

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!
- 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.



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.

Sung Processional

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

With what shall we come before the Lord to worship?
God seeks not sacrifices nor rivers of oil.

Micah 6.1-8

God seeks purity of heart;
mercy and humility will he honour.

Matthew 5

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

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.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *The cross is foolishness*

Psalms 15:1-8 *Who may dwell in your tabernacle?*

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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The image shows musical notation for a refrain in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics "Praise — the Lord. Praise — the" and the second staff has "Lord. Praise — the name of the Lord. —". Below the second staff is the copyright information "© 1988 Hope Publishing Company".

1 Lord, who may dwell * in your tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your * holy hill?

The image shows musical notation for the Psalm text in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics are "1 Lord, who may dwell * in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your * holy hill?". The asterisk is placed above the word "tabernacle" and "holy".

¹ Lord, who may dwell * in your tabernacle?
Who may rest upon your * holy hill?

- ² Whoever leads an * uncorr-upt life
and does the thing * that is right;
- ³ Who speaks the truth * from the heart
and bears no deceit * on the tongue;
- ⁴ Who does no evil * to a friend
and pours no scorn * on a neighbour;
- ⁵ In whose sight the wicked are * not esteemed,
but who honours those who * fear the Lord.
- ⁶ Whoever has sworn * to a neighbour
and never goes back * on that word;
- ⁷ Who does not lend money in * hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe a- * -gainst the innocent;
- ⁸ Whoever * does these things
shall * never fall.

REFRAIN

Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed...*

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

Prayer of Confession via Hymn 683 (tune 101)
God! When human bonds are broken

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.

LITBIT: ...this is what preaching is for: to show forth God and God's grace, in the terms of the materials of the gathering – the texts, the sacraments, the assembly itself – so that the assembly and each of its participants may come again to faith. The *ordo* of the liturgy will then move on to urgent prayer to God for all the needy world, to that actual meal of faith, and to the sending of food to the hungry and witness to the world.

GORDON LATHROP

The Peace

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

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: To take 'the world' in the eucharistic elements and name them as signs of Jesus, signs of creative love and reconciling gift, is to recognize the possibility of the world's transfiguration, in the name and power of Jesus, into a world of justice and peace; not to allow this possibility to be realized, not to act in such a way that our belief in transformed relations is made evident, is to be convicted of unbelief. We do not trust the risen Jesus: which means that we do not trust ourselves to be forgiven or others to be forgivable.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 448 Blest are the pure in heart

(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 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 547 Be thou my vision

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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