

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!



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.

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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 be 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 mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**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

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 - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are 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.

Εὐχαριστοῦμέν – A litany of remembering and thanksgiving

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

Psalms 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 mountains
and are girded about with might.
- ...¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

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

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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