Contributors

- 9.30 Zoom Host, welcome & spotlighting –
- 9.35 Zoom AV & set up Zoom in lounge –
- 9.30 Sound Desk & record sermon—
- 9.45 Sound check for president, deacon, preacher, reader & intercessor

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President – Michael Bayley
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Deacon - Beth

Preacher – Janet Morley

Reader– Gill M

Intercessor – Bekah H

Warden – Amanda P

Music – David W

Crucifer - Richard T

Chalice assistants – Richard T, John S

Banns - X

Children & family activity - C/GP



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

Advent Sunday

Sunday 30 November 2025 at 10.00 am

Gathering

Introit: Attesa/Expectation by Maddalena Casulana (c. 1544 – c. 1590) Translation:

Thou, who art called the prophet of the highest, And who prepares his ways for earthly dwelling; Thou first born of Elizabeth the pious, John, hear at last the angel voices swelling! Now that to the Virgin best and brightest comes the Messiah of the prophets' telling; We will sing, we will sing his Advent now in chorus, Until the Day-spring gild the sky before us.

Welcome

The President is Revd. Dr Michael Bayley
The Deacon is Revd. Dr Beth Keith
The Preacher is Janet Morley

Welcome

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Advent Carol

Bang the drum and sing the chorus.

Fa la la la la la...

Advent joy is now before us.

Fa la la...

For our God by incarnation,

Fa la la...

comes to birth for every nation.

Fa la la...

Cheer the prophets and the sages: Fa la la... words that echo down the ages. Fa la la... Though they cried an urgent warning, Fa la la... they could see a brighter morning. Fa la la...

Now our Advent Candle's burning, Fa la la... and our hearts so full of yearning Fa la la... long to see the light of glory Fa la la... shine on us from Jesus' story. Fa la la...

Nick Jowett
Tune: Deck the Hall

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you:

and also with you.

People of God: awake!

The day is coming when we shall see God face to face.

God calls us out of darkness to walk in the light of eternity.

We are God's children.

Make us one in the hope of Christ today and for ever.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

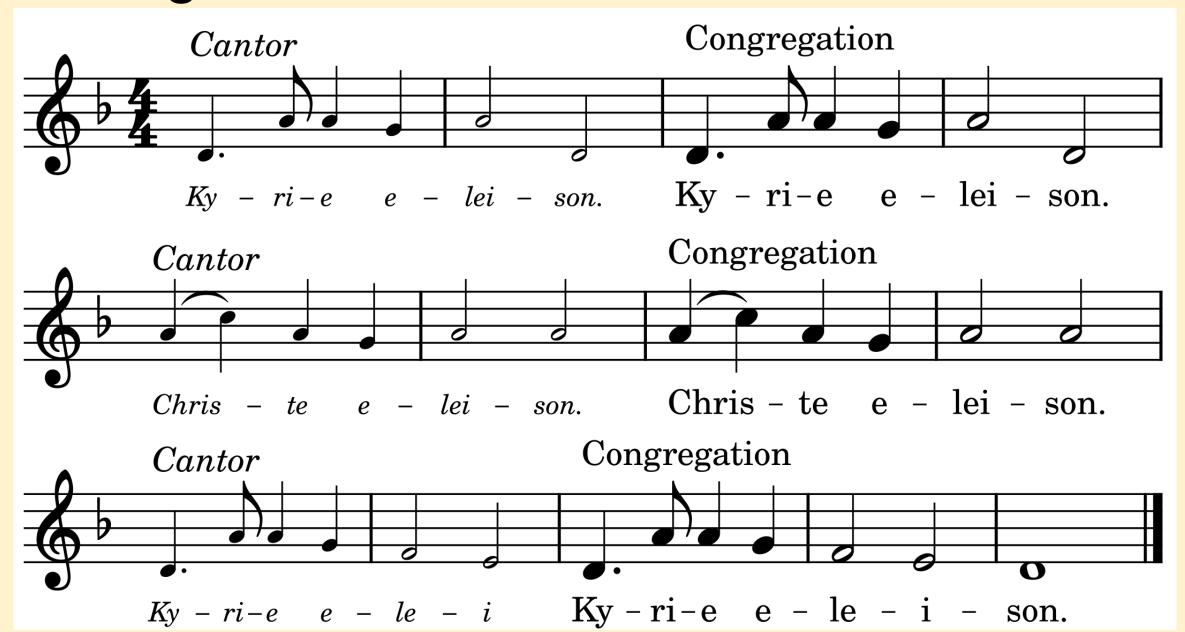
As we look for signs of the coming of Christ, we acknowledge our part in the sin of the world.

