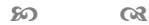


Preparing for Worship Today

- 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

Prelude

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Introit (TIS 390, selected verse)

We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the refrain:

Refrain

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

4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
new life for all! Alleluia!

Refrain

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Come and worship, for Jesus has prepared
a place for us in the Father's house.

He is the way, the truth and the life

(John 14.6)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 472 Father of mercy, God of consolation

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

We stand for the gospel reading (organ plays, cantor sings, then congregation joins in):

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 way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Refrain

John 14:1-19 *The one who believes in me will also do greater works
than I do*

This is the gospel of the Lord

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: The preacher ought never to introduce a new text as "my text", as if the preaching event were something other than what the assembly is doing as a whole. Even Jesus was *handed* the scroll of Isaiah. In the Christian community, all the members of the assembly need to know the texts, own the texts, be able to prepare the texts.

GORDON LATHROP


A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16 *In your righteousness, deliver me* [PCS p.344 n.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

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson



Lord, you are my strength, hasten to help me.

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¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be | put to shame;
in your righteous- | -ness de-liver me.

² Incline your ear to me; res- | -cue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong for- | -tress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock | and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead | me and guide me,

⁴ take me out of the net that is hid- | -den for me,
for you | are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I com- | -mit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and | persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | -on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.

REFRAIN

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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al-migh-ty God, and
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,
Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Affirmation of Faith: We are a pilgrim people

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.***

***We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.***

***We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.***

***We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.***

***We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.***

Prayers of the People

LITBIT: We pray in Christ, and he, through his Holy Spirit, prays in us, who are gathered in his name. "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father!'" (Galatians 4.6). We can add nothing to this prayer, but according to his will, according to his love, we have become members of his body, we are one with him and have participation in his protection and intercession for the world.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 509 Come now, everlasting Spirit

(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 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

*(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

Mission text 1 Peter 2:2-10 *Proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you*

Hymn 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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