

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall Living Thinking Loving Faith

The Parish Eucharist with thanksgiving for Florence

Sunday 26th October at 10.00 am

Gathering

Introit: View me Lord by Richard H Lloyd (1933 - 2021)

View me, Lord, a work of thine. Shall I then lie drowned in night? Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem all made of light. Cleanse me Lord that I may kneel at thine altar pure and white. They that once thy mercies feel gaze no more on earth's delight. Worldly joys like shadows fade when the heavenly light appears, but the covenants thou hast made endless know nor days nor years. In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly, though I am but clay or dust, yet they grace can lift me high.

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Beth Keith
The Deacon and Preacher is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Welcome and Singing Bowl Followed by a period of quiet reflection

Opening Hymn

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:

Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas, thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain: Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action; his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for our legalised obedience, defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord; he has hallmarked true allegiance goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is Lord; in our present imperfection: his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

Text and music: John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2019)

Tune: Heaven Shall Not Wait

Prayers of Approach

The world belongs to God: the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is: to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together: justice and peace join hands.

If the Lord's disciples keep silent: all creation would shout aloud.

O Lord, open our lips: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

God, who is the source of love, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for the example of Jesus, and all who have opened to us the way of love. In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: Blessed be God for ever.

Introducing Florence

Do you receive Florence as a gift from God?

We do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek God's blessing for her life and wellbeing? **We do.**

The minister asks

What name have you given this child?

Her name is Florence

The minister takes Florence and says:
As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Florence.

God of love and life, we praise you for her birth; surround her with your blessings that she may know your love, be protected from all that threatens to harm her, and know your goodness all her days.

May she learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and come to know the fullness of your grace; as revealed through Jesus Christ and all those who love him.

Amen.

The minister prays for the parents Ellie and Frank may God, Mother and Father to us all, bless you and give you grace to love and care for Florence. May God grant you wisdom, patience and faith. May God help you to provide for her needs so that, by your example, she may come to know that she is precious in God's eyes and created to reflect God's glory. Amen.

The minister asks parents and Godparents.

Will you care for Florence, nurture and befriend her, listen to and play with her, keep her safe, and share your heart with her? With the help of God, I will. Will you help Florence, by your example and your teaching, to be honest and responsible, and to help others? With the help of God, I will.

Will you respect, encourage and guide her, and will you put her true needs before your pleasure? Will you try to order your lives so that Florence will be surrounded by love and goodness? With the help of God, I will.

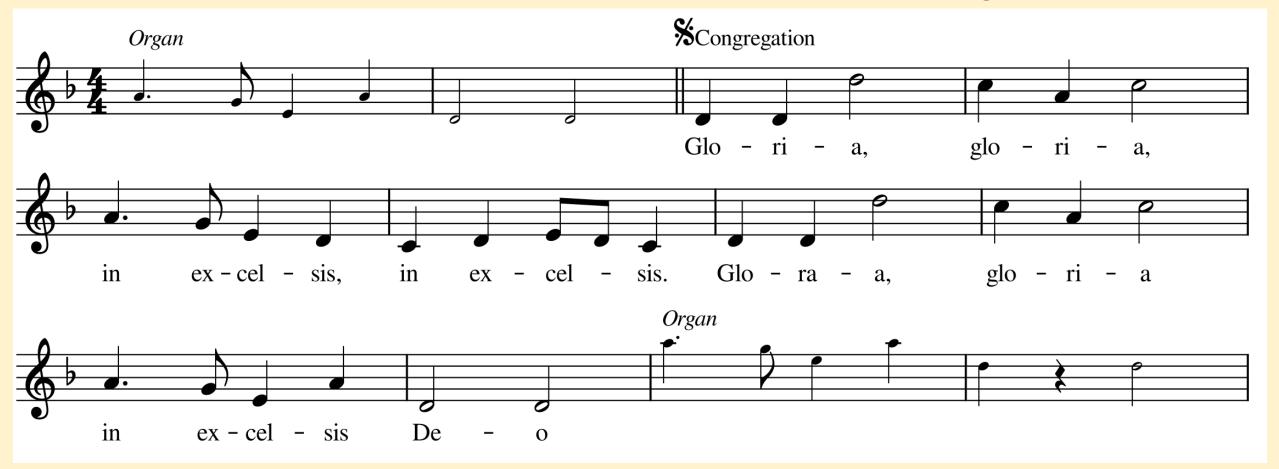
Friends and family:
Will you do all that you can
to help and support Ellie and Frank
in bringing Florence up to be loving and fulfilled?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you offer friendship, kindness and love, will you be generous with your time, encouraging with your words and resourceful in your care?

