

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***.
- 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.
- AND today's order features an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance during the Eucharist.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LitBit: We need to be thoroughly aware that we come to the temple not for individual prayer but to *assemble together as the Church*, and the visible temple itself signifies and is but an image of the temple not made by hands. Therefore, the 'assembly of the Church' is in reality the first liturgical act, the foundation of the entire liturgy; and unless one understands this, one cannot understand the rest of the celebration. When I say that I am going to church, it means I am going into the assembly of the faithful in order, together with them, to *constitute the Church*, in order to be what I became on the day of my baptism – a *member*, in the fullest, absolute meaning of the term, of the body of Christ.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN

Prelude

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!***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The LORD takes pleasure in his people;

and adorns the humble with victory.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

cf. Psalm 149.2,4

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 474 Here in this place

"...gather us in, and make us your own..."

With the Children

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.

Ephesians 1:11-19 *May you come to know the riches of inheritance
among the saints*

Psalm 149 *Let the people praise the LORD*

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

Praise _ the Lord. Praise _ the
Lord. Praise _ the name of the Lord. _

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- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD | a new song,
his praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel be glad | in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his | name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambour- | -ine and lyre.
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people;
he adorns the | humble with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful ex- | -ult in glory;
let them sing for joy | on their couches.
- ⁶ Let the high praises of God be | in their throats
and two-edged swords | in their hands,
- ⁷ to execute vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
- ⁸ to bind their | kings with fetters
and their nobles with | chains of iron,
- ⁹ to execute on them the | judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones. | Praise the LORD!

REFRAIN

Luke 6:20-31 *Blessings and woes*

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: Hymn 150 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

(Visitors: the final "alleluia" in each verse is sung 5 times!)

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

LITBIT: The Eucharist is a mystery not because it is mysterious, but because it is a sign of God's secret purpose, which is to unite all things in Christ. In the Eucharist we celebrate that the mess of human history, with its violence and sin, its wars and genocides, is somehow, in ways that we cannot now understand, on its way to the kingdom. It is God's will that we be gathered into unity, reconciled with each other. And so we begin the Eucharist asking the forgiveness of our brothers and sisters, the angels and the saints, the whole vast community of the kingdom. It is a sign that we are willing to be gathered into God's peace with the rest of creation.

TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE

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,
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 -
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 risen, Christ will come again

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR



Blessing and honour, glory and power are yours forever 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 mercy on us.



Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mercy 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 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.



(After receiving communion you might like to take the opportunity to light a taper at the station by the communion table for those remembered with love today.)

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 47 Our God our help in ages past

*'...under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure...'*

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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