

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude D Buxtehude, *Danket, dem Herrn*

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 worship the Lord,
the Good Shepherd, our God.

He guides and protects,
he revives our souls.

He gives goodness and mercy for the days of our lives,
a place in his house forever. *(Ps 23.1,3,6)*

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 447 Lord, your almighty word

'...let there be light...'

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

LITBIT: ...when you see a group of baptized people listening to the Bible in public worship, you realize that Bible-reading is an essential part of the Christian life because *Christian life is a listening life*. Christians are people who expect to be addressed by God.
ROWAN WILLIAMS

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

John 9:1-42 Surely we are not blind, are we?

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

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.

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITURGY: He blessed it and broke open his dream, one part in each hand. To those on his left and those on his right, he said the same thing as he handed them his dream, "Eat this dream, and it will kill the dream that kills." Hands trembling, they wondered which of their dreams would die and which would grow stronger.

WILLIE JAMES JENNINGS

Hymn 499 Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts

*'...chase the dark night of sin away,
shed on this world your holy light ...'*

(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.

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 145 The king of love my shepherd is

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude D Buxtehude, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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