


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!
-  • This symbol is an invitation to use the rattles and shakers during the hymn or song!



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!

Sing to the LORD, and sing praises;
and tell of God's wonderful works

(Psalm 105:1,2)

Prayer of invocation



Hymn 465 Father in heaven, grant to your children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Church returns time and time again to Scripture not because it is trying to find the Scripture's true meaning, but because Christians believe that God has promised to speak through Scripture so that the Church will remain capable of living faithful by remembering well.

STANLEY HAUERWAS

The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Exodus 3:1-15 *Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?*

Matthew 16:21-28 *Those who lose their life for my sake will find it*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

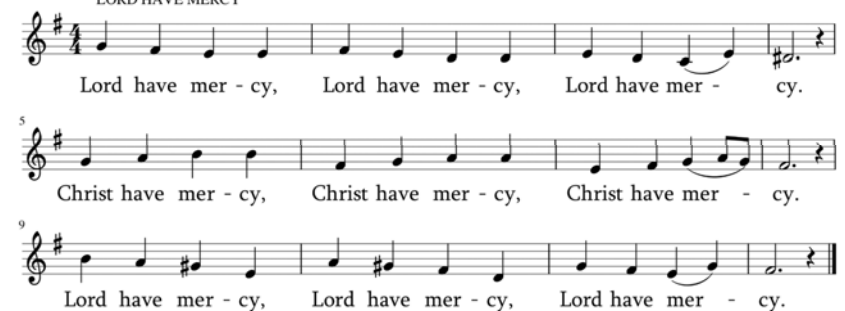
The Preaching of the Word

*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 MERCY



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

Lord, have mercy; (3x)
Christ, have mercy; (3x)
Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

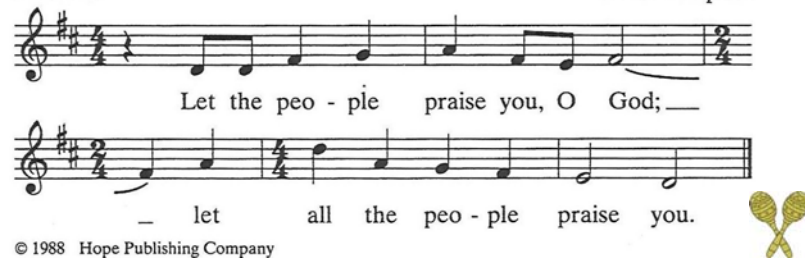
Thanks be to God!

Doxology via Psalm 105 vv.1-5 *Remember God's wonderful works* [PCS 342
n.2]

The REFRAIN is sung before and after the whole psalm.

The psalm text will then be sung responsorially to the TONE below: the first line is sung by the 'half' of the congregation closest to entry doors, the second bold-italic line by the other side

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God; —
— let all the peo - ple praise you.

© 1988 Hope Publishing Company

TONE



- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, call | on his name,
make known his deeds am- | -ong the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing | praises to him;
tell of all his wond- | -erful works.
- ³ Glory in his | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the LORD | and his strength;
seek his | presence constantly.

- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works | he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements | he has uttered.
- ⁶ O offspring of his servant | Abraham,
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones.

REFRAIN

The Peace

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

Affirmation of Faith: We are a pilgrim people

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.***

***We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.***

***We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.***

***We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.***

**We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

The Visible Word: Eucharist

ЛІТБІТ: ... self-awareness and repentance [are] completely bound up with the nature of what we are doing in the Holy Eucharist: the celebration and the sorrow, the Easter and the cross are always there together. And as we come together as Christians, we come not to celebrate ourselves and how well we are doing, but to celebrate the eternal Gift that is always there, and to give the thanks that are drawn out of us by that Gift.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Hymn 34 O Lord, you are my God, for you I long

(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...)

SANCTUS




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,




hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BENEDICTUS



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(The prayer continues...)

CHRIST HAS DIED




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...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

**Blessing and honour, glory and power
are yours forever more.**

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....

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

***Jesus, redeemer of the world,
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 209 And can it be

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

All music printed in this order of service and live-streamed is either in the public domain or is used with permission under the congregation's CCLI licence #449158 or its One License #737505-A. All rights reserved.



We'd love to hear your feedback on the service.

Our email address is:

enquiries@marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au

Our website is:

<http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/>