

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***.
- → As we did last week, we'll gather in a circle around the table for the distribution of the elements; please wait until all have received and the prayer is said before returning to your seats.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LITBIT: And on the day named after the sun all, whether they live in the city or the countryside, are gathered together in unity. Then the records of the apostles or the writing of the prophets are read for as long as there is time. When the reader has concluded, the presider in a discourse admonishes and invites us into the pattern of these good things. Then we all stand together and offer prayer. ...when we have concluded the prayer, bread is set out to eat with wine and water...

JUSTIN MARTYR, describing his 2nd century worship services

Prelude G Noetzel, *Ich hebe meine Augen* [Psalm 121]

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.

Come and see, lift up your eyes to seek your help!

***Our help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.***

(Psalm 121)

Come, let us worship the Lord...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 125 The God of Abraham praise vv1, 2, 3, 6

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Romans 4:1-5,13-17 *Of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist*

Psalm 121 *My help comes from the LORD*

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*After the Refrain is sung, the psalm will be intoned responsively, with the cantor taking the first line of each verse and the congregation responding with the second (in the music, at the asterisk *).*

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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THE TONE

1 I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

- 2 My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of | heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your | foot to stumble;
he who watches over you | will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither | slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself | watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not | strike you by day,
neither the | moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your | coming
in,
from this time forth for | evermore.

Refrain

John 3:1-17 *You must be born from above*

Lord, may your word live in us:
and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: Preaching from the Scriptures is less a problem
of interpreting the Bible than it is the challenge of
interpreting the world.

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)



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

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

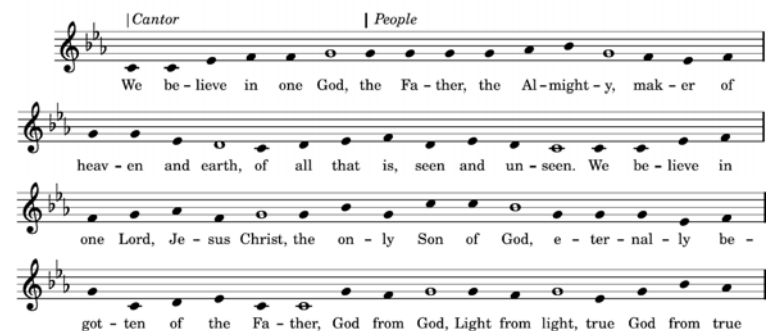
...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology

The Peace

The Nicene Creed *(Sung):*



God, be - got - ten not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him
all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from
heaven, was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Vir - gin Mar -
y and be - came tru - ly hu - man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied
un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the
third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as -
cend - ed in - to heaven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -
ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the
dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - y
Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther,
who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied. who
has spo - ken through the pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - ol -
ic and ap - os - tol - ic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the
for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 403 Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

(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 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.

GATHERING: *We'll gather in a circle around the table for the distribution of the elements; please wait until all have received and the prayer is said before returning to your seats.*

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 536 An upper room

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude H Schutz, *Ich hebe meine Augen [Psalm 121]*

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