

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.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude A van Noordt, *Fantasia*

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.

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe God's decrees
and seek the LORD with all their hearts!

Psalms 119.1,2

Let us worship the Lord...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 121 God himself is present

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.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Choose life*

Psalms 119:1-8 *Happy are those whose way is blameless*

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

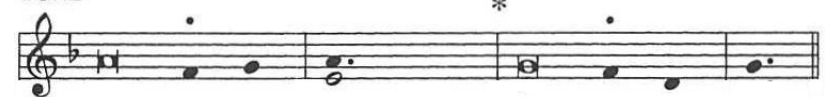
REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



O Lord, my de-light, — my de - light is in your law.

TONE



¹ Happy are those whose | way is blameless,
who walk in the law | of the LORD.

² Happy are those who keep | his decrees,
who seek him with | their whole heart,

³ who also | do no wrong,
but walk | in his ways.

⁴ You have commanded your precepts to | be kept diligently.

⁵ ***O that my ways may be steadfast in | keeping your statutes!***

⁶ Then I shall not be | put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all | your com-mandments.

⁷ I will praise you with an | upright heart,

when I learn | your righteous ordinances.

⁸ I will | observe your statutes;

do not utterly | forsake me.

REFRAIN

Matthew 5:21-26 ...if you say, 'You fool'...

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: Whether it be the preaching of the gospel or “Hello”, a successful event of the word is an occasion on and in which a transforming vision of the future opens up, as the realistically entertainable future of the ones who are already there to be addressed, defined by all that has happened to them and to their world. Therefore for Christians “*the word*” is the word of forgiveness, which opens a future that is ours no matter what the past may have been.

ROBERT JENSON

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



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

Hymn 518 For the bread and for the wine

(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

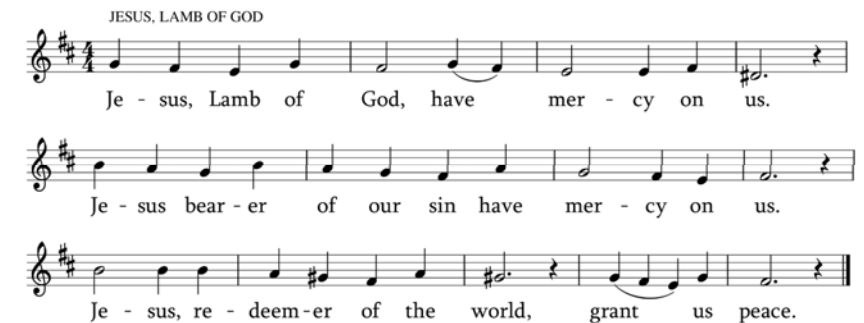
***Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin
 against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and 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.***

LitBit The *ecclesiology* of the Lord's prayer is this: the assembly is the community given this prayer, taught it in baptism, repeating it at Eucharist, invited to stand articulately with humanity—indeed, with all things—where Christ is amid the loss and fear. The assembly is made up of ordinary people, people themselves in need but also people willing to stand with the need of others. The assembly is also the community which, by the power of the Spirit and the presence of the Risen One, is given now, as an earnest-gift of all that God intends for the world, the bread and forgiveness that the world needs. The assembly is the community, therefore, that confesses the enfolding presence of the triune God and is called to practice the word of forgiveness and the meal of resurrection.

GORDON LATHROP

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 609 May the mind of Christ my savior

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude A van Noordt, *Psalm 119 [chorale fantasia]*

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