

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall



THE FEAST OF PARADISE

A Service of Christian Hospitality
for the Season of Easter

22 April 2012 at 10.00 am
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Welcome and greetings, especially if you are new to St Mark's. May you discover here what you are seeking and find companionship for life's journey. Please say hello before you go.

This service takes the form of a simple, yet profound, meal of thanksgiving and companionship, a Eucharist or Holy Communion, which originates in the ministry of Jesus and has characterised Christian worship through the centuries.

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Preparing for worship

Easter is when we celebrate and ponder the profound mystery of Jesus' enduring influence across the centuries and around the globe. A living memory; a healing presence; a beckoning call; a source of faith, hope and love; a passion for truth and justice; a capacity for forgiveness, reconciliation and self-giving; a creator of community; a vision of paradise on earth and the courage to pursue it; an inner joy and peace. Christ's resurrection is all these and still more because it is not so much an event in time as an enduring, yet subtle, reality in which we are invited to participate.

*Mysterious God,
surprise us with your presence,
breathe new life into our souls,
fan the embers of our faith
into the passion of Christ.*

Gathering

Organ Voluntaries: Passacaglia in D, Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637- 1707)
Tierce en Taille, Louise Couperin (c.1629 - 1661)

Welcome

Hymn

AWAKE, AWAKE, fling off the night!
for God has sent a glorious light,
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, in Christ renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Raphael Percy (1896-1971).
Tune: Deus tuorum militum (Grenoble).

Prayers of Approach

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

EVER-LOVING GOD,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ entrusts to us the good news of his risen life;
sometimes our hearts and minds are closed,
often we fail in our discipleship.

Quietness for reflection.

When we have denied your claim upon our lives
or doubted your power to revive us.

Forgive us, O Lord.

When we have run away from the challenges of your kingdom
or betrayed you through our words and deeds.

Forgive us, O Lord.

When our motivations have been self-serving
or our allegiance to you skin-deep.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Spirit of God,
breathe forgiveness upon us:
release within us
the life of Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria

Boldly $\text{♩} = 60$ **ff** ALL
Org. Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

mf CHOIR **ALL**
Org. and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav'n ly

f
 King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, *Org.* we

f
Org. give you thanks, *Org.* We praise you for your glo - ry. —

mp MEN
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa -

mp LADIES
 ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

mp MEN **mp** LADIES
 us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Maestoso **f** ALL
Org. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

poco rall
Org. in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. *Org.* A - men.

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

LORD OF THE WELLSRING,

source of life and truth:

Jesus asked for water

from the hands of a woman

in the land of the stranger;

may he teach us to name our need,

to love our neighbour

and to worship you

in spirit and in truth,

through Jesus Christ, who shows us who we are. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Attending

Reading – Ephesians 2. 1 – 10, read by Helen Hillman

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

YOU WERE DEAD through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved – ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection.

Hymn

Children and young people leave for their groups.

FAITH WORKS, but how can love be shown
within a world of complex care?
Between each nation, in each town
how can God's love be focused there?

A different language, creed or dress
can build a wall and damage life;
and ignorance or fear of faith
could break our trust and fire our strife.

How can we legislate for peace,
or work for human harmony,
within a world of disparate needs,
maintaining our integrity.

God give us confidence to see
your face in people all around
that, in a world of many faiths,
your seeds of love may find rich ground.

*Andrew E Pratt (b 1948).
Tune: Herongate.*

Gospel – John 4. 1 – 26.

The good news is proclaimed from the heart of the worshipping community.

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

NOW WHEN JESUS learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'² – although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized –³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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

Sermon – Captain Ian Maher, CA.

Faces of Inclusion: Theological and Religious Pluralism.

The sermon is followed by a time of quietness for reflection.

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Michael Bayley

One of these or another set of biddings and responses is used.

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

God of our yearning.
We seek you.

God of justice, truth and love.
**Inspire us with your Spirit
to let your Kingdom come. Amen.**

Ever-beckoning God.
**We seek your presence
and will serve you. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.19-20.

The peace of our crucified and risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with one another, especially with those who
are unfamiliar or from whom we are estranged.*

Hymn

A collection is taken for the ministry of St Mark's. If you are a taxpayer and are not currently a member of the church's planned giving scheme, please place your gift in one of the envelopes provided, writing your name and address on the front. Thank you.

I COME with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren (b 1936).
Tune: St Botolph.*

Abiding

Preparation

Tokens of our response to God, bread and wine, and the collection, are offered.

Lord Jesus Christ,
may our hearts be open to your love,
our doors to friend and stranger,
our table to all who hunger,
and our lives to your risen life.

New Zealand Prayer Book.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. *(please sit or kneel)*

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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
as we raise our voices in acclamation:

Noel Rawsthorne

Maestoso
Org.

f 3 3 3 3
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
3 3 3 3
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
3 3 3 3
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

mp
Org. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

mf
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, it is our duty and our joy,
to remember how,
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,
and offered it to his companions,
saying, Take, drink,
with this we celebrate our new relationship
with one another and with God,
forged from forgiveness,
sealed with my blood.

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. **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.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen;
**make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.**

Words of invitation follow.

I am the bread of life,
says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me
will never thirst.
**Taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are those who place their trust in him.**

Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread and wine or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing. Please approach the altar rail with those around you. Gluten-free bread rolls are used.

During administration, we sing together:

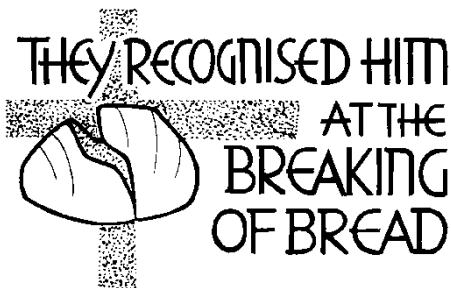
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst

Taizé

Afterwards, the choir will sing: 'Lord I trust Thee'

by George Frederic Handel (1685 - 1759)

At the conclusion, silence is shared.



Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

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

Notices

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

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

Hymn

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009).
Tune: Solothurn.*

Commission (*please face the back of church*)

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ voluntary: Toccata, Theodore Dubois (1837 - 1924)

Refreshments are served in the lounge.
Please stay if you can.

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