


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



A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude E Bairstow, *Prelude "Veni, Emmanuel"*

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 a new song!
***We sing God's praise
in the congregation of the faithful***

(Ps 149.1)

Prayer of invocation

LITBIT: ...every time we pray in the power of the Spirit – every time the Holy Spirit carries our prayer to Jesus and Jesus intercedes to the Father for us, the question for the Father is the same: 'How much of your ultimate glory are you going to reveal and bestow at this present moment, and how much are you going to withhold until the last day?'

SAMUEL WELLS

Hymn 265 O Come, O come, Emmanuel

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 13:8-14 *As in the day*

Matthew 18:15-20 *Life together*

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 including Psalm 119.33-40 *In your righteousness, give me life*

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

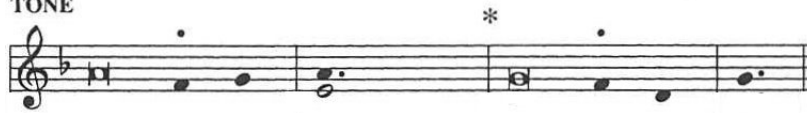
REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



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

TONE



33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it | to the end.

34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with | my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for therein is | my delight.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to | unjust gain.

37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life | in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all | who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your | judgements are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness | give me life.

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



Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - 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 Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin 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, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

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

LITBIT: ...each Sunday is the day of resurrection and each Eucharist a Pentecost...
ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN

Hymn 507 Come, Spirit blest

(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

BENEDICTUS

**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...)

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 361 The day of Resurrection

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude P Lutkin, *Prelude 'Veni, Emmanuel'*



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