

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!
- HERE: any notes relevant to today's order – changes, etc.>>>



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

LITBIT: ...the basic and primordial intuition which not only expresses itself in worship, but of which the entire worship is indeed the phenomenon—both effect and experience—is that the world, be it in its totality as cosmos, or in its life and becoming as time and history, is an epiphany of God, a means of His revelation, presence and power.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN

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!

Sing of the love of the Lord;
from age to age proclaim God's faithfulness.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord;
rejoice in God our Saviour.

Psalms 89.1

Let us worship God...

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 474 Here in this place

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.

Romans 6:12-14, 20-24 *Of dominions, slavery and freedom*

Matthew 10:40-42 *Whoever welcomes you welcomes me*

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)

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. —

Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

***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 Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18 *I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD*
*After the Refrain is sung, the psalm will be intoned responsively, with the cantor taking the first line of each verse and the congregation responding with the second (in the music, at the asterisk *).*

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Praise the
Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness | of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all | generations.
- 2 I will declare that your love is estab- | -lished for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm | as the heavens.
- 3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- / -vid my servant:
- 4 ' "Your seed will I estab- | -lish for ever
and build up your throne for all | generations." '

- 15 Happy are the people who know the | shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light | of your countenance.
- 16 In your name they rejoice all | the day long
and are exalted | in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory | of their strength,
and in your favour you lift | up our heads.
- 18 Truly the Lord | is our shield;
the Holy One of Israel | is our king.

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 523 Here, Lord, we take the broken bread

(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 hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed 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 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant
us peace, grant us peace.

***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.*

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 617 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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