

Preparing for Worship Today

- Today's service takes the form of a cycle readings and hymns, taking us through the Passion narrative of St Matthew.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- The sung responses of the Communion Setting are from Chris Wilcock's "Mass for the Fallen", and are used with permission
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



Organ Prelude JS Bach, *Matthäus Passion: "Kommt, ihr Töchter"*

(We stand as the Bible and the ministry team enter the church)

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

Psalm 118.22-24

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Isaiah 53 Selected verses

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn 341 My song is love unknown (vv 1-3, 6,7)

With the Children

LITBIT: ...instead of that picture of the Bible as a book held in the hands of a solitary reader alone in a room, have in your mind another kind of picture, one in which somebody is proclaiming God's story to a gathering of diverse people – and all of them asking themselves, and asking one another, "How do we find ourselves in this? How are we going to be renewed together by this reading?"

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The Passion of the Christ according to St Matthew

Matthew 26.3-27.54

The Anointing at Bethany

Psalm 13 *How long, O Lord?*

ECT Setting

Prayer 1

(Sung:)

Music: David Ogden



***Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.***

The Passover with the Disciples

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Peter's Denial Foretold

Prayer 2

(Sung:)

Music: David Ogden



**Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

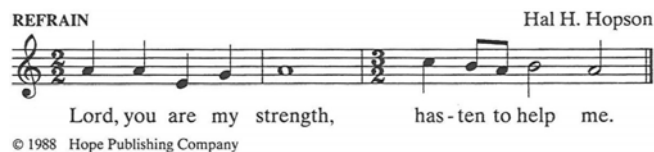
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Psalms 69.6-15 Answer me, LORD
PCS p.344 no.8

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



TONE



- ⁶ O God, you | know my foolishness,
and my faults are not | hidden from you.
- ⁷ Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord |
God of hosts;
***let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O | God
of Israel.***
- ⁸ For your sake have I | suffered reproach;
shame has | covered my face.
- ⁹ I have become a stranger | to my kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.
- ¹⁰ Zeal for your house has | eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen | upon me.
- ¹¹ I humbled my- | -self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.
- ¹² I put on | sackcloth also
and became a | byword a-mong them.
- ¹³ Those who sit at the gate | murmur a-gainst me,
and the drunkards make | songs ab-out me.
- ¹⁴ But as for me, I make my prayer to | you, O Lord;
at an acceptable | time, O God.
- ¹⁵ Answer me, O God, in the abundance | of your mercy
and with your | sure sal-vation.

¹⁶ Draw me out of the mire, that | I sink not;
***let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep
waters.***

¹⁷ Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swal- | -low me
up;
let not the Pit shut its | mouth up-on me.

¹⁸ Answer me, Lord, for your loving- | -kindness is good;
turn to me in the multitude | of your mercies.

Prayer 3

(Sung:)
***Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.***

Jesus before the Council

Peter Denies Jesus

Hymn 340 Before the cock crew.

Prayer 4

(Sung:)
***Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.***

Jesus before Pilate

The Suicide of Judas

Pilate Questions Jesus

Barabbas or Jesus?

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Prayer

(Sung:)
***Holy God,
holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.***

The Crucifixion of Jesus

The Death of Jesus

Hymn 497 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

LITBIT: ... self-awareness and repentance [are] completely bound up with the nature of what we are doing in the Holy Eucharist: the celebration and the sorrow, the Easter and the cross are always there together. And as we come together as Christians, we come not to celebrate ourselves and how well we are doing, but to celebrate the eternal Gift that is always there, and to give the thanks that are drawn out of us by that Gift.

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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.

(Sung:) 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

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

*(...sung:) 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.**

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 prayers of the people

Hymn 353 The glory of our king was seen

Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude L Marchand, *Grand dialogue*

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