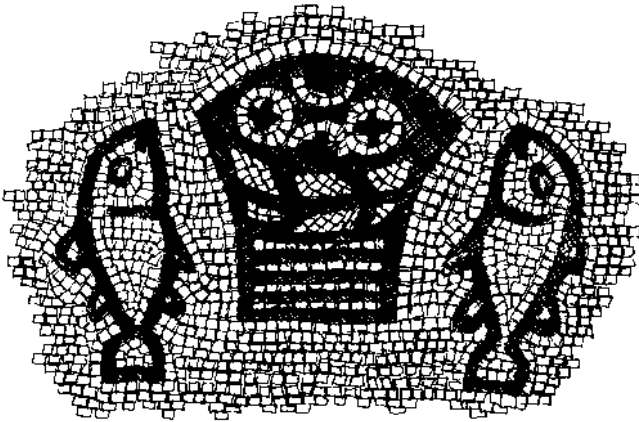


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark

Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall

Living thinking faith

A Sharing in the Hospitality of Christ



A Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 22 September 2013 at 10.00 am

Seventeenth 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 Jane Tillier, Ian Atherton, her husband, and their daughter, Clare.



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 appreciate the nature of grace
we must first experience its injustice:
forgiveness and loving attention,
unmerited and undeserved.

Gracious God, surprise us with your presence.

Gathering

Organ Voluntary: 'Folk Tune,' Percy Whitlock (1903-46).

Welcome

Hymn

GOD, beyond our dreams,
you have stirred in us a memory;
you have placed your powerful spirit
in the hearts of humankind.

*All around us, we have known you;
all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying
we are bringing you to birth.*

God, beyond all names,
you have made us in your image,
we are like you, we reflect you,
we are woman, we are man.

Chorus.

God, beyond all words,
all creation tells your story,
you have shaken with our laughter,
you have trembled with our tears.

Chorus.

God, beyond all time,
you are labouring within us;
we are moving, we are changing,
in your spirit ever new.

Chorus.

God of tender care,
you have cradled us in goodness,
you have mothered us in wholeness,
you have loved us into birth.

Chorus.

Bernadette Farrell.

Tune: God beyond all names.

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.

Magnificat – Rejoice!

Andante ♩ = 100

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Margaret Rizza (b 1926).

Magnificat, magnificat,
anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, Magnificat,
anima mea Dominum.
Anima mea Dominum.

*My soul magnifies and rejoices
in the Lord*

Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

God of unexpected judgement,
finding grace in the devious
and compromised:
free us from the certainty
of having you in our grip
that a better wealth may flow
through our open hands;
through Jesus Christ,
the Currency of Life. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

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 *(please take a seat)* – 1 Timothy 2. 1 – 7, read by Arthur Button

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

FIRST OF ALL, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

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

Hymn

*The strangest of saints,
the simplest of souls,
the saddest of all the earth's rejected,
are chosen to be the people in whose lives
the goodness of God can be detected.*

Peter, the Rock, whose faith was often talk;
Thomas who sometimes doubted;
Martha who fussed, Zacchaeus the unjust,
and Paul by whom Christians once were routed, *Chorus.*

Names none can tell – woman at the well,
lepers and widowed mothers,
men blind from birth, street children full of mirth,
and each quite distinct from all the others. *Chorus.*

Gladly we choose to share the timeless news:
Christ's friends are fully human.
Nothing we fear prevents him coming near
to understand every man and woman. *Chorus.*

Who dare deride those found at Jesus' side,
welcome despite their weakness?
Christ who knows all, expresses by his call
the wonder of everyone's uniqueness. *Chorus.*

*John L Bell (b1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958).
Tune: Wae's me for Prince Charlie.*

Gospel – Luke 16. 1 – 13.

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 to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own

¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Anniversary Sermon – The Rev'd Preb Dr Jane Tillier.

Jane arrived at St Mark's in 1991 to serve as a Parish Deacon and was among the first women to be ordained Priest within the Church of England in 1994. Since leaving Sheffield, she has held parochial, diocesan and cathedral appointments, currently serving as Priest-in-Charge of the parish of Barlaston, Lichfield Diocese, in addition to working as Diocesan Advisor for Women in Ministry and Ministry Development Advisor for the Stafford Episcopal Area. Jane is an Honorary Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.

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

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by David Price

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

*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.*

LORD, WE COME to ask your healing,
teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing,
teach us of love
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing,
teach us of love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow,
hold us in love;
grace we cannot buy or borrow,
hold us in love.

Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friend and stranger
though we often dread tomorrow,
hold us in love.

When the bread is raised and broken,
fill us with love;
words of consecration spoken,
fill us with love.

As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token,
fill us with love.

Help us live for one another,
bind us in love:
stranger, neighbour, father, mother -
bind us in love.

All are equal at your table,
through your Spirit make us able
to embrace as sister, brother,
bind us in love.

Jean Holloway (b 1939).

Tune: Ar hyd y nos.

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.**

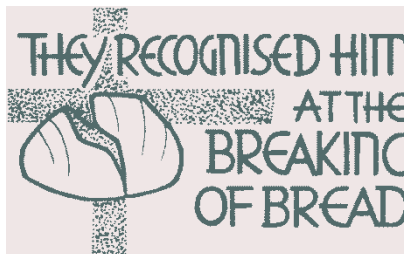
The bread is broken.

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:

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Solo Dios basta.

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone is sufficient.*

*Teresa of Avila (1545-82).
Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-94)*

Afterwards, the choir will sing 'A New Song,' by James Macmillan (b 1959).

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

TELL OUT, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926).
Tune: Woodlands.

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: 'Incantation pour un Jour Saint,' Jean Langlais (1907-91).

*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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