

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 59 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:

***All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

LITBIT: ...when you see a group of baptized people listening to the Bible in public worship, you realize that Bible-reading is an essential part of the Christian life because *Christian life is a listening life*. Christians are people who expect to be addressed by God.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

The Testimony of Scripture

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

Isaiah 65:17-25 *I am about to create a new heavens and a new earth*

Psalm 126 Restore our | fortunes, O LORD [PCS p.342 no.2]

*REFRAIN: Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).
The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE*

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God; —
— let all the peo - ple praise you.

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TONE

- ¹ When the LORD restored the | fortunes of Zion,
we were like | those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was | filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;
then it was said a- | -mong the nations,
'The LORD has done great | things for them.'
- ³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and | we rejoiced.
- ⁴ Restore our | fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who | sow in tears

reap with | shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who | go out weeping,

bearing the | seed for sowing,

shall come home with | shouts of joy,

carry- | -ing their sheaves.

Luke 21:5-9 *The days will come*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

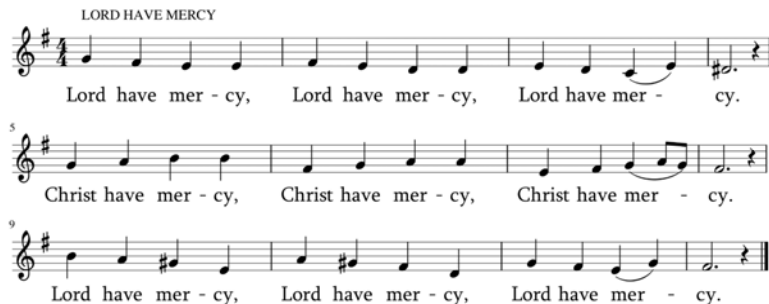
The Preaching of the Word

*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



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.

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 meal that we keep, in its intensity and focus, its staple and food festive drink, its ceremonial welcome of a wide circle, might suggest that we are consuming magical food, food of the angels, a heavenly banquet, food that will grant us immortality. Then we hear the content of the feast: "the body of Christ, the blood of Christ, given for you." A specific, real death is proclaimed, and if "immortality" is given, then this is a new kind of freedom from death, coming in a world-affirming, bounded, palpable, and mortal way, *here*.

GORDON LATHROP

Hymn 537 Let us talents and tongues employ

*'...Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt ...'*

(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,
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.

(The prayer continues...)

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

The gifts of God for the people of God...

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.

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 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 569 Guide me, O my great Redeemer

'...bid my anxious fears subside ...'

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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