

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

THE OPEN TABLE OF JESUS



A Service of Christian Hospitality
also known as Holy Communion

The Feast of All Saints

4 November 2012 at 10.00 am

Welcome

Welcome and greetings, especially if you are new to St Mark's. May you soon discover what you are seeking and find companions for life's journey. This communion is more complete with you being a part of it.

Today's liturgy takes the form of a simple, yet profound, meal of thanksgiving and hospitality, 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.

Before the service begins, we are all invited to share in a few moments of quietness in preparation for worship.

Preparing for worship

Saints are holy – set aside,
not from the world,

but for the world:
to bear its pain
and embody
its hope.



Saints are disturbed people,
troubled by a reality
only they seem able
to grasp ...

... and dedicated to disturbing
everyone else with
their delusion.

Gathering

Voluntary: 'Gelobt sei Gott,' Healey Willan (1880-1968).

Greeting

Hymn

CHRIST IS THE KING! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Alleluia ...

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.

Alleluia ...

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Alleluia ...

Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

Alleluia ...

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.

Alleluia ...

George Bell (1883-1958).

Tune: Gelobt sei Gott.

Prayers of Approach

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.**

Gloria

LAUDATE Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia.

*Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
peoples, nations. Alleluia.*

Jacques Berthier (1923-94), Taizé.

Collect

Let us pray (*please remain standing*).

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Common Worship.

Journeying together in Faith

As young members prepare to leave for their groups, a prayer is offered.

**May God guide each of us,
whatever our age or experience,
in the way of Christ –
the love of God go with you. Amen.**

Children, teenagers and group leaders set off.

Attending

Reading – Genesis 3. 8 – 24, read by Helen Hillman

A reading from the book of Genesis.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ ¹⁰ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ¹¹ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’

¹² The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

¹⁶ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ ¹⁷ And to the man he said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹ And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’ – ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till

the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Let us wait upon the Lord;
in whose word is our hope.

Psalm 130.5.

Pause for reflection.

Hymn

THE KING OF LOVE my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-77), based on Psalm 23.
Tune: St Columba.*

Gospel – Luke 15. 11 - 32.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THEN JESUS said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes,

you killed the fatted calf for him!’³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – ‘Death,’ the Rev’d Professor Douglas J Davies.

Part of the ‘Things we’d rather not think about’ series.

Followed by a time of quietness for reflection.

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Jane Padgett

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.**

Prayers of Penitence & Forgiveness

Hear the teaching of Christ:

you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

In the light of Christ’s teaching
and in the strength of God’s forgiveness,
let us acknowledge our wrongdoing and failure.

Silence for preparation.

**GRACIOUS GOD,
when we have failed
to walk in the way of your commandments
or to heed the cry of those in need,
when our words and actions
have caused suffering to others
or diminished ourselves,
set us free from past wrongs
and liberate us for the service of Christ. Amen.**

May God's forgiveness be your freedom
and God's wisdom be your guide. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

1 Corinthians 12.12-13.

The peace of the 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.*

GIVE THANKS for those whose faith is firm
when all around seem bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak -
the strong who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer towards that light,
a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own -
his love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized -
give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

*Martin E Leckebusch (b 1962).
Tune: Repton.*

Abiding

Preparation

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

Gather us in, O God:
From every age and outlook.

Gather us in, O God:
From every creed and colour.

Gather us in, O God:
From every circumstance and walk of life.

Be found among us:
**In the sharing of bread and wine,
in the offering of friendship and service,
in the openness of thankful hearts
and outstretched hands,
be found among us.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Christ, our companion,
we thank you for calling us
to be your body here on earth –
each of us a different member
with an unique part to play,
all of us belonging to one another –
united by your Spirit,
bound together in love.

We thank you for the glorious variety
of those who follow in your way:
people of every age and outlook,
embracing every culture and language,
inhabiting every continent and nation
finding their vocation in you.

And so, with all in every age
who have sought to serve you
and to live in your light,
we raise our voices in acclamation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

And now we remember that night
when, before giving up your body to death,
you entrusted it to your own.

One final time,
at a meal with your friends,
taking a loaf of bread,
you blessed it, broke it into pieces
and offered it them, saying:
'This is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me'

A little later,
taking a cup of wine
you blessed it and offered it to them,
with these words:
'This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

As we remember
how your body was broken and torn apart,
breathe your life-giving Spirit
that all who eat this bread
and drink from this cup
may find their communion in you
and find their place within your body –
that what you lived for
and died for
may live on in us. **Amen.**

Inspired by 1 Corinthians 12.

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 and the invitation extended.

At the Last Supper Jesus,
sharing bread and wine,
invited the disciples to share his journey.

Like many grains of wheat
becoming one loaf of bread,
the disciples were invited
to become one body with him.

**Here, through bread and wine,
we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples.**

Here, through bread and wine,
we renew our unity with one another
and with all those who have gone before us in this place.

**Here through bread and wine,
we renew our communion with the earth
and our solidarity with the broken ones of the world.**

So come, taste of this bread and wine,
gifts of the earth, work of human hands,
food both of earth and of heaven.

Source unknown.

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 (please note, these contain egg and milk).

During administration, we sing together the following chant:

God bless to us our bread,
and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

Argentinian text, arranged by John L Bell (b 1949).

*Afterwards, the choir will sing: God so Loved the World from The Crucifixion
(John Stainer, 1840 - 1901)*

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Venturing

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray.

For all the saints who went before us:
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire.

Thanks be to God.

For all the saints who live beside us:
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven with our own.

Thanks be to God.

For all the saints who live beyond us:
who challenge us
to change the world with them.

Thanks be to God.

Janet Morley.

**HOLY AND BECKONING GOD,
you have called us
to display your love
and mercy in the world.
We thank you
for those who have gone before us,
offering their obedience in daily living
and revealing Christ to all who cared to look.
Grant us the same grace by which they lived,
that Christ may be seen in us also. Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

May the faith of Christ Jesus
lead us into the world. **Amen.**

May the good news of the kingdom
be our offering to those we meet. **Amen.**

May the company of our forebears
inspire us in the way of costly love. **Amen.**

And 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

SOURCE OF ALL, Sustaining Spirit,
Living Christ, the First and Last,
thankful, joyful, we inherit
boundless treasure from the past.
Pioneering, persevering,
countless saints have shown the way.
We, like them, to Christ adhering,
praise your boundless love today.

Reaching out to all in Jesus,
still you seek the world to win,
saving people, powers and systems
out of aimlessness and sin.
Bid our praise flow into service,
and where hatreds crucify,
keep us peaceful, truthful, hopeful
as to Christ we testify.

Christ, who knows our scattered stories,
gently weaves us into one,
till the covenants that bind us,
set us free and lead us on.
Living God, Eternal Spirit,
be our judge, our joy, our friend,
till we meet and move together
through your realm that has no end.

*Brian Wren (b 1936).
Tune: Blauenwern.*

Commission

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life in our hands.
Now we put our lives in yours.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ Amen.

Voluntary: 'Placare Christe Servulis,' Marcel Dupre (1886-1971).

*Refreshments are served in the church lounge
followed by Sunday lunch around 12.15 pm.
Everyone is welcome to stay!*

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