

# Of Parables and Miracles

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
6 August 2023  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

## *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*

### **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.***

Come, let us worship  
the LORD, our Maker;

***for this is our God***

***and we are the people of his pasture.***

*ex. Psalm 95:6-7*

**Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn 375** Come, let us with our Lord arise

**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.**

Matthew 14:13-21 *All ate and were filled*

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 via Psalm 145:8-18** *All your works praise you, O Lord [PCS p343  
no.3]*

REFRAIN: Organ and cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).  
The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE



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Praise \_ the Lord. Praise \_ the  
Lord. Praise \_ the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_  
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- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is | gracious and merciful,  
***slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.***
- <sup>9</sup> *The LORD is good to all,*  
***and his compassion is over all that | he has made.***
- <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.***

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
***your dominion endures | throughout all ages.***

14 The Lord is sure in all his words  
***and faithful in | all his deeds.***

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

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

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

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
***and loving in | all his works.***

19 He fulfils the desire of all | who fear him;  
***he also hears their cry, | and saves them.***

REFRAIN

### The Peace

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

### Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

| Cantor | People

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, mak-er of  
heav-en and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in  
one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-  
got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from light, true God from true  
God, be-got-ten not made, of one be-ing with the Fa-ther; through him  
all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from  
heaven, was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Spi-rit of the Vir-gin Mar-  
y and be-came tru-ly hu-man. For our sake he was cru-ci-fied  
un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. On the  
third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he as-  
cend-ed in-to heav-en and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-  
ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the  
dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-y  
Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther,

who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo - ri - fied. who  
 has spo - ken through the pro-phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - ol -  
 ic and ap - os - tol - ic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the  
 for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. A - men.

*The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**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...)*

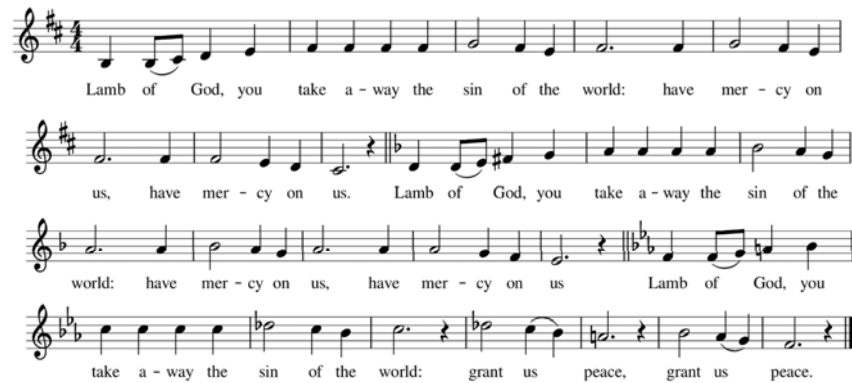
**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.*

## Prayers of the People

### 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 127** Holy God, we praise your name

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

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