

“Look, here is the Lamb of God”

John the Baptist



Lamb of God mosaic, San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
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Epiphany 2C

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 A Gumpelzhaimer, *Agnus Dei* [c.1591]

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!

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,

and put their trust in the Lord

Ps 40:3

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 264 *Hark, a herald voice is calling*

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 Isaiah 53: 1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

TIS 23

Don E. Saliers

O - Lord, do not with-hold your mer - cy, let your
stead - fast love - pre - serve me.

United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville

Gospel Reading - first part John 1:19-34

Interlude: GF Handel, *Messiah*, Behold the Lamb of God

Gospel Reading – second part John 1:35-51

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word - John the baptizer and the Lamb of God

*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 mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Glo - ry to God... in the high - est and
peace to Gods'peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-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 Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins 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,

Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Affirmation of Faith – 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 497 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

(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.

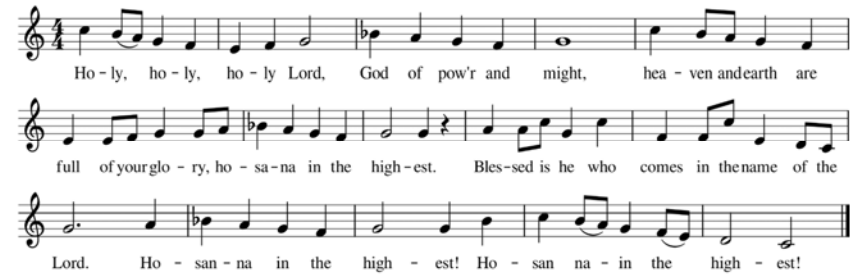
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na - in the high - est!

**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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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

(The prayer continues...)



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow'r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

**Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r
are yours forever and ever,
are yours forever and ever.**

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 a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

***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.***

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 576 *O for a closer walk with God*

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude D Buxtehude, *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*

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