



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

## *Advent 3*

Sunday 14 2025  
at 10.00 am

# Gathering

Introit: **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834 - 1924),

Music: Traditional Basque melody arr. Charles Edgar Pettman (1866 - 1943)

Tune: Birjina Gaztettobat Zegoen

*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!*

*'For known a blessèd mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favoured lady. Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!*

# Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

The Preacher and Deacon is Revd Felicity Cowling Green

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...

Sing for Mary's angel vision,  
Fa la la la la la la...  
and much more for her decision:  
Fa la la...  
lowly, plain, like any other,  
Fa la la...  
she became God's lovely mother.  
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

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 Latin: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i son." The Cantor's part is marked with a *Cantor* label, and the Congregation's part is marked with a *Congregation* label. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

*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.*

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

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a Congregation in 4/4 time, using a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are in Latin: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i son." The Cantor's part is marked with a melisma line (a wavy line) over the final notes of each phrase. The Congregation's part is marked with a straight line over the final notes of each phrase.

*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

Unwavering God,  
pour forth your grace into our hearts,  
that we may know your faithfulness,  
rejoice in your presence,  
fulfil the vocation you entrust to us  
through acts of service, humility and gratitude,  
and proclaim your promises of mercy and justice  
towards the lowly and oppressed. **Amen**

# Attending

First Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-10

Page 673 Old Testament, NRSVA

*Read By Rosalind Rogerson*

*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

Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heav'n;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes with glory,  
wrapping all the earth in fear,  
may he then, as our defender,  
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

*Text: Vox clara ecce intonat 6th century  
trans. Edward Caswall (1814 - 1878)  
Music: William Henry Monk (1823 - 89)  
Tune: Merton*

# Gospel Luke 1. 46-55

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Preacher: Revd. Felicity Cowling-Green

*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 David Price

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Be our strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707 - 88)*  
*Music: John Stainer (1840 - 1901)*  
*Tune: Cross of Jesus*

# 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

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Organ, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the first five measures of the melody. The second staff is for the Congregation, starting with a treble clef, the same key signature, and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the next five measures of the melody. The third staff is for the Organ, starting with a treble clef, the same key signature, and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the next five measures of the melody. The fourth staff is for the Congregation, starting with a treble clef, the same key signature, and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the final five measures of the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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.**

# 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.**



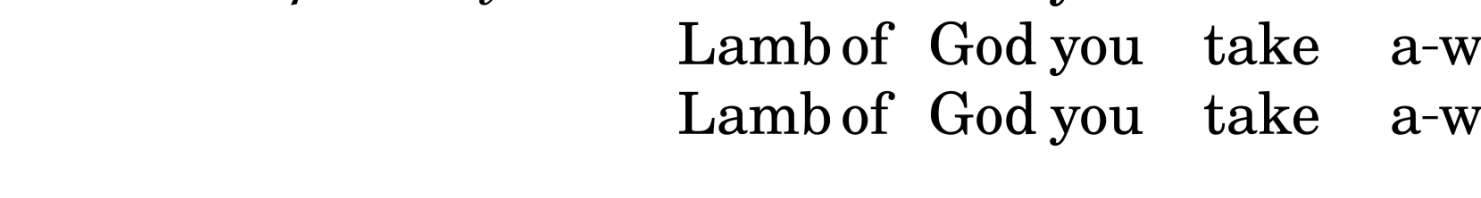

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**



*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.**

<p><i>Cantor</i></p>  <p><i>Lamb of God you</i></p>	<p><i>Congregation</i></p>  <p>Lamb of God you take a-way the  Lamb of God you take a-way the  Lamb of God you take a-way the</p>
 <p>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.</p>	
 <p>Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace</p>	

*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 (1923<sup>48</sup>–94)*

The Choir sing **A Clare Benediction** by John Rutter (b.1945)

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you, may the light of his presence be your guide. May he guard you and uphold you, may his Spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep may his angels watch over you, when you wake may he fill you with his grace. May you love him and serve him all your days. Then in heaven may you see his face.*

# 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*<sup>52</sup>



# Final Hymn

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out my soul the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Text: Time Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

*Music: Walter Greathouse (1877 - 1949)*

*Tune: Woodlands*

# 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

**Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her**

by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663 - 1712)

## 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.*



Today after the service

Stall selling handmade Nepali goods – scarves, shawls, hats, etc. Cash and cards accepted

Proceeds to support the work of Phase in Nepal

St Mark's Church presents...

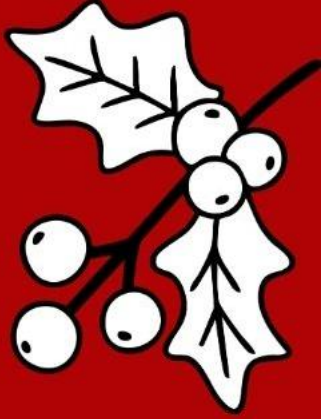
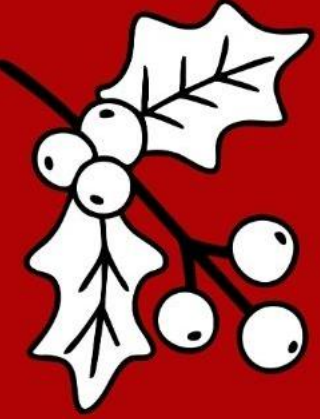
# BIG QUEER CAROLS

**Tonight at 6pm**  
**Broomfield Road S10 2SG**  
*families welcome*



Join us for drinks afterward!





# Carol Service

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6pm

Carols and readings  
with St Marks choir and the Steel City Choristers





## **Christmas Eve 4.30pm**

Nativity Service with hot chocolate from 4pm.

## **Christmas Eve 11.30pm**

Candlelit service of carols, reflection, prayer, and Communion.

## **Christmas Day**

- \* 8am BCP Communion
- \* 10am Festive All Age Communion Service.
  - \* also online via Zoom.