

Welcome to St Mark's Church
Serving Broomhill & Broomhall

The Feast of Paradise: Celebrating New Life in Christ



*A Service of Christian Hospitality for Easter Day
also known as Holy Communion*

Sunday 31 March 2013
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.



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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
and fan the flames of our faith
into the passion of Christ.*

Gathering

The service starts in darkness and silence.

Introit: 'Ich Will Den Herrn Loben,' Tellemann (1681-1767).

Kindling the Easter Flame

*Please turn to face the crown of thorns at the back of church,
where children are invited to gather.*

Eternal God,
who made this most holy dawn
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Easter Candle, symbolizing Christ's risen presence,
is marked according to ancient practice.*

Jesus Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

The Easter Flame is kindled.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

Hymn

JESUS CHRIST is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of joy then let us sing, alleluia!
praising Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the Cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

For the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have secured, alleluia!
now above all powers he's King, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, alleluia!
praise eternal as his love;
praise him all the heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Surrexit Christus hodie (14th cent, anonymous).
Tune: Easter Hymn (Lyra Davidica).*

Easter Acclamations

We remain standing until after the Collect; if you would be more comfortable seated, please feel free to sit down.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ, enduring death,
we praise you for changed lives and new hopes.

You came to Mary in the garden,
and turned her tears into joy.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

You came to the disciples in the upper room,
and turned their fear into courage.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

You came to the disciples by the lakeside,
and turned their failure into faith.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

You came to the disciples on the Emmaus road,
and turned their despair into hope.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

You come to your people now,
filling them with resurrection joy.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Exsultet – Easter Song of Praise

SING, CHOIRS of God, let saints and angels sing!
the universe exalt in harmony.

We greet you, Christ, now risen from the grave,
and join our voices to the symphony!

Sing, choirs of God, behold your light has come;
the glorious wounds of Christ shine full and clear.
We lift our hearts for love has conquered pain,
the night is gone, the dawn at last is here.

Sing, choirs of God, exult in joy outpoured,
the gospel trumpet tells of victory won.
Dear Christ, you live, and love us to the end,
we sing with all the world a long Amen!

Tune: Woodlands.

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

God of undying life,
whose wounds of love
embraced the cross
and overwhelmed the tomb:
revive us with your costly forgiveness
and breathe upon us your lively spirit
that, renewed in faith,
we may body forth Christ's risen life
to a waiting and needy world,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Attending

Reading – Acts 10. 34 – 43, read by Alasdair Linn

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

THEN PETER began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection.

Hymn

CHRIST IS ALIVE! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Brian Wren (b 1936).
Tune: Truro (*Psalmody Evangelica*).

Gospel – Luke 24. 1 – 12.

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

BUT ON THE FIRST DAY of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.

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

Confessions of Peter

Responding

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Briony Tayler

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.*

Easter glory fills the heaven,
Easter light pervades the earth,
now the Son, his triumph given,
brings his promise of new birth.
By his awesome act of giving,
sin and death are put to flight.
hope and life invade our living
new created by his light.

On that wondrous Easter morning,
to the women at the tomb,
just as day was at its dawning,
Lord, you came and banished gloom.
Open now our hearts for hearing
your own living word of peace,
peace than conquers all our fearing:
our renewal, our release.

Come, as round the table, meeting,
we would be your people here,
taking, breaking, sharing, eating;
in the bread and wine draw near.
In our serving and forgiving
we would be your people true.
May we know, in all our living,
you in us, our life in you.

Lord of loving, Lord of glory,
through your giving, through your
pain,
this the fullness of your story,
earth herself is born again.
Serving you through all your
creatures,
great or small, or high or low,
we will then discern your features;
know your Resurrection, now.

*Leith Fisher.
Tune: Abbot's Leigh.*

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:

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

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Setting from 'St Anne's Mass,' by James Macmillan (b 1959).

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 God and one another' –
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 yet ever-living:
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:

Surrexit Dominus vere,

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Surrexit Christus hodie,

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord is truly risen!

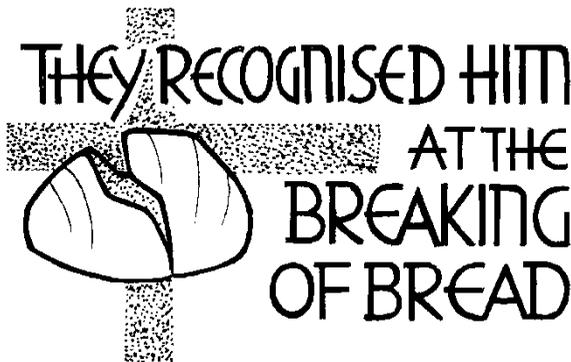
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is risen today!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Afterwards, the choir will sing 'Blessed is the God and Father,' S S Wesley (1810-76).

At the conclusion, silence is shared.



Venturing

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray.

**EASTER GOD,
you have met us in bread and wine,
and surprised us with your joy.
Send us out into the world,
dancing with delight
and with hallelujahs
ringing in our hearts,
to share your justice
and your praise. Amen.**

Jan Berry.

Hymn

THINE be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more that conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmund Budry (1854-1932). Tune: Maccabaeus.

Reaffirming our Baptismal Vocation

Please turn to face the font.

Water is poured.

Through baptism,
we become members of Christ's body
and apprentices of God's kingdom.

Let us celebrate this inheritance
and reaffirm our vocation.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Way?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you strive for justice and peace,
respecting the dignity of every human being
and the integrity of creation.

With the help of God, we will.

Blessing

May the God of Jesus Christ
kindle within you a passion for truth and justice,
a longing to see the hungry fed,
the distressed comforted
and the oppressed set free;

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.**

Dismissal

As we have celebrated Christ's resurrection,
Let us live his risen life. Alleluia!

The choir sings, 'Alleluia,' W A Mozart (1756-91).

*Organ voluntary:
'Carillon Sortie,' Henri Mulet (1878-1967).*



*At the end of the service, you are invited to trace
the sign of the cross on your forehead using the water of baptism
in the font as a reminder of your own baptism.*

*We are never more than is celebrated at the font,
yet it takes a lifetime to embrace our baptismal identity and vocation.*



*There will be a retiring collection
for Syria Crisis Appeal.*



Festive refreshments are served in the lounge.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed
to Lent, Holy Week and Easter
in whatever way.



EASTER GREETINGS!



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