

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 J Pachelbel, *Fuga*

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, worship the Lord,

in whom steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Come, worship the Lord,

in whom righteousness and peace will kiss.

ex Psalm 85.10

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 443 Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell

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 14:22-33 *Do not be afraid*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

LITBIT: The preacher ought never to introduce a new text as "my text", as if the preaching event were something other than what the assembly is doing as a whole. Even Jesus was *handed* the scroll of Isaiah. In the Christian community, all the members of the assembly need to know the texts, own the texts, be able to prepare the texts.

GORDON LATHROP

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 85 *The LORD will give what is good*

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

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson

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

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⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace | to his people,

to his faithful,
to those who turn to him | in their hearts.

⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will | kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down | from the sky.

¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path | for his steps.

REFRAIN

The Peace

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

Affirmation of faith: God is with us

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.***

*The United Church of Canada,
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

Prayers of the People

The Visible Word: Eucharist

LITURGY: The Eucharist reminds us of the need for honest repentance – of the need to confront our capacity to betray and forget the gift we have been given. And that is why the Eucharist is not, in Christian practice, a reward for good behaviour; it is the food we need to prevent ourselves from starving as a result of our own self-enclosure and self-absorption, our pride and our forgetfulness.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 499 Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts

(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...)



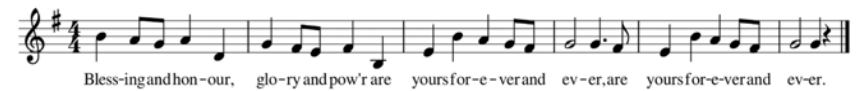
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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

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 453 We limit not the truth of God

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude L Marchand, *Basse de Trompette*

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