Time of silence.

We sing the Bridget setting of the Kyrie by John Bell

(b.1949)

We sing



When we fail to see you in the needs of our neighbours: forgive us, O God.

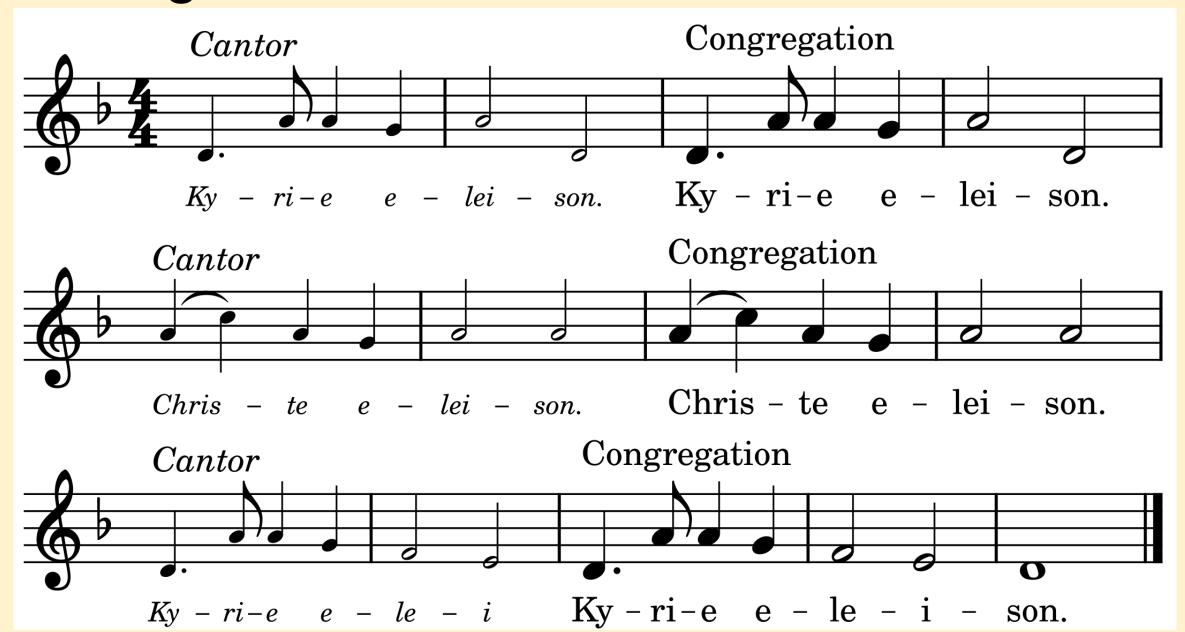
When we are complicit in the exploitation of the earth's resources: have mercy, O God.

When we despair and lose hope that we can help bring about change in your world: forgive us, O God.

When we fail to act with justice and when what we do impacts adversely on others: have mercy, O God.

When we think we have done enough forgive us, O God.

We sing



God who took our human nature forgive you for all you have said, done and failed to do, and fit you for eternal life now and forever.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, As we prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom of justice and peace, fill us with hopeful expectation. Help us embody the changes we want to see, that we may be found not sleeping, but active in your service and joyful in your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Attending

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Page 641 Old Testament, NRSVA
Read By Gill MacGregor

At the end the reader says: How do these words speak to us today?

After the reading we share a time of quiet

Gradual Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stones.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Text and music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Tune: Christ be our light

Gospel Matthew 24. 36-44

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Janet Morley

Time to reflect.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; where fear and courage join hands, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a God who sits down in our midst, sharing our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place, into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Prayers of the People Led by Bekah Hampson

May we hear your call to engage with the world, May we become the change we want to see.

At the end

Amen

Greeting of Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. We meet in Christ's name and share his peace.

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

We share a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word. Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Text: Fred Kaan (1929 - 2009)

Music: Essay on the Church Plain Chant (1782)

Tune: Alleluia Dulce Carmen

Abiding

Preparation

Blessed are you, O God; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May they be for us the foretaste of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

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.

God of our longing, God of our hoping, it is good and right to praise you.

