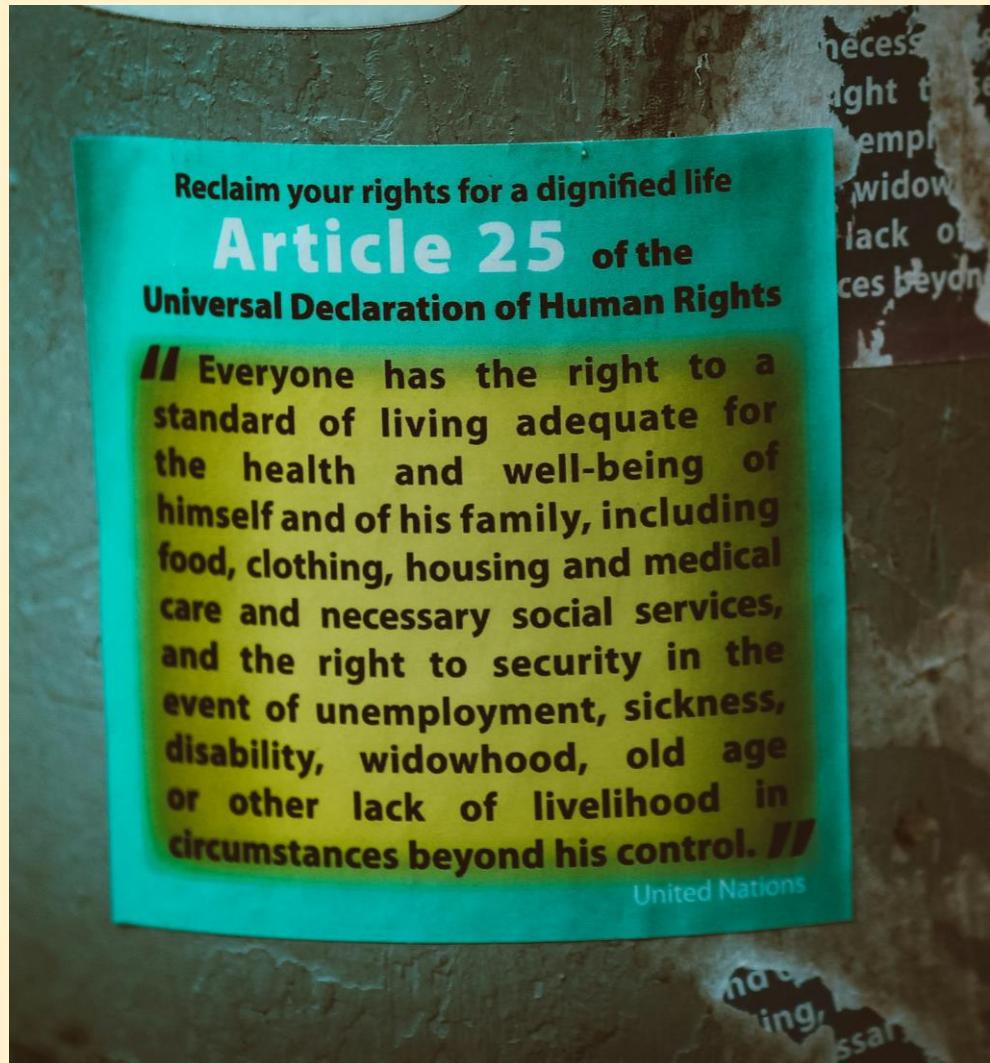


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark  
*Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall*  
Living Thinking Loving Faith



## *The Parish Eucharist for the Season of Lent*

### *Exploring Social Justice*

Sunday 22 February  
at 10.00 am

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# Gathering

“God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.”

*Micah 6.8 (NIV)*

# Gathering

Introit:

*Hide not thou thy face from us O Lord,  
and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;  
for we confess our sins unto thee,  
and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.*

Richard Farrant (d. 1580)

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

# Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

The Deacon is Revd Shan Rush

The Preacher is Janet Morley

Welcome No Singing Bowl

# Opening Hymn

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed,  
prowling beasts about thy way,  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side,  
that with thee we may appear  
at th'eternal Eastertide.

