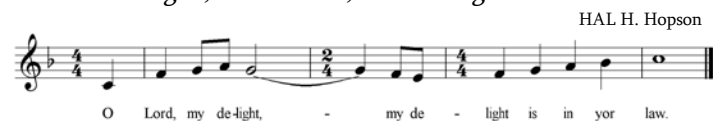
### **The Testimony of Scripture**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet  
***and a light to our path.***

First Reading     Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm                119: 137-144        *PCS 124*

*REFRAIN: Organ, then cantor, then all together.*



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Second Reading   11 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel                Luke 19:1-10

- 1 Entering Jericho Jesus made his way through the city.
- 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus; he was superintendent of taxes and very rich.
- 3 He was eager to see what Jesus looked like; but, being a little man, he could not see him for the crowd.
- 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see him, for was to pass that way.
- 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, be quick and come down, for I must stay at your house today.'
- 6 He climbed down as quickly as he could and welcomed him gladly.
- 7 At this there was a general murmur of disapproval. 'He has gone in to be a guest of a sinner,' they said.
- 8 But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Here and now, sir, I give half my possessions to charity; and if I have defrauded anyone, I will repay him four times over.'

9 Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house – for this man too is a son of Abraham.

10 The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what is lost.'

*Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press 1989*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

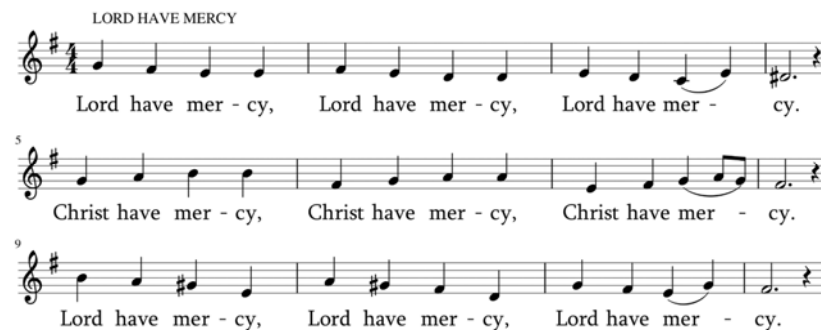
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### ***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; (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 Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,*

*of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**Hymn 495**     *Father, we give you thanks...*

*(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)*

### **The Invitation**

### **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...)*

...And so we praise you

with the faithful of every time and place,

joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation

in the eternal hymn:

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.***

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**

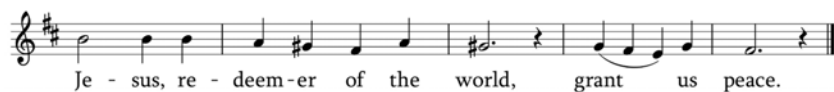
JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.



***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 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 571**     *Forth in your name, O Lord, I go...*

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

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