

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**.
- If you get here early enough, please read through the text of today's readings prior to our hearing them. The text can be found at the end of the order of service. We will have brief conversation/response time to the readings after hearing them, and before the sermon – all to make our hearing a little sharper!
- 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

Sung Processional *(TIS 100 v.7)*

If you are able, please stand when the cantor sings the first line, and sing as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space:

***Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
***let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice.***

ex Psalm 105

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 83 Let us with a gladsome mind

*'...for his mercies shall endure
ever faithful, ever sure...'*

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 8:12-25 *The sufferings of the present time*

Psalm 119:129-135 *Teach me your ways*

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REFRAIN: Cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).

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O Lord, my de-light, my de - light is in your law.

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.

133 Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.

135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

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Matthew 13:10-13, 31-35, 44 46 *The secrets of the kingdom of heaven*

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

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 God's 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.

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 197 God's Son came to bless us

*'...from our bondage free us
in your love enfold us
in true faith uphold us...'*

(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.

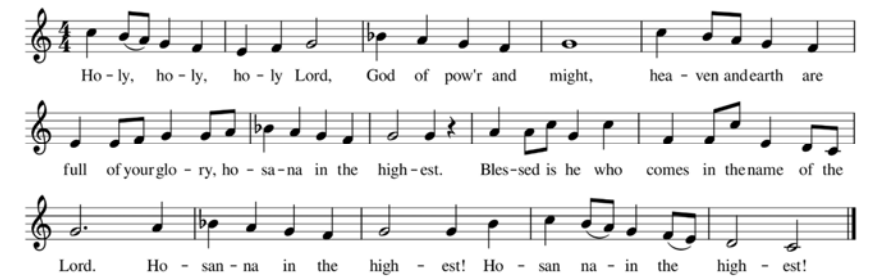
Lift up your hearts.

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 pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed 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 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 ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow'r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

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 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.

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.*

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.

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 384 Through the Red Sea

*'...Christ our love
draws above
dead with him, and risen anew...'*

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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