*Text: George Hunt Smyttan (1822 - 1870) and Francis Pott (1832 - 1909), Music: tune from Nurnbergisches Gesangbuch (1676)*

*Tune: Aus der Tiefe*

# Prayers of Approach

May God be with you  
and also with you.

Ever-beckoning God  
you call us to leave behind falsehood  
and seek our integrity in you:  
may our hearts be open to your love  
and our minds to your truth,  
that we may learn to worship what is worthy  
and to serve what is good,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

# The Collect

God whose holy name defies our definition,  
but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed:  
make us to be one with all who cry for justice;  
that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth,  
through Jesus Christ, **Amen**

*Janet Morley*

# 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

First Reading: Philippians 3.4-9

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*Read by Mike Hunt*

*At the end the reader says,*

Let us wait upon God's word of life.

*Followed by quiet for reflection*

# Psalm 91

*David Sanderson*

We sing together.

Org. You are my ref - uge and

strength, my God, in whom I trust.

Cantor sings:

Those who dwell in the shelter of the most High  
shall abide in the shade of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, my refuge and my strength,  
my God in whom I trust.

We sing together.



Org.

You are my ref - uge and



strength, my God, in whom I trust.

Cantor sings:

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place  
and you make the most High your dwelling,

No harm will overtake you,  
no evil will come near your tent.

We sing together.



You are my ref - uge and



in whom I trust.

Cantor sings:

For you he has commanded his angels  
to guard you in all your ways.

They will lift up their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

We sing together.



Org.

You are my ref - uge and



strength, my God, in whom I trust.

Cantor sings:

You will tread on the lion and cobra,  
and trample the lion and the dragon.

Those who love me I will deliver,  
I will protect those who know my name.

We sing together.



Org.

You are my ref - uge and



strength, my God, in whom I trust.

Cantor sings:

When they call I will answer,  
I will be with them in trouble and give them glory.

With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

We sing together.



Org.

You are my ref - uge and



strength, my God, in whom I trust.

# Gospel Mark 3.1-35

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

*(at the end)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

# Sermon

Preacher: Janet Morley

*The sermon is followed by quiet reflection*

# Liturgy of Penitence

Jesus said:

“Above all else, strive for God’s reign of justice.”

*Matthew 6.33*

We do not always live up to our calling.

# The Kyries are sung

*The Bridget Setting, John Bell*

*Cantor*



*Congregation*

*Ky-ri-e e - lei-son*

*Ky-ri-e e - lei-son*

*Cantor*

*Chris-te e -*

*Congregation*

*lei - son*

*Chris-te e - lei - son*

*Cantor*

*Ky - ri-e e - lei -*

*Congregation*

*son*

*Ky - ri - e - e - lei*

*son*

Holy God,  
when we draw back from the anger  
which would compel us to fight for justice:  
**forgive us and make us angry for change.**

When in our fear we silence our own voices  
and deny our claim to be heard:  
**forgive us and make us angry for change.**

When we allow our anger to be buried  
beneath indifference and uneasy compromise:  
**forgive us and make us angry for change.**

When our desire for a quiet life  
maintains a false peace and leaves injustice unchallenged:  
**forgive us and make us angry for change.**

Holy God,  
give us that anger which is strong and clear,  
coming from the depths of our passion.  
**Make us angry for change,  
until right prevails  
and justice and healing are done.**

May God forgive us,  
Christ renew us  
and the Spirit enable us  
to grow in love. **Amen.**

# Affirmation

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life,  
in death,  
in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

*‘A New Creed,’ United Church of Canada*

# Prayers of the People

## Led by Robyn Vesey

Let us pray

Your kingdom come;  
**your will be done.**

God of justice, truth and love;  
**inspire us with your Spirit**  
**to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

# Greeting of Peace

Christ is our peace,  
creating in himself a new humanity,  
reconciling all people to one another and to God.

