

## 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** D Buxtehude, *Erhalt uns, Herr*

### 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.***

The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
***and raises up all who are bowed down.***

*Psalm 145.14*

Let us worship the Lord,  
***we lift up our hearts to God.***

#### Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

#### 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.***

Romans 7:15-25a *Who will rescue me from this body of death?*

**Psalm 145:10-18** *All your works praise you, O Lord* [PCS p343 no.3]

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

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

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<sup>10</sup> All your works praise | you, O Lord,  
***and your faithful | servants bless you.***

<sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
***and speak of your | mighty power,***

<sup>12</sup> To make known to all peoples your | mighty acts  
***and the glorious splendour | of your kingdom.***

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an ever- | -las-ting kingdom;  
***your dominion endures | throughout all ages.***

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is sure in | all his words  
***and faithful in | all his deeds.***

<sup>15</sup> The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
***and lifts up all those who | are bowed down.***

<sup>16</sup> The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,  
***and you give them their food | in due season.***

<sup>17</sup> You open | wide your hand  
***and fill all things | living with plenty.***

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is righteous in | all his ways  
***and loving in | all his works.***

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *Come to me, all you that are weary*

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

## The Preaching of the Word

**LITBIT:** Preaching is a trinitarian event: enlivened by the Spirit, the words of the preacher draw the hearer into the truth of our need, into the encounter with the Crucified-Risen One and so into faith and hope in God, into the communal life that flows from the presence of the life-giving Trinity. The preacher articulates, in the terms of the texts, what God has done and is doing in the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in Baptism and Eucharist, and in the faith that these things sustain.

GORDON LATHROP

*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

*(Hymn 768[[ii], through once only)*

***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.***

## 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***

**Hymn 506** Author of love divine

*(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

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

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 392** At the dawning of salvation

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** JB Wekerlin, *N'esperons plus* (paraphrase sur Psaume 145)

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