With the help of God, we will.

May God our Father and Mother, whose loving faithfulness towards us is as sure as the rising of the sun, grant you the grace you need to fulfil what you have undertaken to do this day. Amen.

Hebridean Gloria Barbara Rusbridge

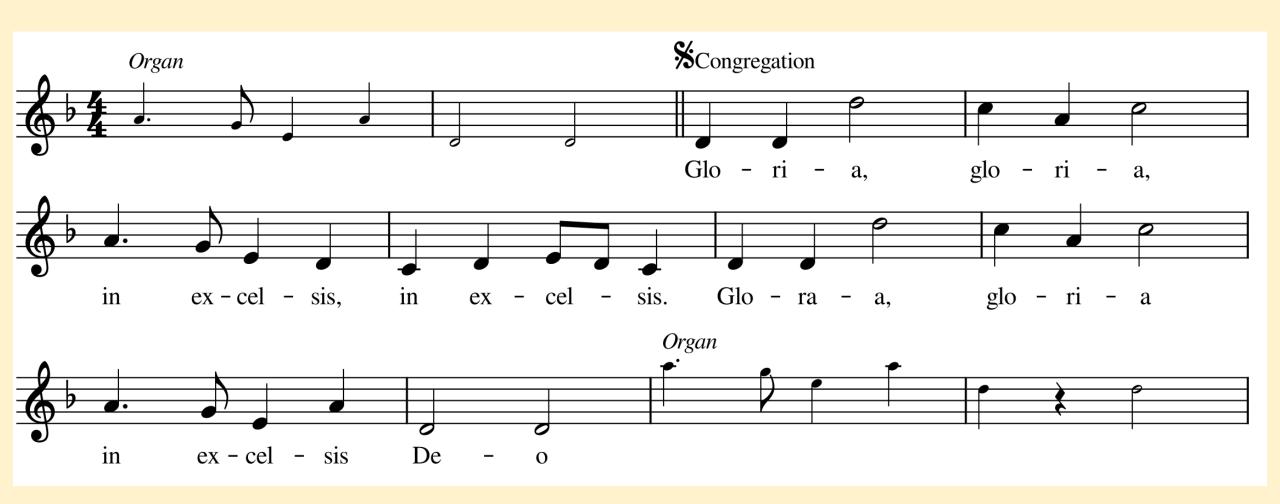


Gloria, gloria, in excelsis, in excelsis Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo

Cantor:

Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God heavenly King We worship you, almighty Father, let our voices ring!

Sing...

