



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS
UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS
ANOINTED ME TO BRING

GOOD NEWS

TO THE

POOR...

RELEASE

TO THE

CAPTIVES

RECOVERY

OF SIGHT

TO THE BLIND

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

Advent 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 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

Bridget setting John Bell (b. 1949)

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a Congregation in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are in italics.

First System:

- Cantor:** Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
- Congregation:** Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Second System:

- Cantor:** Chris - te e - lei - son.
- Congregation:** Chris - te e - lei - son.

Third System:

- Cantor:** Ky - ri - e e - le - i
- Congregation:** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

Bridget setting John Bell (b.1949)

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a Congregation. It consists of three systems of music, each with a Cantor part and a Congregation part. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i son." The Cantor part is written on a single staff, and the Congregation part is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Cantor *Congregation*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cantor *Congregation*

Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Cantor *Congregation*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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.

Inspired by an affirmation from the Iona Community

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:

Organ Congregation

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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

-san - nah in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-nah in the high - est.

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.

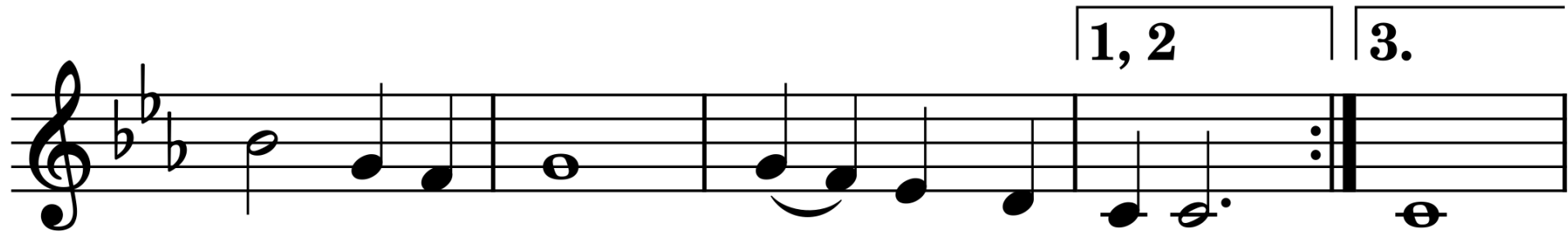
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Cantor
Congregation

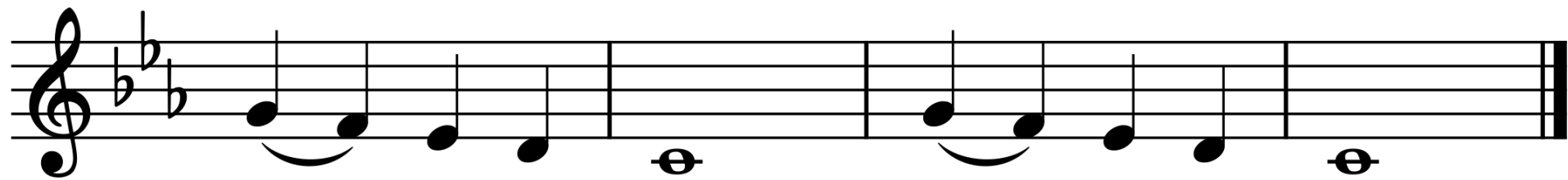


Lamb of God you

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sins of the world, have mer-cy on us
 sins of the world, have mer-cy on us
 sins of the world, grant us your peace.



Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace

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.

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

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 Shakespeare⁵¹

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, 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 Annexed (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, AI 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.

St Mark's Church presents...

BIG QUEER CAROLS

14 December at 6pm

Broomfield Road S10 2SG
families welcome

Join us for drinks afterward!

