

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall



THE FEAST OF PARADISE

A Service of Christian Hospitality
for the Season of Easter

20 May 2012 at 10.00 am
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Welcome and greetings, especially if you are new to St Mark's. May you discover here what you are seeking and find companionship for life's journey. Please say hello to a member of staff or welcome team before you go.

This service takes the form of a simple, yet profound, meal of thanksgiving and companionship, a Eucharist or Holy Communion, which originates in the ministry of Jesus and has characterised Christian worship through the centuries.

To use the *Induction Loop*, please select the *T Setting* on your hearing aid. We ask that *mobile phones* and *paggers* be switched off or set to silent mode. Large print versions of worship materials are available.

Preparing for worship

Mysterious God,
surprise us with your presence,
breathe new life into our souls,
fan the embers of our faith
into the passion of Christ.

Gathering

Organ Voluntary: Jesus Kristus er opfaren, Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Welcome

Hymn

TELL OUT, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926),
from Magnificat, Luke 1.45-55.
Tune: Woodlands.*

Prayers of Approach

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

EVER-LOVING GOD,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ entrusts to us the good news of his risen life;
sometimes our hearts and minds are closed,
often we fail in our discipleship.

Quietness for reflection.

When we have denied your claim upon our lives
or doubted your power to revive us.

Forgive us, O Lord.

When we have run away from the challenges of your kingdom
or betrayed you through our words and deeds.

Forgive us, O Lord.

When our motivations have been self-serving
or our allegiance to you skin-deep.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Spirit of God,
breathe forgiveness upon us:
release within us
the life of Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria

Boldly $\text{♩} = 60$ **ff** ALL
 Org. Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

mf CHOIR **ALL**
 Org. and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav'n ly

f
 King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, **f** we

f
 Org. give you thanks, We praise you for your glo - ry. —

mp MEN
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa -

mp LADIES
 ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

mp MEN **mp** LADIES
 us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Maestoso **f** ALL
 Org. 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 Spi - rit,

poco rall
 Org. in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

God of the dirtied hands,
the wandering feet;
you seek out the lost
before ever they turn to you:
take us with you
into the abandoned places
to find a new community
outside our fortress walls;
through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Attending

Reading – Psalm 82, read by Isabel Lloyd-Jones

A reading from the Book of Psalms.

GOD HAS TAKEN his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: ² 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?' ³ Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.' ⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶ I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' ⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection.

Hymn

Children and young people leave for their groups.

JESUS STANDS among the children
smeared with others' guilt at birth –
haunted by unspoken questions,
made to feel devoid of worth.
Refugees from threat or danger,
far from home through troubled years:
Jesus senses all their turmoil-
parents' anguish, children's fears.

Jesus stands with those rejected
by their nearest flesh and blood,
feeling sorrow with the lonely,
shunned, and seldom understood.
Jesus walks among the homeless,
where the street becomes a bed –
finding, far from heaven's splendour,
nowhere else to lay his head.

Jesus stands where justice falters,
where the truth is bought and sold:
well he knows the bitter poison
of a trust betrayed for gold.
Lies and groundless accusations;
torture dealt by callous hands;
execution, slow and painful –
each of these he understands.

Jesus bids us stand beside him –
Man of sorrows, Lord of all!-
as with wounded hands he offers
grace and strength to those who fall.
He transforms our path of suffering,
brings us newness by his pain;
in the help we give to others
we begin to share his reign.

*Martin E Leckebusch (b 1962).
Tune: Scarlet Ribbons.*

Gospel – Matthew 2. 13 – 22.

The good news is proclaimed from the heart of the worshipping community.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

NOW AFTER they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Robert Spooner

*Quaker, Methodist Local Preacher
and Coordinator at Asylum Seeker Support Initiative – Short Term (ASSIST).*

Faces of Inclusion: Asylum & Migration.

The sermon is followed by a time of quietness for reflection.

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Philip Booth

One of these or another set of biddings and responses is used.

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

God of our yearning.
We seek you.

God of justice, truth and love.
**Inspire us with your Spirit
to let your Kingdom come. Amen.**

Ever-beckoning God.
**We seek your presence
and will serve you. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.19-20.

The peace of our crucified and risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with one another, especially with those who
are unfamiliar or from whom we are estranged.*

Hymn

*A collection is taken for the ministry of St Mark's. If you are a taxpayer, please
place your gift in one of the yellow envelopes provided, writing your name and
address on the front. If you leave the envelope blank, we are unable to
reclaim tax under the 'Gift Aid' scheme. Thank you.*

WE MEET as friends at table,
to listen, and be heard,
united by the Spirit,
attentive to the **Word**.
Through prayer and conversation
we tune our varied views
to Christ, whose love has made us
the bearers of good news.

With food and drink for sharing
the table soon is spread.
The freedom-meal of Jesus
is crowned with wine and bread,
and all, without exception,
may eat, and speak, and stay,
for this is Christ's own table
where none are turned away.

We share our lives and longings,
and when the meal is done
we pray as friends at table
and promise to be one.
To Christ, and to each other,
we cheerfully belong:
apart, our hope is fruitless;
together, we are strong.

Fulfilled, and glad to follow
wherever Christ may lead,
we journey from the table
to love a world in need
with patience, truth and kindness,
that justice may increase
and all may sit at table
in freedom, joy, and peace.

*Brian Wren (b 1936).
Tune: Ewing.*

Abiding

Preparation

Tokens of our response to God, bread and wine, and the collection, are offered.

Lord Jesus Christ,
may our hearts be open to your love,
our doors to friend and stranger,
our table to all who hunger,
and our lives to your risen life.

New Zealand Prayer Book.

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Org. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
mf
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, it is our duty and our joy,
to remember how,
on the night he entrusted his life
into the hands of friends and detractors,
Jesus celebrated your kingdom
in the company of his own.

He took a loaf of bread,
praised you for its goodness,
broke it into pieces
and offered it to them,
saying, 'Take, eat,
this is my body' –
food for all who hunger,
my life for the world.

A little later,
he took a cup of wine,
blessed it,
and offered it to his companions,
saying, 'Take, drink,
this is the cup of the new covenant' –
forged from forgiveness,
sealed with my blood.

Come, Breath of God,
come, Spirit of new Life,
breathe upon us
and upon these gifts,
that bread and wine,
flesh and blood,
may reveal your loving purposes
and fulfil your gracious will. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer & Communion

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The bread is broken.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen;
make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.

Words of invitation follow.

I am the bread of life, says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
Taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are those who place their trust in him.

Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread and wine or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing. Please approach the altar rail with those around you. Gluten-free bread rolls are used.

During administration, we sing together:

Take, oh take me as I am, sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me

John L Bell (b 1949).

Afterwards, the choir will sing: 'God be in my head,' John Rutter (b 1945).

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified yet ever living,
be the communion between us,
the sustenance we share,
and the life we long to embody. Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
may the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
may the joy of the Lord Jesus
fill your hearts;

and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Sacred Spirit
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed,
now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn

GOD OF FREEDOM, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith-
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood-
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed-
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs

*Shirley Erena Murray (b 1931).
Tune: Regent Square.*

Commission *(please face the back of church)*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ voluntary: I Himmelen, Edvard Grieg

Refreshments are served in the lounge.
Please stay if you can.



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