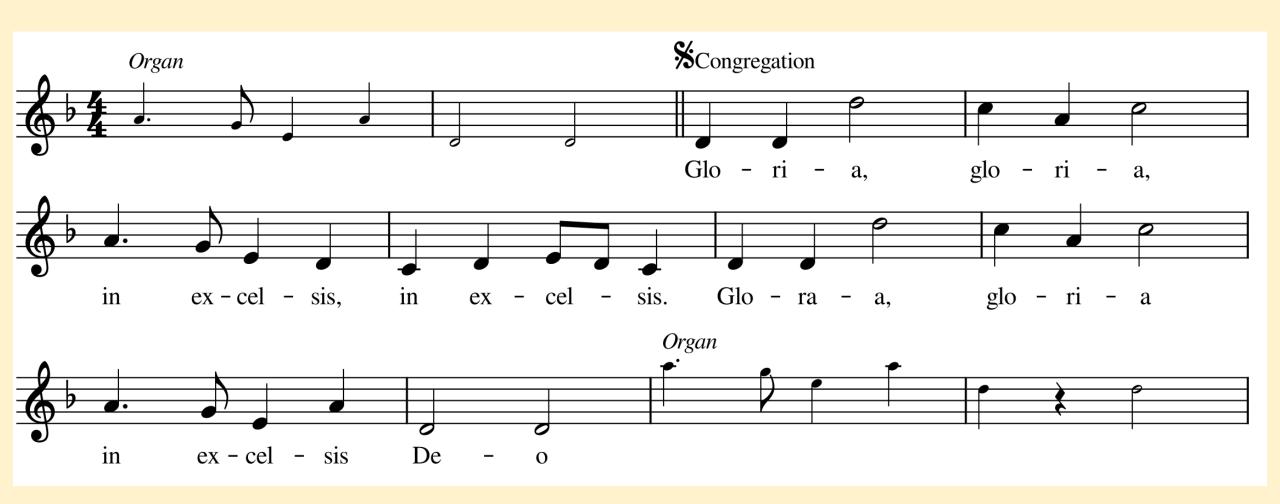


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Cantor:

Jesus, blessed lamb of God, to you our voice we raise. You take away our sins, O Lord, receive our song of praise!

Sing...

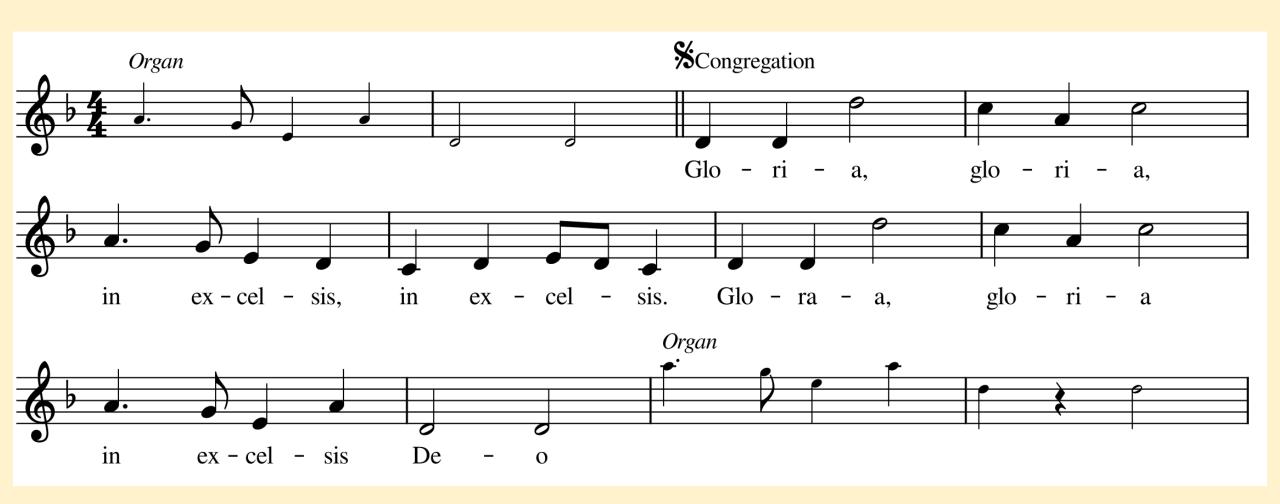


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Cantor:

Holy Lord in highest heaven, how our hearts rejoice. In God the Father, Son and Spirit so, with loudest voice,

Sing...



Gloria, gloria, in excelsis, in excelsis Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo

The Collect

Faithful God, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word, let us pray together:

May God guide each of us in the way of Christ, whatever our age or experience.

The love of God be with us all.

Amen

Attending

We sit for our first reading

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35. 12-17 Page 102 of the Apocrypha, NRSV

Read by Mike Hunt

At the end the reader says,

How is this God's word of life?