*cf Ephesians 2.14-16*

We meet in Christ's name and share in his peace.

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

We share a sign of peace.

# Offertory Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive.

Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788),*  
42

*Music: John Stainer (1840 - 1901) Tune: Love Divine*

# Abiding

## Preparation

What do you bring to Christ's table?

**We bring bread,  
made by many people's work,  
from an unjust world  
where some have plenty  
and most go hungry.**

At this table all are fed, and no-one is turned away.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**What do you bring to Christ's table?  
We bring wine,  
made by many people's work,  
from an unjust world  
where some have leisure  
and most struggle to survive.**

At this table all share  
the cup of pain and celebration  
and no-one is denied.

**Thanks be to God.**

These gifts shall be for us  
the body and blood of Christ.

**Our witness against hunger,  
our cry against injustice,  
and our hope for a world  
where God is fully known  
and every child is fed.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Brian Wren (b 1936)*

# 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 the jubilee,  
in Christ, you shatter the temples  
we create to contain you  
and reveal your will  
to loose the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free,  
to share your bread with the hungry  
and shelter the homeless poor.

Silence our pretensions  
and prepare our hearts  
to suffer the cries of your suffering people  
as we join with all in every age  
who have been stirred by your passion  
and long for your light to break forth like the dawn,  
raising our voices in protest and acclamation, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of truth and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Especially, we praise you  
for coming among us in Jesus,  
in him, your kingdom is made manifest,  
through him, your will is fulfilled,  
with him, we are called into your service.

And now, 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 friends,  
gathered around a table,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and offered it to them, saying,  
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,  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
do this in remembrance of me.

And so, Lord of the Fast,  
breathe your passionate Spirit into this communion  
that all may feed on Christ  
and taste his sacred hunger  
for a world renewed by your justice  
and transformed by your grace.

**Amen.**

*Inspired by Isaiah, chapter 58*

# 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.**

# **Agnus Dei - St Bride, by John Bell (sung as a round)**

*Words of invitation follow*

All Christ once was  
and continues to be  
is offered to us  
in bread and wine,  
in communion together;  
so come,  
let us celebrate the feast.

*During communion the choir sings the anthem: Like as the Hart*

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.*

*When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

*My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say  
unto me, Where is now thy God?*

*Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)*

# Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray

**God of the open hand,  
in whom all find a welcome:  
help us to feed the hungry,  
give refreshment to the thirsty,  
provide covering for the naked,  
care for the sick,  
and extend a hand of friendship to the lonely,  
as fellow pilgrims of Love's embrace. Amen.**

*Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.*

# Announcements

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**Thank you.**



**Carbon Fast**  
for Lent



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Lent Lunch today  
Soup, Bread and Fruit



# PANCAKE PARTY!

4-5.30 PM  
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Please bring any toppings you might want.  
If you are able to prepare any pancakes in  
advance, please let Hannah know. Thank you!



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# Blessing

Go forth into the world,  
offer worship that is worthy -  
pursue justice, embrace kindness,  
practice humility;

and may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life  
rest upon you and all whom you love,  
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

# Final Hymn

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do,  
to set it really free.

Oh, help me to obey;  
help me to do your will.

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*Text: Jorge Maldonado, Music:  
Central American Folk Melody arr.  
John Bell (b. 1949)*

*Tune: Sent by the Lord*

# Commission

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,  
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.  
**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,  
letting go of our security.  
**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus challenges us to listen  
to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.  
**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,  
where power and status are overturned.  
**Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,  
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.  
**Let us walk his way with joy.**

*Jan Berry*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# Voluntary: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn".

## BWV 601. JS Bach

With thanks to Mary Cobbold for playing the organ

## 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.*



Lent group materials

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during February





**Coffee concert  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
After the 10am service**