



## **The Commemoration of St. Mark, Evangelist**

April 27, 2018

Seminary Chapel

# The Service II

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## HYMN

By All Your Saints Still Striving  
*CW 552, stanzas 1, 9, 3*

*Stand.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his holy life and innocent death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray:**

**God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

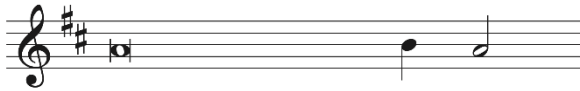
## ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

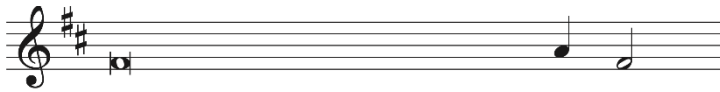
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



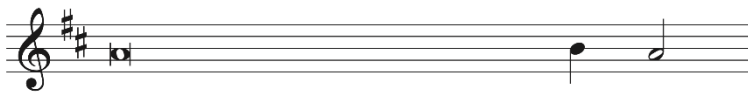
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for  
our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



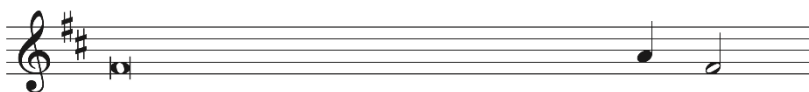
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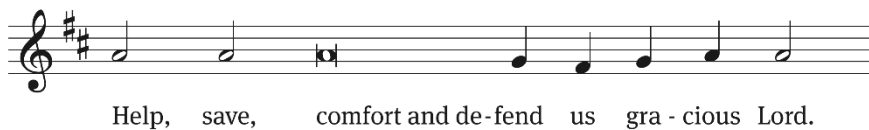
For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

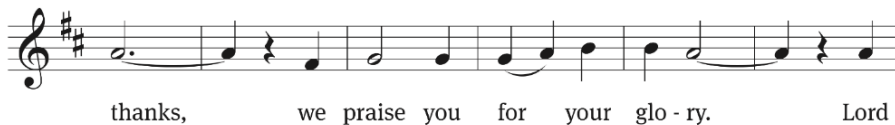
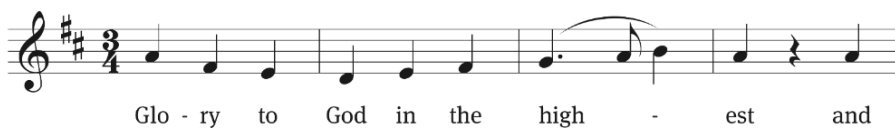


For this holy house, and for all who offer  
here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*Gloria in excelsis*



Je - sus 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, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O almighty God, as you have enriched your Church with the precious gospel proclaimed by the evangelist Mark, grant us firmly to believe your good news of salvation and daily to walk according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Be seated.***

## FIRST READING

**Acts 15:36-41**

*Disenchantment and reclamation of Mark.*

***Following the reading:***

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 146**

*Setting in CW*

***Sing the refrain with the choir.***



***Sing the verses of the psalm responsively with the choir.***

Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**Do not put your trust in princes,\***  
**in mortal men, who cannot save.**

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

***Refrain***

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

**The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

**The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

**SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 4:5-18**

*Paul has need of helpful Mark.*

***Following the reading:***

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Stand.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Choir first, then all*



*The Verse of the Day is sung.*

*Final refrain*



## GOSPEL

**Mark 8:27-38**

*The cross for Jesus' followers.*

**Following the reading:**

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Be seated.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

*CW 365*



*The Lord Chooses an Unlikely Candidate*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**HYMN**

**Give Thanks to God on High**  
CW 553

*Stand.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Gracious Father, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service. Today we thank you for the blessings we and people across time and space have received through the teaching and instruction of St. Mark, the evangelist. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We confess to you that we, like Mark, have been afraid to follow you. Too often we have laid down our crosses and forsaken you in shame and indignity. Forgive our sins of doubt and denial and restore us according to your compassion and power. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We admit with deep regret that we, like Mark, have allowed the cares and concerns of life to compromise and abandon our witness. We have caused grief to others by our failure to show zeal and courage. Lead us to face up to our weaknesses and to find in your love the strength to serve faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Instill in us a deep desire to serve in any way we can, to help those who need help and support those who need support. Especially give us love and humility to stand, as Mark did, with veterans of the cross as they age and need our company and strength to continue their labors. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renew our commitment to serve that we, like Mark, may proclaim the gospel of your Son with power and joy. Help us to find in the testimony of the apostles the realities of your Son's ministry, passion, and resurrection and open doors for us to preach the gospel to the great and the small. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Take us where you would have us go, to small islands or great cities, and keep us in safe in your care. As you have blessed the gospel witness of Mark throughout the world, so bring success to our witness that many may come to know your Son and the magnificence of his grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer. Amen.**

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

The actual date of the commemoration is April 25. The service was changed because of circumstances at the seminary on Wednesday.

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