Gradual Hymn

Will you let me be your servant, 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, fellow trav'llers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light 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.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard Tune:The Servant Song

Gospel Luke 18.9-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

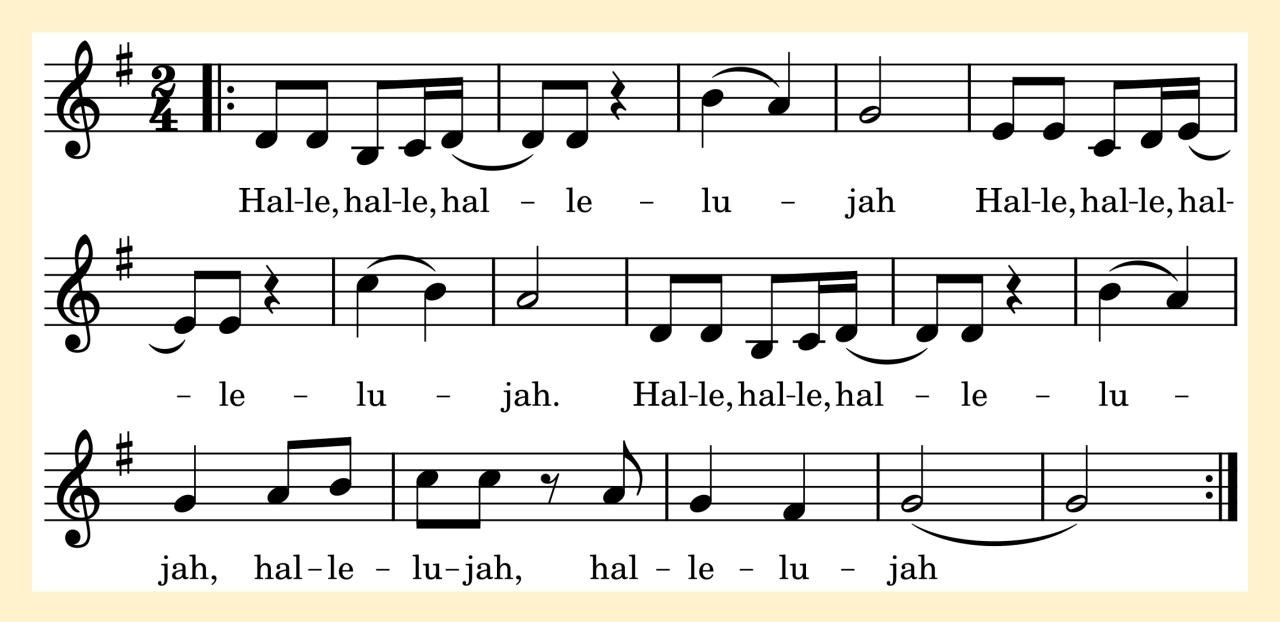
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Chant: Halle halle halle-lujah! (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!



Hal H Hopson (b. 1933)²

Sermon

Preacher: Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Afterwards we share a time of quiet

Prayers of the People led by David Ryder

Let us pray.

God of life and love:

Graciously hear us.

Living, suffering, loving God,
Hear us and help us
to care for your creation.
Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Those who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn

We have a dream: this nation will arise, and truly live according to its creed, that all are equal in their maker's eyes, and none shall suffer through another's greed.

We have a dream that one day we shall see a world of justice, truth and equity, where sons of slaves and daughters of the free will share the banquet of community. We have a dream of deserts brought to flower, once made infertile by oppression's heat, when love and truth shall end oppressive power, and streams of righteousness and justice meet.

We have a dream: our children shall be free from judgements based on colour or on race, free to become whatever they may be, of their own choosing in the light of grace.

We have a dream that truth will overcome the fear and anger of our present day; that black and white will share a common home, and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way. We have a dream: each valley will be raised, and every mountain, every hill brought down; then shall creation echo perfect praise, and share God's glory under freedom's crown.

Text: Michael Forster (b. 1946) based on the speech by Martin Luther King Jr, Music: Walter Greatorex (1877 - 1949)

Tune: Woodlands

Abiding

Preparation

Creator God, give us a heart for simple things;

Love and laughter, Bread and wine, Tales and dreams.

Fill our lives with green and growing hope,

Make us a people of justice whose song is Alleluia and whose name breathes love. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

We sit

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Mysterious God, we discern your wisdom in the ordering of the universe and the rhythm of the seasons; in the purposefulness of creation and the pattern of our days.

