

Welcome to St Mark's Church

Serving Broomhill & Broomhall



Darkness Yielding
Faith Reviving

Dawn • Easter Day • 2012

We gather, grief within, darkness without,
seeking signs of hope, new life in Christ.

A Word of Welcome

Chant

In our darkness there is no darkness with you, O Lord,
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 first system contains the lyrics: "In our dark-ness there is no dark-ness with you O Lord, the". The second system contains the lyrics: "deep-est night is clear as the day. , In our". The score ends with the word "FINE" in capital letters. There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Words of Comfort – John 16. 20 – 24.

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. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.'

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Good News – Mark 16. 1 – 7.

WHEN THE SABBATH was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’

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Re-membering Jesus

The following reminiscences are led by the gathering in the order printed and in an extemporary fashion.

The Easter fire is kindled.

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.

I remember his stories and sayings
and, how through them, God's kingdom came close.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his love of the Scriptures
and how they came to life in his hands.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember the boat trips across the waters
and his talent for sleeping through the fiercest storms.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he restored the dignity of the forgotten ones
and looked upon them with eyes of compassion.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he touched lepers with hands of kindness
and cleansed them from their scourge.
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 his miracles of healing
embracing human need with transforming hands of love.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he taught us to pray
we learned to call God Father and to share the Father's heart.
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 meal-times and open-tables
when all feasted on the food of friendship and the wine of gladness.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he confounded the pretentious
with words of wisdom that disclosed their conceit.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his fascination with 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 mighty ones in God's name.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember his tenderness towards women
and his readiness to share the kingdom with them.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember seeing in him the person I longed to be
and daring to believe that person could live.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he told us of his forthcoming death
and we silenced him, hoping it would never be.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when he gathered us together at Passover time
and entrusted to us what God had entrusted to him.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when they came to arrest him
terror filled our hearts and we were overwhelmed with fear.
We will remember and give thanks.

I remember when they strung him up on a cross to die
and seeing God's tears in his mother's eyes.
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.**

Chant

Take, oh, take me as I am:
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

John L Bell (b 1949).

Take, oh, take me as I am; — sum-mon out what I shall be; —

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. —

Invocation

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.

We sing together, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' (Come, Holy Spirit), Taizé Community.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words 'ni', 'San', 'cte', and 'ri'.

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 food for all who hunger,
this is my life broken 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, Take, drink,
with this we celebrate our covenant with God,
forged from forgiveness,
sealed with my blood.

Communion

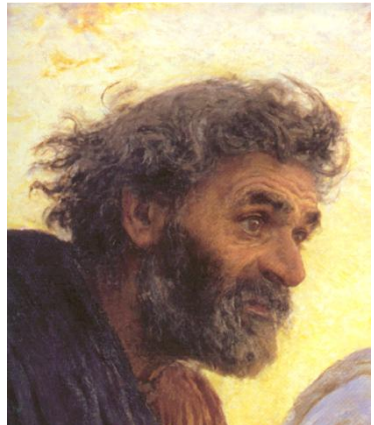
Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified yet ever living,
be the communion between us,
the sustenance we share,
and the life we long to embody.

Amen.

*Bread and wine are distributed
and consumed.*

Dawning

Silence is shared.



*From 'In the morning
of the resurrection,'
Eugène Burnand.*

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.

Hymn

YOU STOOD there on the shoreline
and waited in the dawn
to share with your disciples
the newness of the morn;
be with us now, Lord Jesus,
and make your presence known:
in resurrection power
declare today your own.

When hours of tiring labour
had brought them scant reward,
in your immense provision
they recognised their Lord;
when drudgery seems endless,
demeaning all our skill,
let this be our contentment:
to know and do your will.

On bread and fish they feasted
around a charcoal fire:
that resurrection breakfast
was all they could desire!
Like them, may we discover
the joy which never ends
when you, the King of glory,
count us among your friends.

Where Simon Peter languished
in guilt and burning shame,
you spoke of restoration,
and not of endless blame;
where sin and failure haunt us,
remind us what is true:
that we are now forgiven
and called to follow you.

Martin E Leckebusch (b 1962).

Reviving

We gather around the font.

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 extinguish.

Anoint this water, we pray,
with your life-giving Spirit,
that it may revive your people
and restore within them the image of your son. **Amen.**

*A minister saturates the faithful with Easter goodness from the font,
as we embrace afresh our baptismal identity and vocation.*

*Anointing with the oil of gladness and blessing follows,
accompanied by these or other words.*

Sister/Brother in Christ,
I anoint you for service
remain faithful to your calling
as God remains faithful to you.

Greeting of Peace

Jesus said, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.'

See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'
And if anyone is there who shares in peace,
your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

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.'

From Luke 10. 2 – 11.

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

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Breakfast is served in the lounge!

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'Saint Mary Magdalene,' by Robert Lentz (1988).

Mary of Madgala,
Apostle to the Apostles,
you were the first to
discover the resurrection,
lead us once more into the
living presence of Jesus.