

Welcome to St Mark's Church

Serving Broomhill & Broomhall

Living Thinking Loving Faith



Darkness Yielding

Faith Reviving

Dawn Eucharist □ Easter Day

We gather on The Green, around the fire, in semi-darkness, grief within, darkness without, seeking signs of hope, new life in Christ.

Words of Welcome

Chant

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight,
the deepest night is clear as the day.

Taizé Community.

The image shows a musical score for a chant. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the chant, and the second system covers the second line. The music is a simple, melodic chant with a steady rhythm.

Words of Comfort – John 16. 20 – 22.

JESUS SAID to the disciples, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So, you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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Good News – Luke 24:1 - 12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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Re-membering Jesus

I remember when he came to us by the lakeside...
our hearts raced within us when he called us by name.

We will remember and give thanks.

The aumbry candle is lit from the fire by a leader, who lights their candle and passes the light clockwise and anticlockwise around the gathered community until everyone has a lit candle.

I remember his love of the Scriptures...
and how they came alive as he recalled them.

We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he restored the dignity
of those who were often forgotten...
and looked upon them with compassion.

We will remember and give thanks.

I remember being overwhelmed by God's forgiveness...
as he lifted up my head and revived my soul.

We will remember and give thanks.

I remember how he taught us to pray...
we learned to call God Abba
and feel the closeness of God's presence.

We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his delight in children...
and his willingness to learn from their ways.

We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his love of nature...
how it spoke to him of the glory of God.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his friendship and openness...
his genuine concern for the well-being of all.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his passion for truth and justice...
how he challenged the powerful in God's name.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his respect for women...
how closely he listened to our stories.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when they came to arrest him...
how frightened I was, and yet was somehow alright.
We will remember and give thanks.

We will remember you, Jesus
through the telling of the stories,
through the study of the Scriptures,
through the following of the Way,
through the breaking of the bread,
through the practice of forgiveness,
through the loving of the people,
through the prayers of the kingdom,
through the sharing of the faith.
And you will be re-membered in us.

During the following chant, we make our way, as a group, to the Chapel.

Chant

Jesus Christ, bread of life,
those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
those who trust in you will not thirst.

Refrain Jacques Berthier

Je - sus Christ, bread of life

those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,

those who trust in you will not thirst.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the chant, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a group chant.

Thanksgiving and Communion

God of undying love,
we gather in Jesus' name
as he commanded us to do.

We remember his life with thanksgiving and honour;
we lament his death with sorrow in our hearts
and a deep passion for his ways
as we lay ourselves open to his presence among us.
We make our stand with those in every age,
who have struggled to remain faithful
amidst failure and doubt,
seeking the life of Jesus that his life may live on in us.

Come, Breath of God, come, Spirit of new Life,
breathe upon us and upon these gifts
that bread and wine, flesh, and blood,
may reveal your loving purposes
and fulfil your gracious will.

On the night he entrusted his life
into the hands of friends and detractors,
Jesus celebrated your kingdom
in the company of his own.

He took a loaf of bread, praised you for its goodness,
broke it into pieces and offered it to them,
saying, Take, eat, this is my body –
food for all who hunger, my life for the world.

A little later, he took a cup of wine,
blessed it in God's holy name
and offered it to his companions, saying,
'With this we celebrate our covenant with God,
forged from forgiveness, sealed with my blood.

Invitation

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified yet ever living,
be the communion between us,
the sustenance we share,
and the life we long to embody. **Amen.**

Come forward to receive bread and wine or a blessing.

Chant

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Prayer of the Kingdom

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.**

Chant During which we move to the font

Dm C F F/A Bb C Dm C F F/A

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

C Bb A Dm C

- joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

F Gm/Bb C Am Dm Bb C F

voi - ces, the Lord is near. Lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

We gather around the font in church.

God of abundant Life,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery to freedom.

We thank you that in the waters of the Jordan
you anointed Jesus with the Spirit of Life
that not even death's Abyss
was able to overwhelm.

Anoint this water, we pray,
with your life-giving Spirit,
that it may revive your people
and restore your image in each of us.

Amen.

*As we are saturated with Easter goodness from the font,
we embrace afresh our baptismal identity and calling.*

*We are offered anointing with the oil of gladness and blessing;
a sign of God's faith in us:*

I anoint you for service;
remain faithful to your calling
as God remains faithful to you.

Greeting of Peace

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you,
eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there,
and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10

Let us share Christ's peace
with one another
and with a waiting world.

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

Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*We share the peace of Christ with one another, sharing the joy of
Easter by the font and then move to the lounge for breakfast.*

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