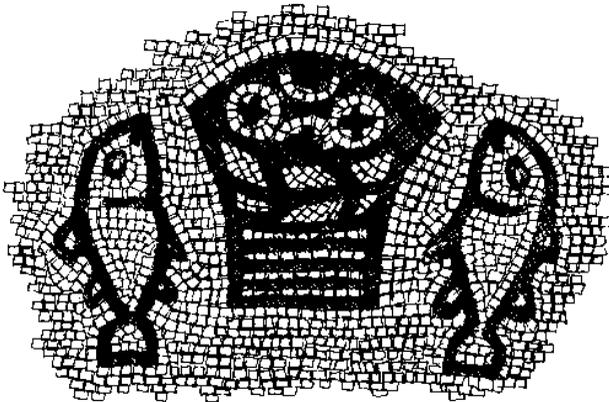


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# A SHARING IN THE HOSPITALITY OF CHRIST



A Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Dr James Grenfell  
*Vicar of St John's Ranmoor & Area Dean of Hallam*

Sunday 23 September 2012 at 10.00 am  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Welcome

Welcome and greetings, especially if you are new to St Mark's. May you soon discover what you are seeking and find companions for life's journey. This communion is more complete with you being a part of it.

Today's liturgy takes the form of a simple, yet profound, meal of thanksgiving and hospitality, a Eucharist or Holy Communion, which originates in the ministry of Jesus and has characterised Christian worship through the centuries.

If you are wondering where everyone is, many members of the congregation are on the parish weekend at Swanwick, Derbyshire. Please remember them in your prayers as they will remember you.

We are delighted to welcome the Rev'd Dr James Grenfell to St Mark's to lead this service. James is currently based at St John's, Ranmoor, and was recently appointed Area Dean of Hallam.

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.

Before the service begins, we are all invited to share in a few moments of quietness in preparation for worship.

### *Preparing for worship*

Wait without expectation  
which might focus attention too narrowly,  
so that we miss the coming.

Wait with expectancy,  
alert, hearts, minds, hands, ears  
open to receive the gift.

(Ann Lewin)

# The Gathering

*Organ Voluntary: Chaconne – Louis Couperin (c. 1626-61).*

Welcome

Hymn

LORD OF BEAUTY, thine the splendour  
shown in earth and sky and sea,  
burning sun and moonlight tender,  
hill and river, flower and tree:  
lest we fail our praise to render  
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying  
mighty waters ebb and flow,  
while unhasting, undelaying,  
planets on their courses go:  
in thy laws thyself displaying,  
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining  
all below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining  
sun and stars sublimely move:  
in our earthly spirits reigning,  
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
and, with vision purified,  
Lord of all, when all have known thee,  
thou in all art glorified.

*Cyril A Alington (1872-1955).  
Tune: Regent Square.*

## Prayers of Preparation

The Lord be with you:  
**and also with you.**

**ALMIGHTY 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.

## Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*Silence for preparation.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

LAUDATE Dominum,  
laudate Dominum,  
omnes gentes, alleluia.

*Praise the Lord,  
Praise the Lord,  
peoples, nations. Alleluia.*

*Jacques Berthier (1923-94), Taizé.*

## Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

O Lord,  
we beseech you mercifully to hear  
the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive  
and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Journeying together in Faith

*As young members prepare to leave for their groups, a prayer is offered.*

**May God guide each of us,  
whatever our age or experience,  
in the way of Christ –  
the love of God go with you. Amen.**

*Children, teenagers and group leaders set off.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

Reading – Jeremiah 11. 18 – 20, read by Andrew Linn

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, ‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!’ <sup>20</sup> But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

*A time of quietness for reflection.*

## Song

BROTHER, SISTER, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.

*Richard Gillard (b 1953).  
Tune: Servant Song.*

## Gospel – Mark 9. 30 – 37.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

THEY WENT ON from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

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

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son),  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Caroline Fisher

*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.**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*1 Corinthians 12.12-13.*

The peace of the 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.*

### Song

*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.*

I COME with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren (b 1936).  
Tune: St Botolph.*

## Preparation

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

YOURS, LORD, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. *(please sit or kneel)*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer & Giving of 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.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Words of invitation follow.*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*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, Ruth Grimsley will sing an aria from St Matthew Passion by J S Bach (1685-1750) in German. Here is a précis in English: 'The woman who pours precious perfume on Jesus at Bethany prays to him that her tears of penitence and repentance may be an acceptable offering to him.'*

*At the conclusion, silence is shared.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn

GOD OF GRACE and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
now fulfil thy church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;  
from the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces  
in the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not man nor thee.

*Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969).*

*Tune: Neander.*

## Commission *(please face the back of church)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ Amen.**

*Organ voluntary: Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne - Diderik Buxtehude (1637-1707).*

Refreshments are served in the lounge.



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