Preparing for Worship Today

- Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist, especially those here to mark the final MtE service on our Curzon/Elm Street site
- Congregational responses are printed in bold italics.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!

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A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JS Bach. Wir danken dir BWV29: Sinfonia

The Gathering of the People of God

LITBIT: We need to be thoroughly aware that we come to the temple not for individual prayer but to assemble together as the Church, and the visible temple itself signifies and is but an image of the temple not made by hands. Therefore, the 'assembly of the Church' is in reality the first liturgical act, the foundation of the entire liturgy; and unless one understands this, one cannot understand the rest of the celebration. When I say that I am going to church, it means I am going into the assembly of the faithful in order, together with them, to constitute the Church, in order to be what I became on the day of my baptism – a member, in the fullest, absolute meaning of the term, of the body of Christ.

ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN

Processional Chant: Jubilate Deo

(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)



After the cantor (Craig) sings through once, join in! "Jubilate Deo" is pronounced "You-bee-lah-tay D-ay-oh"

The chant is a round, repeating every four beats; these points are underlined below – feel free to chime in with a new thread, whenever!

We sing this until the "Amen" is introduced and repeated – tone in with the Amens after you've finished your current verse, until the Amens are brought to a close.

Ju-bi-la-té Dé-o! Ju-bi-la-té D-éo: A-llé-lu-ia

("Jubilate Deo" is Latin, and means "Rejoice in the Lord".)

These words and music are attributed to Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

"...teach our faint desires to rise ..."

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.

Matthew 13.2-9 Listen

Isaiah 55.1-13 For you shall go out with joy

For the word of the Lord,

Thanks he to God.

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

Response JS Bach, *Herz und Mond BWV147: "Wohl mir [Jesu, joy of man's desiring]"*

Fashioned with the fire of life, we strive to truth yet unknown

Prayer of Confession



Lord, have mercy.
Christ, 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



The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Εὐχαριστοῦμέν – A litany of remembering and thanksgiving

...Lord of all grace,
we remember, and give thanks.

Psalm 65.1-5, 11 You crown the year with your bounty

- ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- ² To you shall all flesh come to con- -fess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
- ³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.
 - We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.
- ⁴ With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
 - O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- ⁵ In your strength you set fast the <u>mountains</u> and are girded about with might.
- --11 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn Ye gates, lift up your heads



(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.

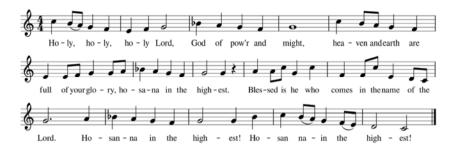
Lift up your hearts.

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...)



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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy o

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.

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 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

'...bid our anxious fears subside...

...land us safe on Canaan's side...'

Closure of the building The Chairperson of the Congregations

Removal of the Signs of Worship

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude C-M Widor, Symphony no 5: Toccata

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