



Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
28 May 2023  
Pentecost A

### *Preparing for Worship Today*

- Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
- We welcome today Rev Rob Gotch, filling in due to Craig's COVID confinement.
- 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** C Le Jeune, *Sus, sus, mon ame* [1612 - Psalm 104]

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

**LITBIT:** *The Congregation is the embodiment in one place of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping, witnessing and serving as a fellowship of the Spirit in Christ. Its members meet regularly to hear God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments, to build one another up in love, to share in the wider responsibilities of the Church, and to serve the world.*

THE BASIS OF UNION

### **Processional**

*If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.*

### **Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Sing, sing to the Lord as long as you live!

***I will sing praise to the Lord  
while I have being.***

The LORD sends forth his Spirit

***and renews the face of the earth*** (Psalm 104.33,30)

Come, let us worship the Lord.

## Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 397 Come, Spirit blest, Creator, come

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*2 Corinthians 13.13*

## *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.**

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

This is the gospel of the Lord;  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Preaching of the Word

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

### Prayer of Confession

When we fail to honour you as the source of life and love:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

When we hear Jesus, but lack confidence to proclaim him:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we receive your Spirit, but do not share your gifts:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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 for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-susChrist, on-ly Son of theFa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of theworld: have mer - cy on us; youare 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.**

## 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 transformation that is going on in Holy Communion is the work of the Holy Spirit. We call down the Holy Spirit upon ourselves and upon the gifts of bread and wine: we say 'Here we are, in the company of Jesus: Father, send the Holy Spirit that as these people share these things, the life of Jesus may fill them all... It not just that we ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in the bread and wine. We ask the Holy Spirit to effect a miraculous change in all of us... Rowan Williams

**Hymn 524** (tune 87) Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

## The Invitation

## 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...)*

...And so we praise you  
with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation  
in the eternal hymn:



***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.*

*Appropriate precautions have been used to prepare the elements, and servers have sanitised their hands.*

**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. 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.*

### **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** 420 Holy Spirit, go before us

### **Word of Mission and Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

### **Postlude** MJ Erb, *Sonata - Veni Creator Spiritus* [1927]

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