From the origins of our species, you called us into covenant to cultivate Paradise and make manifest the beauty of the earth.

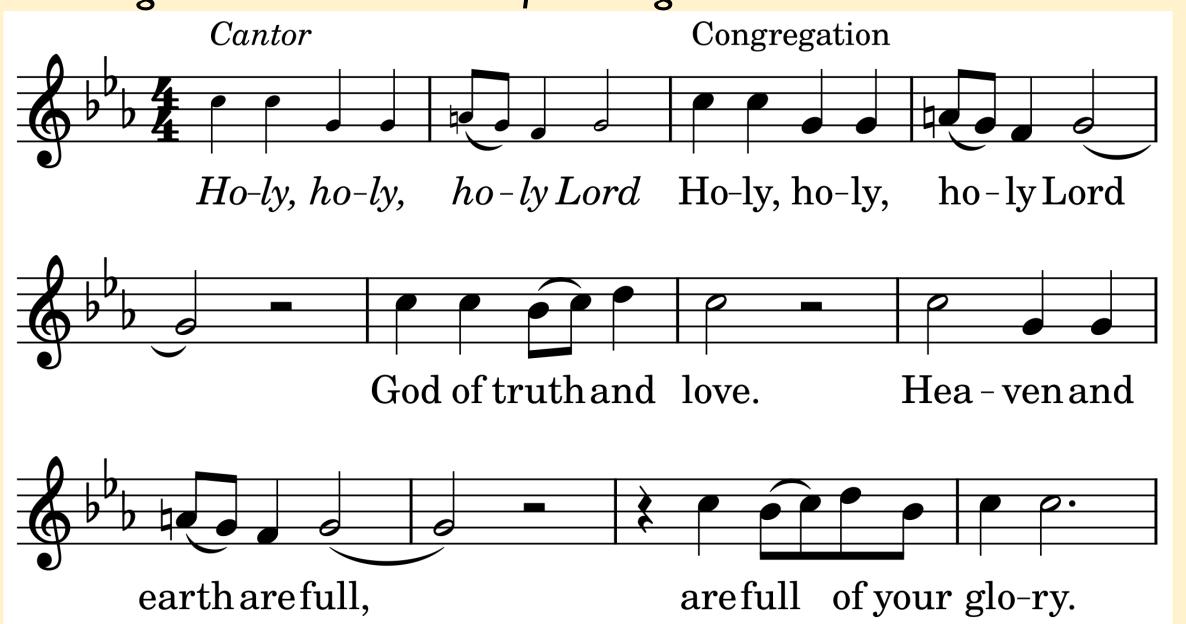
When we made gods of ourselves and abused our freedoms, you inspired prophets and sages to challenge our pretensions and guide us in your ways.

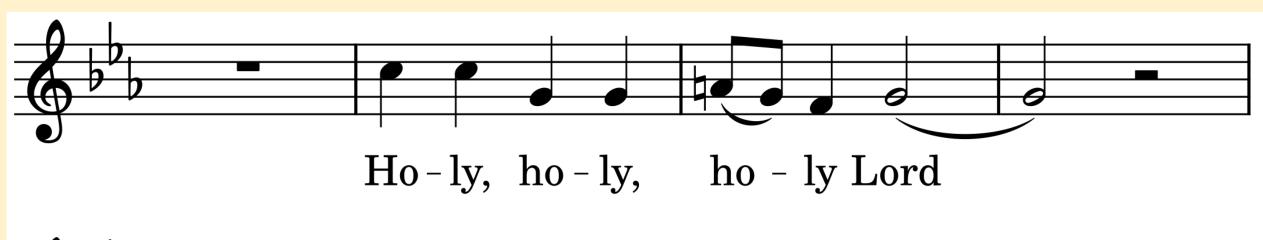
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With unceasing kindness you beckon us back to Eden to discover our integrity in communion with you and all your creatures.

Therefore, with all who bear the breath of life and animate your glory we voice creation's praise.