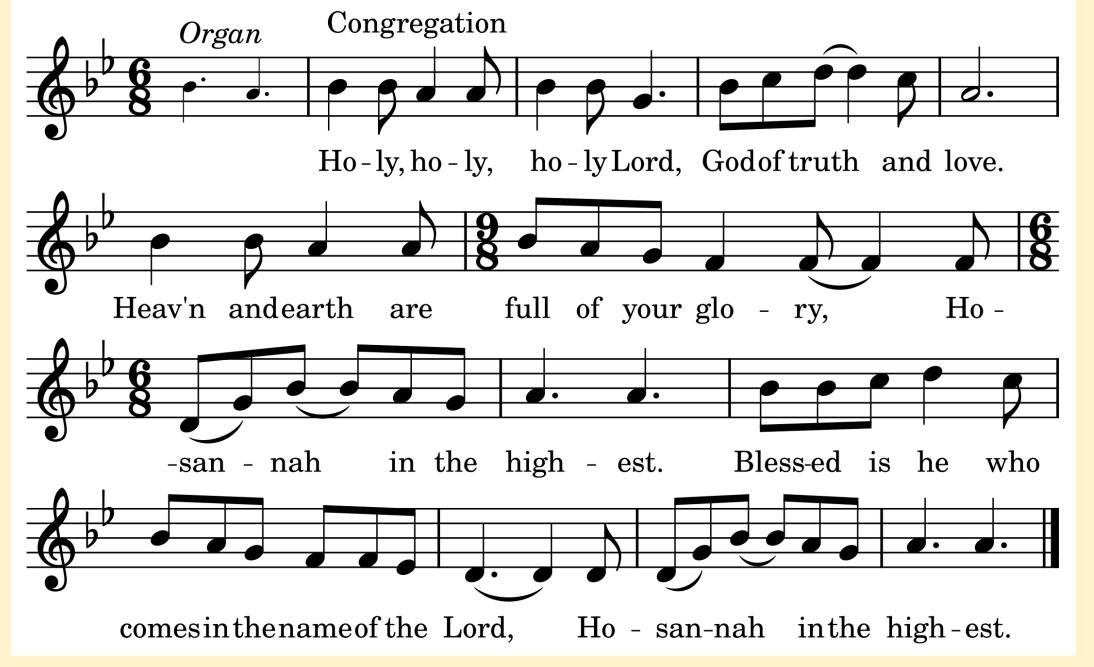
From the time of our forebears you have journeyed with those who seek you in openness and trust.

You inspired prophets to pursue justice, to challenge the mighty and liberate the oppressed.

Through John the baptiser you taught us to lament our wrongdoings and return to the way of forgiveness.

In Mary, the mother of faith, you draw us into your passion and reveal your peace.

With them, and with all who wait on you in hope, it is good and right to praise you, and so we sing:



Text and music Eve Saunders

Above all, we give you thanks for revealing your salvation in Jesus Christ. In him, we see the person you long for us to be, through him, we feed on your wisdom and truth, with him, we embrace your kingdom causes.

And now, in obedience to his command, it is our duty and our joy, to remember the night he gave himself up and was handed over to death.

In the company of his friends,
Jesus took bread,
blessed it in God's holy name,
broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Later, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Do this to remember me.

God of our longing, God of our hoping, breathe your life-giving Spirit into this bread and wine that all who partake of this communion may feed on Christ and taste his sacred hunger for a world renewed by your promises and fulfilled through your love. Amen.

