

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 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.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Come, let us worship God
***God's name is the LORD;
let all God's people rejoice!***

Come, let the righteous be glad
and all God's people rejoice!

(cf. Psalm 68.3f)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 447 Lord, your almighty word

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.

1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11 *Cast all your anxiety on God*

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35 *Blessed be God!*
Read responsively, the final clause said together

¹ Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

² The works of the Lord are great,
i sought out by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;

[Together:] ***his praise endures for ever.***

We stand for the gospel reading

First the cantor, then the congregation:

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson



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

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Jesus said: 'When I go, you will not be left all alone.
I will come back to you.' *(John 14:18 TEV)*

REFRAIN

John 17.1-11 *Jesus prays for his disciples*

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



Glo - ry to God... in the high - est and
peace to Gods'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... 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

LITBIT: To say “peace be with you” is not to say hello but is to utter a prayer, so that the passing of the peace in church is in fact a *practising* of prayer, and a preparation for the serious work of praying for each other. We might, then, speak of the passing of the peace as a kind of sacrament of intercessory prayer.

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

LITBIT: The setting of the table demonstrates first and foremost God’s offering to us: the gifts of bread and wine are the signs of God’s work for our salvation in Jesus Christ. (UIW2)

Hymn 413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us

(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

...Holy things for a people made holy;
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(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 416 Great God your Spirit

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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