We sing the Iona Sanctus – following the Cantor's lead



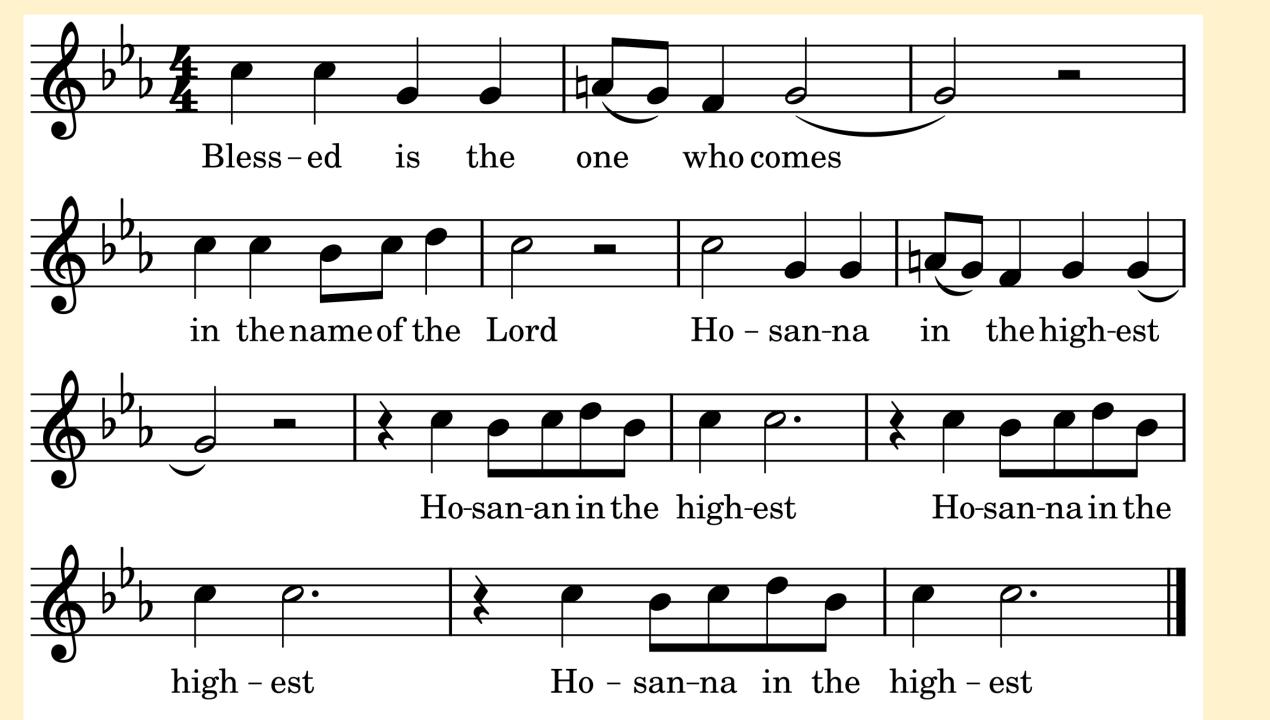




Godof truthand love.

Hea-venand earth arefull,





Especially, we praise you for coming among us in Jesus, who sowed seeds of faith within yielding souls – spreading forgiveness across arid landscapes, causing justice to blossom where oppression thrived.

From a bountiful earth,
he prepared a banquet of blessing;
from a broken humanity,
he gathered a people to be blessed.

On the eve before he gave himself up, Jesus anticipated the feast of your kingdom one final time. Among companions, taking bread, he gave thanks, broke it and offered it to them, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered 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.

Come, Spirit of Jesus, come, Breath of Life, stir within us and rest upon this bread and wine that, sharing in communion, we may be united in Christ and restored to covenant with all who bear the image of their creator and long for the day when healing shall rise up with the dawn and justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. 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

We break this bread in solidarity with the brokenness of the world.

