

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

6 May 2012 at 10.00 am
Fifth 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 to a member of staff or welcome team 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.

To use the *Induction Loop*, please select the *T Setting* on your hearing aid. We ask that *mobile phones* and *paggers* be switched off or set to silent mode. Large print versions of worship materials are available.

Preparing for worship

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 Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in A minor [BWV 561], JS Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Hymn

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908).

Tune: St Denio.

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, **f** we

f
 Org. give you thanks, **f** 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,

f
 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. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

God of deep soil
and luxuriant growth;
you call us from
our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Attending

Reading – Acts 8. 26 – 40, read by Rosemary Cripps

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

THEN AN ANGEL of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection.

Hymn

Children and young people leave for their groups.

FATHER, HEAR the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would strike the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

*Maria Willis (1824-1908).
Tune: Sussex.*

Gospel – John 15. 1 – 8.

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.

‘I AM THE TRUE VINE, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – The Rev'd Philip Roderick.

Leader of Contemplative Fire & Bishop of Sheffield's Advisor on Spirituality.

Faces of Inclusion: Spirituality & Selfhood.

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

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Jane Padget

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

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.

God of justice, truth and love.

**Inspire us with your Spirit
to let your Kingdom come. Amen.**

God of our yearning.

We seek you.

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, please place your gift in one of the yellow envelopes provided, writing your name and address on the front. If you leave the envelope blank, we are unable to reclaim tax under the 'Gift Aid' scheme. Thank you.

HERE IN THIS PLACE, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Marty Haugen (b 1950).
Tune: Gather us in.*

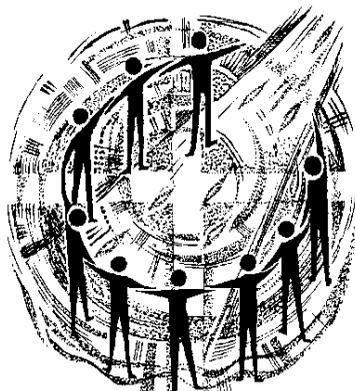
Abiding

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.

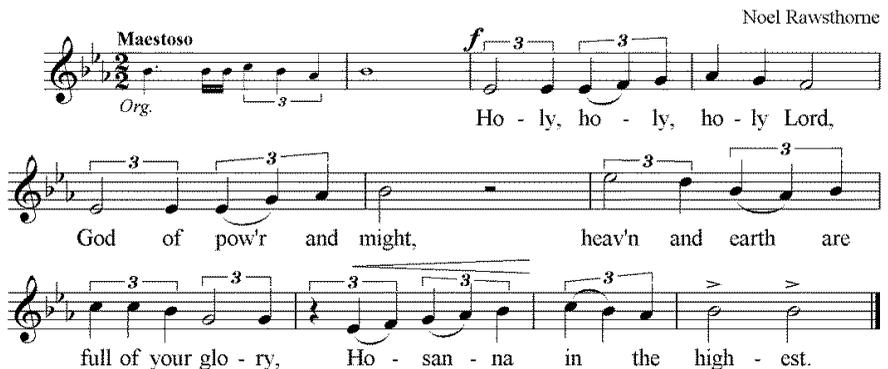
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

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

mp
 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,
 this is the cup of the new covenant' –
 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, Philip Roderick will play a Hang, an instrument developed in Switzerland by Felix Rohner and Sabina Schärer.

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

Receiving our Churchwardens

Gary Grief and Michael Hunt gather at the front.

‘Churchwardens are called to cooperate with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council in the pastoral, evangelistic, financial and worshipping life of the parish church. They should bring to the attention of the Bishop such matters as come to their knowledge affecting the life of the church and congregation for which they are responsible.’ (from The Archdeacon’s Visitation Service of Admission of Churchwardens)

The risen Christ continues to create communities
in which people of all ages and outlooks
are inspired to continue his ministry
and embrace his loving purposes.

We give thanks for Gary and Michael,
especially at this time
for their willingness to serve as Churchwardens.

May God grant them wisdom, grace and fortitude,
and may they draw strength from our affection and support.

Each is anointed in turn, with these words.

N, we anoint you for service:
remain faithful to your calling,
as God remains faithful to you. **Amen.**

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

BE THOU my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, c 8th century tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935).*

Tune:Slane.

Commission *(please face the back of church)*

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

Organ voluntary: Fantasia in G [BWV 572], JS Bach

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



The Hang was developed by the instrument builders of Panart, Felix Rohner and Sabina Schärer. It was the result of many years of research on the steelpan and the study of the diverse collection of instruments from around the world: Gong, Gamelan, Ghatam, drums, bells, Singing Saw...

In November 1999, the Swiss musician Reto Weber visited Panart Ltd, showed his art of playing Ghatam and dreamed of a sounding pot in steel with some notes to play with the hands. The main components were ready to be used: Two hemispheres in steel of high quality, one tuned to a scale, the other one without notes, fixed together- the Hang was born.

HANG means in the Bernese language hand, and so this new instrument of the millennium is played with the hands. Since its premier at the Frankfurter Musikmesse 2001, it has won many hearts from musicians all over the world.



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