

## *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**

**LitBit: The feast of Christ the King.** The feast of Christ the King (or the Reign of Christ) was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, making it a comparatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar. The celebration was established in the context of growing European nationalisms and a dispute between Italy and the Roman church regarding the sovereignty of the Vatican. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October (the Sunday prior to All Saints, November 1), but was moved in 1969 by Pope Paul VI to the end of "Ordinary". This location, at the end of the liturgical calendar, highlights the eschatological or end-time orientation of the celebration. The lectionary readings on this day refer to the coming consummation of all things under Christ. The take-up by many protestant churches of the new common lectionaries of the 1970s, '80s and 90's saw the feast become a regular feature also in protestant worship cycles.

**Prelude** J Speth, *Toccata Prima*

## *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:*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation;  
Come all who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;  
Praise him in glad adoration.***

### **Call to Worship**

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

Come, seek the kingdom of God;  
***in God's reign  
we have all things.***

*(Luke 12.31)*

Hear the good news:  
in Christ the kingdom of God draws near;  
***Thanks be to God!***

### **Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** 432 Christ is made the sure foundation

## *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.***

Colossians 1:11-20 *Endure everything with patience*

Psalm 46 *The Lord is our strength and refuge* PCS 41

*Organ with cantor, then all together:*

Hal H. Hopson



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our ref-uge.

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*The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational refrain*

Luke 23:33-43 "This is the king of the Jews"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

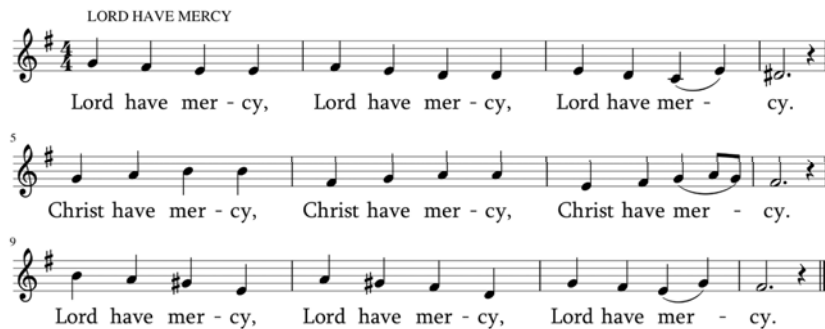
### The Preaching of the Word

*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.***

## 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:** In the Eucharist we can find all the dimensions of communion: God communicates himself to us, we enter into communion with him, the participants of the sacrament enter into communion with one another, and creation as a whole enters through man into communion with God. All this takes place in Christ and the Spirit, who brings the last days into history and offers to the world a foretaste of the Kingdom.

JOHN D. ZIZIULAS

## Hymn 517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

*(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.*

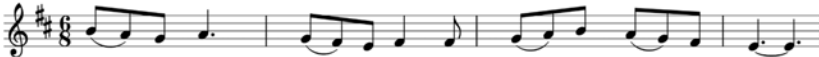
*Hosanna in the highest.*

*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 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** 225 My heart and voice I raise

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** JA Reincken, *Fuga*

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