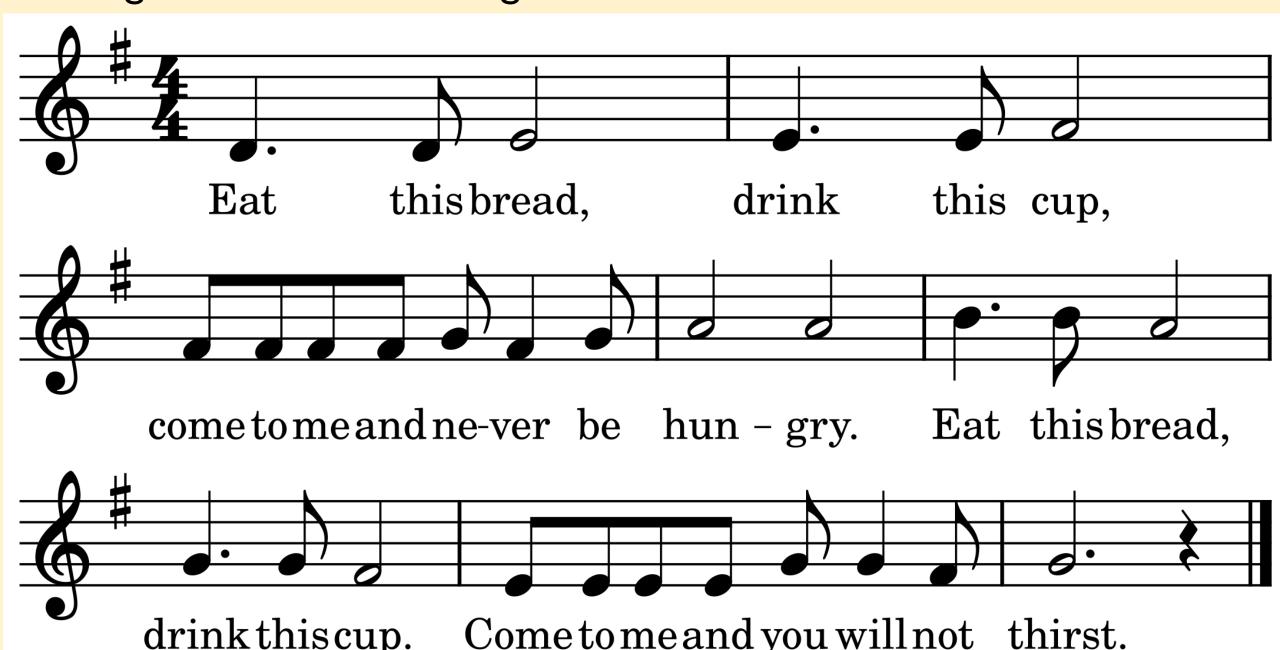
In solidarity we accompany one another towards our recovery.

We receive the gift of life

We remember, we receive. In flesh and in spirit we are one body. All are welcome at the table, to receive bread and wine or a blessing. Please come forward with those around you.

The bread is gluten, dairy and egg free, gluten free wafers are also available.

During Communion we sing the Taize chant Eat this Bread



The choir sing Exultate Justi Ludovico da Viadana (1560 - 1627)

Translation:

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.

Prayers of Commitment

Gracious God, we thank you for inviting us to share the hospitality of your table and to enjoy the blessings of a bountiful world. Call forth in us the same generosity that we find in you and strengthen our desire to be wise stewards of a vulnerable earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

The **NOTICES** section on our website is updated weekly

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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.

Final Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown, in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2019) Music: trad. Scottish melody, arr. Christopher Tambling (1964 - 2015)

Tune: Kelvingrove

Gift of Light

A lighted candle, symbolizing the gift of faith and the presence of Christ, is given to Florence, with these words.

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

Florence, receive this light as a sign that you are a child of God; walk in this light all the days of your life.

May God kindle in us the flame of faith the fire of love and the torch of truth. Amen.

Commission

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Voluntary

Toccata from Suite Gothique Leon Boellmann (1862 - 97)

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.



Please send in your Stewardship Pledge forms by mid November

More information on the table at the back of church.



Please give your time

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to choose the role that would suit you!



Help to choose the theme for the next
Lent study groups

More information at the back of church



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Sarah Jones EVERYDAY NORMAL Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm,

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