

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark

Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall

The Exaltation of Christ



A Service of Christian Hospitality
for the Feast of the Ascension

Thursday 9 May 2013

at 7.30 pm

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Welcome

Hymn

CHRIST is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of servants brave and true.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*George K A Bell (1883-1958).
Tune: Vulpius.*

Prayers of Approach

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 his risen life,
leaving his ministry in our hands;
often we fail him.

Pause for reflection.

MERCIFUL GOD,
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.**

May the God of love
forgive *you* and free *you* from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria



Org.
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo-ry. *mp* Lord Je sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, I 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
mf 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 Spi - rit,
in the glo-ry of God. the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

O GOD,
you withdraw from our sight
that you may be known by our love:
help us to enter the cloud
where you are hidden,
and surrender all our certainty
to the darkness of faith
in Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Janet Morley.

Attending

Reading – Acts 1. 1 – 11.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

IN THE FIRST BOOK, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This,’ he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection (approximately 1 minute).

Hymn

O THOU who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88).
Tune: Hereford.*

Gospel – Luke 24. 44 – 53.

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew 28.19,20*

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

THEN JESUS said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – The Rev’d Sue Hammersley.

Followed by a time of quietness for reflection (approximately 1 minute).

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Alison Creasey.

After each bidding.

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

At the end.

Grant us, O God,
a glimpse of your glory,
an openness to your rule,
and your Spirit to guide us.
**Hear us, we pray, through Christ,
our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

‘Why do you stand looking up into heaven?’
Jesus comes to us again,
in the body of his people,
in the bread and wine of his table
and in the communion of peace.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

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

Hymn

CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
banish all the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee:
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88).

Tune: Ratisbon (Werner).

Abiding

Preparation

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.**

Common Worship.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, hidden God,
for you refuse to make yourself an idol,
defying our desire to worship what is dead.

You gave your people Israel
 your name of burning freedom,
 your law of liberation;
 within their story
 Jesus was born,
 the bearer of your lordship
 revealed in servanthood,
 a kingdom of subversion.

He was enthroned on the cross
 and raised to life still wounded;
 he ascended to the place of power
 to show that love was strongest;
 before him, all earthly rule
 is a shadow and a passing breath.

Therefore, with all who stood in wonder at his parting
 and those who waited for the coming Spirit,
 with all suffer under tyrants' rule
 and all who feel the fury of the mob,
 we join the song of worship
 to the God of all authority:

Moderate speed *mp*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of truth and love,

mf *f*

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Without hurrying *mp*

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

f

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood
of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ;
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper,
he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Therefore we come in memory and hope,
responding to your call
and the promise that echoes
from the dawn of all time.
May mind and heart be held
by your self-giving love
as we stand before the cross,
approach the empty tomb
and praise the one
whose name is lifted high
above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering
through his all-powerful grace
and bind us in communion
with all who share your gifts;
through Jesus Christ,
in whom all ages and all the worlds
are drawn into the ceaseless love
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

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, risen, ascended;
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 they 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:

LAUDATE Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia.
LAUDATE Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia.

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

Jacques Berthier (1923-94), Taizé.

Afterwards, the choir will sing 'Ascendens Christus,' by Mark McCombs.

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

**Ascended One,
far above all earthly grasp
yet given to us in food and drink:
keep us faithful
to the breaking of the bread,
the companionship of faith
and the love of the world,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Blessing

May the Spirit,
who set the church on fire upon the day of Pentecost
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ;

Common Worship.

and the blessing of God -
Creator, Christ and Sacred Spirit -
be among you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn

JESUS CHRIST is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus
I should triumph too.
Where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

*John L Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958).
Tune: Noel Nouvelet.*

Dismissal (please face the back of church)

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

Organ voluntary

*Sharing in the hospitality of Christ
continues after this service with a buffet supper in support of Christian Aid,
on Wednesdays at Lunch Club, on Fridays at Broomhall Breakfast,
on Saturdays at Soup Run, and wherever and whenever
food and friendship are offered in Christ's name.*



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