

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude F d'Agincourt, *Plein Jeu, Fugue & Dialogue*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 390, selected verse)

We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the refrain, and the Scriptures are brought in the worship space:

Refrain

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Come, and call upon the name of the LORD;

we will lift up the cup of salvation.

Come, and call upon the name of the LORD

we will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

(Psalm 116.11, 15)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 391 Come, God's people sing for joy

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.

1 Peter 1:17-23 *Through him you have come to trust in God*

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *A sacrifice of thanks I bring*

Organ, then cantor, then all together:

Richard Proulx

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord _
_ in the land of the liv - ing.

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The cantor sings the verses, punctuated by the congregational refrain

We stand for the gospel reading and

join with the cantor in the Alleluia after the organ intro:

Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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[Peter said to them,]

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
so that your sins may be forgiven;

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2.38

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread*

This is the gospel of the Lord!

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Preaching of the Word

*The sermon text will normally be available
after worship and online*

Hymn 691 Faith will not grow from words alone

We remain seated to sing this hymn

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!

Doxology



The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Affirmation of faith: God is with us

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.***

*The United Church of Canada,
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

Prayers of the People

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITBIT: Bread and forgiveness, the matters alive at the centre of the Lord's Prayer, are "practices." They involve us in enacting the things that we believe God is doing. That enacting is first of all ritual, communal, repetitive: in the prayer itself, but also in ritual acts of mutual forgiveness and in the ritual meal. But then our hearts and lives are invited to follow—in forgiving others, in exercising hospitality at all of our meals, in sending "portions ...to those for whom nothing is prepared," as Nehemiah 8:10 has it. Such practices are nondistancing, nondistinguishing. They still do not separate us from the rest of humanity, the condition of which the prayer so eloquently articulates. On the contrary. They connect us, in bread and forgiveness.

GORDON LATHROP

Hymn 537 Let us talents and tongues employ

(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...)



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 risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)



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

...Holy things for a people made holy;

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

(Sung:) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

[TIS 390]

...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

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.

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 383 Joyful the morning

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude J Pachelbel, *Meine Seele erhebt den Herren*

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