

Incline your
ear, O LORD,
and answer
me...

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
25 June 2023
Sunday 12A

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

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!

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his death?

***Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.***

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Romans 6:3-5)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 557

Awake, my soul

Greeting and Welcome

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

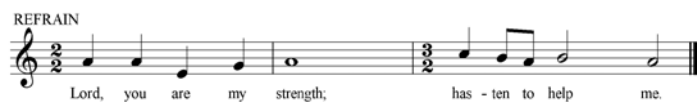
The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

First Reading Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

The people join to sing the refrain with the cantor.



Second Reading Romans 6: 1b-11

Gospel Matthew 10: 24-39

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

(Each line is sung first by the minister/cantor and then repeated by the congregation)



**Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison;
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison;
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

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

(Hymn 768[(ii)])

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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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

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

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 497 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

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 hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. 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...)

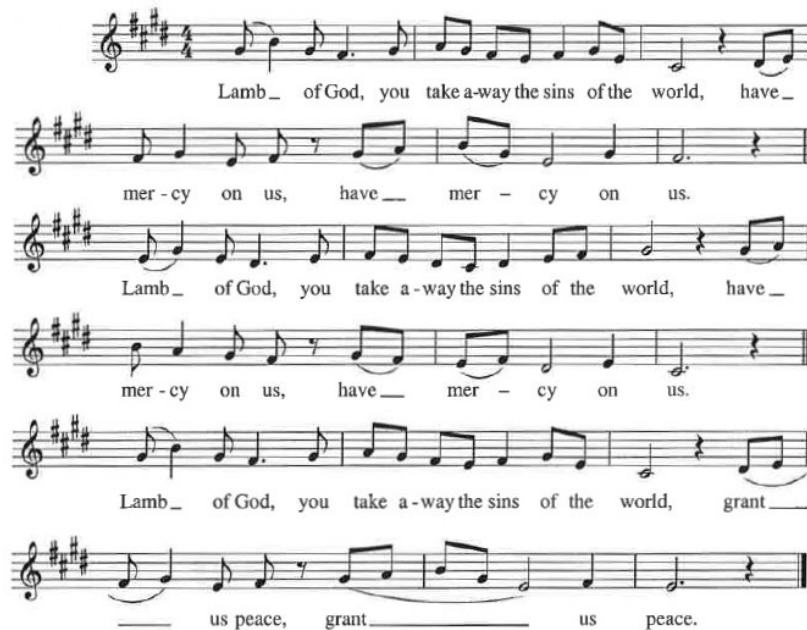
The Lord's Prayer

***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

The gifts of God for the people of God....



***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

...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.

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.*

Post Communion Prayer

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 564 O God of Bethel

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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