

## 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**.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**LitBit:** ...worship is the gift of grace. The Father has given to us the Son and the Spirit to draw us into a life of shared communion – of participating through the Spirit in the Son's communion with the Father – that we might be drawn in love into the very trinitarian life of God himself.

JAMES TORRANCE

**Prelude** F Couperin, *Messe pour les convents: Kyrie & Fugue sur la trompette*

## 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.*

3. We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live forever.

*Refrain*

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## Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Come, let us wait upon the Shepherd;

***he restores our souls  
and guides our way***

Come, let us wait upon the Shepherd;

***goodness and mercy he brings,  
and life with him all our days.***

(Psalm 23)

Come, let us worship the Lord...

## Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 443 Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell

## 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 2:17-25 *When he was abused, he did not return abuse*

*We stand for the gospel reading*

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



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

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Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

***Refrain***

John 10:1-10 *The shepherd of the sheep enters by the gate*

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*

*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!**

### Doxology via

Hymn 145 The king of love my shepherd is

### 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

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

### *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

Hymn 506 Author of love divine

### 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 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.

*Psalms 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** Father, hear the prayer we offer (tune 590)

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.  
Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be:  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along the way.  
Be our strength in hours of darkness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father be there at our side.

*Love Maria Rilke, et al.  
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## **Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** N Bruhns, *Praeludium*

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