

Preparing for Worship Today

- Congregational responses are printed in **bold italics**.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today's service includes a re-affirmation of baptism – look through this before the service to see what happens there.



AND the service begins a congregational chant. Please have a look at the "Processional Chant" section before the service begins.



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JS Bach, *Johannes-Passion*. "Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine"

Processional Chant: Jubilate Deo

(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)

After the cantor (Craig) sings through once, join in! "Jubilate Deo" is pronounced "You-bee-lah-tay D-ay-oh"

The chant is a round, repeating every four beats; these points are underlined below – feel free to chime in with a new thread, whenever!

We sing this until the "Amen" is introduced and repeated – tone in with the Amens after you've finished your current verse, until the Amens are brought to a close.

Ju-bi-la-té Dé-o! Ju-bi-la-té Dé-o: Al-lé-lu-ia

("Jubilate Deo" is Latin, and means "Rejoice in the Lord".)

*These words and music are attributed to
Michael Praetorius 1571-1621*

The Gospel according to St Matthew

Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 360 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky (vv1-4, 8)

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.

Colossians 3:1-4 *Your life is hidden with Christ in God*

This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God!

The Preaching of the Word

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

(The congregation stands)

Sisters and brothers...

...As we reaffirm our baptism,
we declare our common allegiance to Christ
and seek to be obedient to his will.

And so I ask you now:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

LITBIT: "To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended. What did God intend? He intended that human beings should grow into such love for him and such confidence in him that they could rightly be called God's sons and daughters. Human beings have let go of that identity, abandoned it, forgotten it or corrupted it. And when Jesus arrives on the scene he restores humanity to where it should be."

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Do you renounce evil
and the false values of this world?

I renounce them.

And now I ask you to confess the faith
into which you were baptised,
and in which you continue to live and grow:

Do you believe in God,
who made you and loves you?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
your Saviour and Lord?

***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.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
and the continuing work of our salvation?

***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.***

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

***We are not ashamed to confess it
in Christ our Lord.***

(Water is poured into the font.)

Come Lord Jesus,
refresh the lives of your faithful people.

(The people are sprinkled with water.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

...Hear, then, Christ's word of grace: your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 12 Ye gates, lift up your heads

1. Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for
2. Ye gates lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for
ay, be lift-ed up, that so the King of glo-ry en-ter may. (Men:) But
ay, be lift-ed up that so the King of glo-ry en-ter may. (Men:) But
who of glo-ry is the King? (All:) The King? (All:) The King, (All:) the King of glo-ry, who is this? The
Lord is this, ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in bat-tle
Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glo-ry is.
is, ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in bat-tle is.
is, the Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glo-ry is.
(After v.2)
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men, A - men, A - men.

(We remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

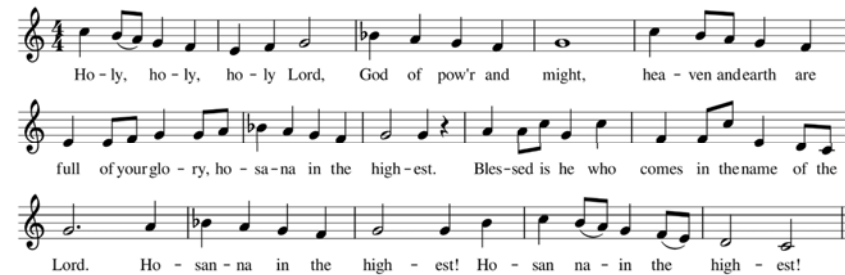
Lift up your hearts.

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 pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed 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 pow'r 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 in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

(The prayer continues...)



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...)



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow'r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r

are yours forever and ever,

are yours forever and ever.

(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 Communion

The United 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Offering *(We stand as the offering is brought forward)*

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

...love's redeeming work is done...

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude JS Bach, *Ach Herr, lass dein lieb Engelein*

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