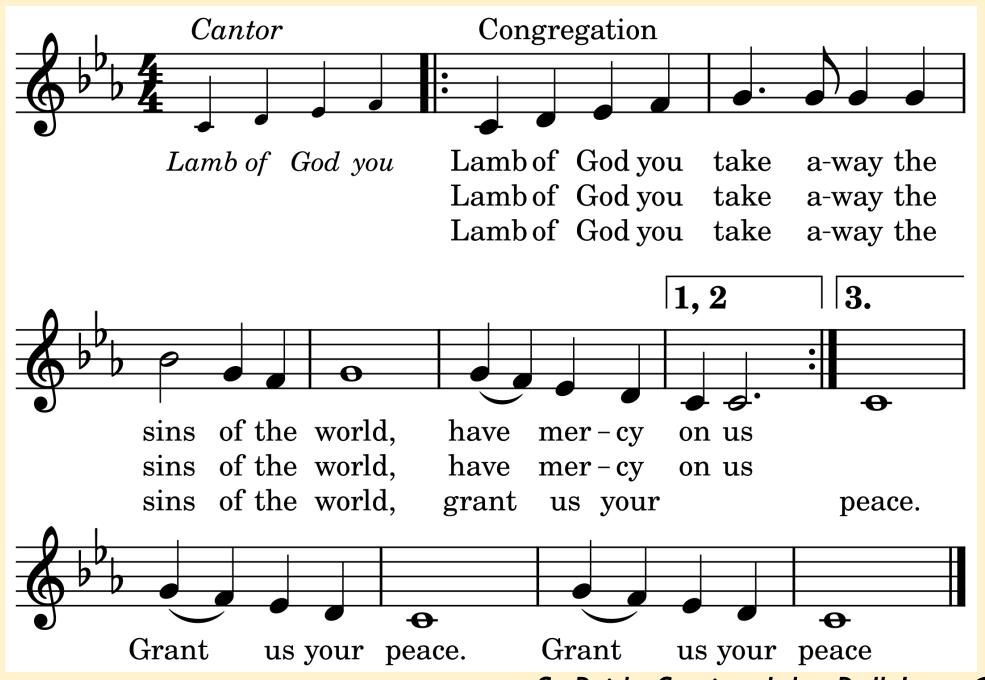
Ian Wallis

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

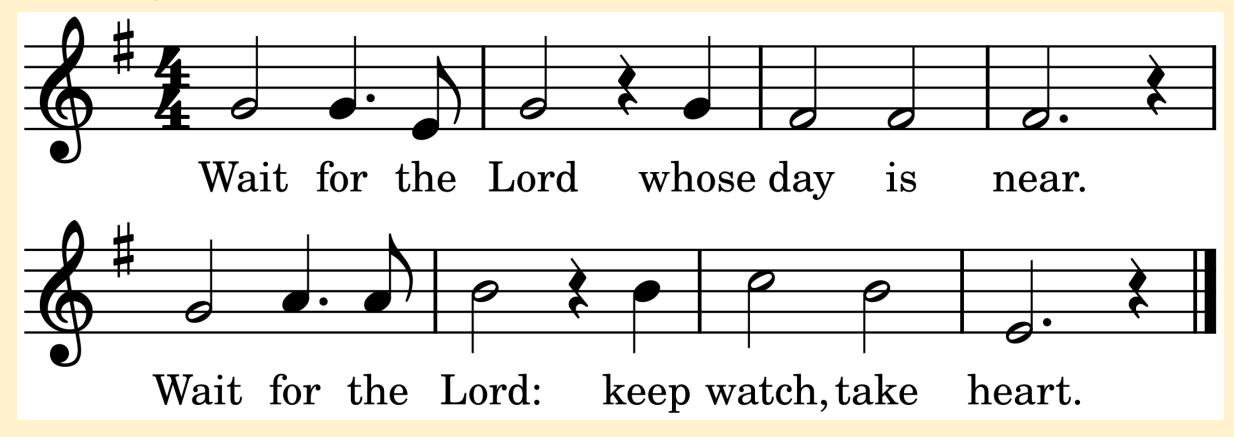


St Bride Setting, John Bell, Iona Community

Words of invitation follow

Come, all who are weary and heavy-laden; come, all who are dancing with joy; come to the table where sorrow and celebration belong together.

During Communion the congregation is invited to sing:



Text and music: Jacques Berthier (192347- 94)

The Choir sing All Things New by Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross, sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, God is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. God is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain. Near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, God is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear, God is making all things new.

Prayer of Commitment

Grant us grace, O God, to see through your eyes of compassion, to speak your words of justice and peace, to embody your forgiveness that what we hope for, long for, strive for, may come a little closer, bringing healing in its wings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

To support the ministry of this church please use the card reader at the back of church or visit the website for more options.

Thank you.

Blessing

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgement and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; And the blessing of God, creator, saviour, spirit of peace rest upon you, and all whom you love, both living and departed, now and always.

Amen.

Steven Shakespeare

Final Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for mortal sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty; we who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers: with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and thou alone

Text: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788), John Cennick (1718 - 1755) and Martin Madan (1726 - 1790), Music: from John Wesley's Select Hymns with Tunes Annext (1765) Tune: Helmsley

Commission

God of our longing, God of our hoping: **Eagerly we seek you.**

Go in peace to prepare God's way: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary **Fughetta on 'Gottes Sohn ist kommen'**JS Bach (1685 - 1750)

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.

Christmas Card Stalls - Today

Visit the International Committee Stall to buy your Fair Trade cards and goods for Christmas



Christingle Service with mince pies This afternoon, 4pm



Advent Sunday

Contemplative Night Service Tonight at 7pm



THINKING FAITH 7 December 7pm

Have we given up on Truth?
Hallvard Lillehammer
Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sheffield

It is said we live in a post-truth era where sentiment and opinion hold sway, supported by disinformation, Al generated images, alternative facts and spin. Who or what can we trust? What are the implications for our democracy, public discourse and personal lives? What about religious or moral truth? Come and explore these questions with us.

