

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!
- There are a couple of changes to our order of service today, marking the move to the season of Lent.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude G Liardon, *Prelude and petite fugue sur Veni, Emmanuel*

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 those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose transgression is covered.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous;
shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *Psalms 32.1, 11*

Come, let us worship the Lord...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 265 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*'...disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight ...'*

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.

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 ...and you will be like God

Psalms 32 *Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven*

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

God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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TONE

¹ Happy the one whose transgression | is forgiven,
and whose | sin is covered.

² Happy the one to whom the Lord imp-|utes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile.

³ For I | held my tongue;
***my bones wasted away through my groaning
| all the day long.***

⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the | drought in summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my | sin to you
and my iniquity I | did not hide.

⁶ I said, 'I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord,'
and you forgave the | guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in | time of
trouble;
in the great water flood, it | shall not reach them.

⁸ You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with | songs of deliverance.

⁹ 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.

¹⁰ 'Be not like horse and mule which have no | understanding;
***whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you.***

¹¹ Great tribulations remain | for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

Refrain

Matthew 4:1-11 *If you are the Son of God...*

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

(Each line is sung first by the minister/cantor and then repeated by the congregation)

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. —

Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

***Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison;
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison;
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.***

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!

The Peace

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

Affirmation of faith "Jesus Christ is Lord"

***We believe in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.***

***And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.***

***Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.***

Philippians 2:5-11

Prayers of the People

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITURGY: ...when the Church performs the eucharistic action it *is* what it is called to be: the Easter community, guilty and restored, the gathering of those whose identity is defined by their new relation to Jesus as crucified and raised, who identify themselves as forgiven. What happens in the Eucharist is, among much else, that the Church assembles simply to make this identification in praise and gratitude, and to show in concrete form its dependence on Christ. It is an action which announces what the community's life means, where the roots of its understanding and its possibilities are, and as such it is a transforming, a re-creative act – a human activity radically open to the creative activity of God in Jesus.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 516 Here, gracious Lord

(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...)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na
in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed 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 hosts,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. 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...)

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 sins of the world, have _
mer - cy on us, have _ mer - cy on us.
Lamb_ of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have _
mer - cy on us, have _ mer - cy on us.
Lamb_ of God, you take a - way the sins 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.*

...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.

Offering and Notices

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.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 617 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude PC Lutkin, G Liardon, *Veni, Emmanuel [chorale prelude]*

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