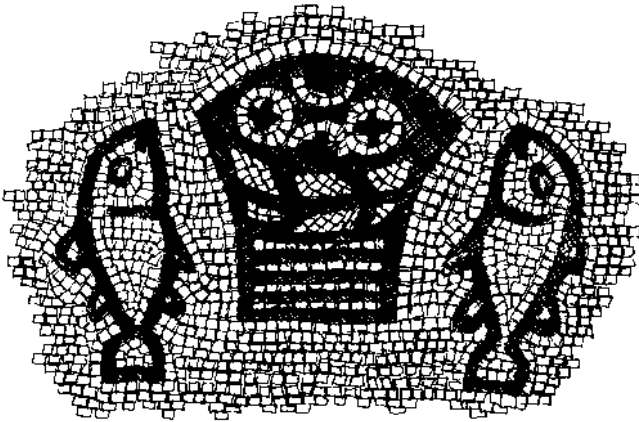


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark

Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall

Living thinking faith

A Sharing in the Hospitality of Christ



A Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 8 September 2013 at 10.00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the new St Mark's, former clergy and members of staff have been invited back to preach. This morning, we welcome Noel Irwin who is currently Superintendent of Sheffield Methodist Mission, Senior Tutor at the Urban Theology Unit and Methodist Faith Advisor at Sheffield Hallam University.



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

Wait without expectation
which might focus attention too narrowly,
so that we miss the coming.

Wait with expectancy,
alert, hearts, minds, hands, ears
open to receive the gift.

(Ann Lewin)



To find a cause worth dying for
is to discover one worth living for.

Cross-carrying Christ, be the cause
of our living and dying.

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Welcome

Hymn

PRAISE BE for life, for resurrection grace
renewal breaking through in every place.
Praise be for life, for death and letting go
for seeds released, free then to root and grow.

Praise be for love. Love's gifts shall make us whole,
its grace implanted in each living soul.
Praise be for love whose power to touch and heal
restores, transforms and points to all that's real.

Praise be for light, its ever radiant spark
embracing and encompassing the dark.
Praise be for light, the light of mutual love,
its flame within, without, below, above.

Praise be for truth, the truth that sets us free
in openness and trust for all to see.
Praise be for truths, diverse yet valid all
to those who act upon the Spirit's call.

Praise be for hope that counters dark despair
that looks for signs of life in ground that's bare.
Praise be for hope, enabling us by grace
to see the Other in another's face.

*Eve Saunders.
Tune: Anima Christi.*

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.**

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

Gloria

LAUDATE Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia.
LAUDATE Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia.

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

Jacques Berthier (1923-94), Taizé Community.

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

Jealous God,
you call us to hate the life
that is an echo of death
and a whisper of fear:
give us the courage
to pass through shadows
and count the cost
of a love beyond measure;
through Jesus Christ,
the one who is fully alive. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Attending

Reading (*please take a seat*) – Jeremiah 18. 1 – 11, read by Christopher Nyabezi

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

THE WORD that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection (approximately 1 minute).

Hymn

CHRIST, you call us all to service,
call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment
all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice,
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the broken hearted,
to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together,
brothers, sisters, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given,
man or woman, young or old -
help us use each skill and talent
your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ord'ring human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.

*Joy F Patterson (b 1931).
Tune: Daily, daily.*

Gospel – Luke 14. 25 – 33.

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.

NOW LARGE CROWDS were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes

against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Anniversary Sermon – The Rev'd Dr Noel Irwin.

From 2000 to 2003, Noel was employed by St Mark's as a community worker, living and ministering in Broomhall. In 2001, he established the Broomhall Breakfast outreach project at Hanover Methodist Church – an initiative that continues to thrive in its current home, St Andrew's URC.

The sermon is followed by a time of quietness for reflection (approximately 1 minute).

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Pat Hunt

The following chant may be sang before and after the intercessions.

Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

John L Bell (b 1949).

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

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O THOU who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me-

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-88). Tune: Hereford.

Communing

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)*

Ever-beckoning God,
we thank you that in every age
you are calling people
to venture forth in faith –
leaving behind the securities of self-interest
in pursuit of justice, truth and peace.

We thank you that in Jesus
your word has been fulfilled –
through life, through death,
through life beyond death –
drawing humanity into your presence
that all may find their integrity in you.

We thank you that through him
we can approach this table,
no matter who we are
or where life has led us,
no matter what our confusion
or how deep our doubts.

And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place
who have struggled to embody your word
and live out your wisdom, singing,

**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,
in obedience to his command,
it is our duty and our joy,
to remember the night he gave himself up
and was handed over to death.

One final time,
among friends,
gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread,
and after giving you thanks,
he broke it
and offered it to them, saying,
'This is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me'

Afterwards, he took the cup of wine,
blessed it,
and offered it to them, saying,
'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 his life,
proclaim his death
and celebrate his resurrection,
may your Holy Spirit inspire this communion
that all who share this bread and wine
may feed on Christ and become one with him.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer & Sharing in 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.**

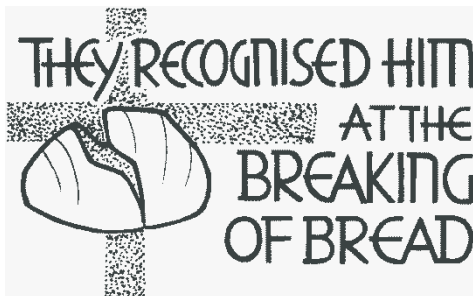
The bread is broken.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Words of invitation follow.

Christ's table has been prepared
and Christ is the one who beckons.
Come take your place and feed on 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:

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love,
there is God

Taizé.

Afterwards, the choir will sing 'God be in my head,' by Fraser Wilson (b 1984).

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

**GOD of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water
and fed us on the bread of life:
refresh and sustain us by your Spirit
as we go forth on our journey,
in the companionship of Christ
and in the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

Go forth in peace:

let the wisdom of God guide your way,

let the compassion of Christ be your gift to the world,

let the fire of the Spirit be your inspiration;

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

FORTH in the peace of Christ we go;

Christ to the world with joy we bring;

Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,

Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;

kingship with him, his servants gain;

with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,

Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth

this world of time to consecrate,

our world of sin by grace to heal,

Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;

he claims our minds, to search his ways;

he claims our lips, to speak his truth;

he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one;
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

*James Quinn (b 1919).
Tune: Song 34 (Angels' Song).*

Commission *(please face the back of church)*

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.

Organ voluntary

*Sharing in the hospitality of Christ
continues after this service with refreshments,
on Wednesdays at Lunch Club, on Fridays at Broomhall Breakfast,
on Saturdays at Soup Run, and wherever and whenever
food and friendship are offered in Christ's name.*



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