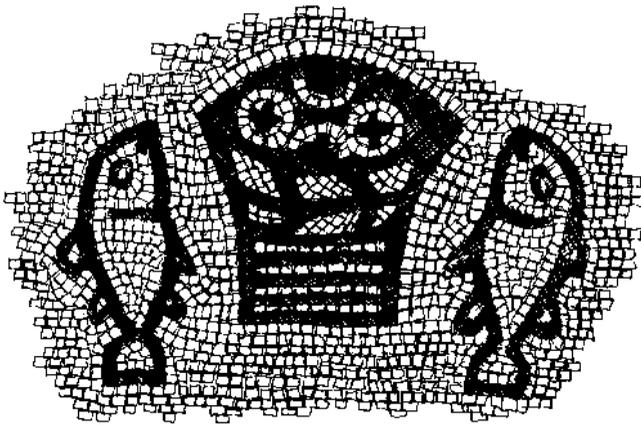


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark

*Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall*

*Living thinking faith*

# A Sharing in the Hospitality of Christ



## A Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 20 October 2013 at 10.00 am

*Twenty-First 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 John Giles and Jill.



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)*



Journeying away from home  
is a necessary part of our growth  
and maturation;  
until we reach a point  
when we can return  
and receive it  
in a more generous light.

# Gathering

*Organ Voluntary*

Welcome

Hymn

NEW EVERY morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,  
as more of heaven in each we see;  
some softening gleam of love and prayer  
shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask.  
Lord, help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

*John Keble (1792-1866).  
Tune: Melcombe.*

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).*

*My soul magnifies and rejoices in the Lord*

### Collect

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

Mysterious God,  
in whom all opposites meet  
and find their fulfilment:  
draw us into your covenant of love  
that we may be reconciled  
to those who seem dangerous and strange,  
recognising a common humanity  
revealed in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## 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*) – Daniel 3. 19 – 28, read by David Trickett

A reading from the book of Daniel.

THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary,<sup>20</sup> and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.<sup>21</sup> So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.<sup>22</sup> Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.<sup>23</sup> But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors, 'Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?' They answered the king, 'True, O king.'<sup>25</sup> He replied, 'But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.'<sup>26</sup> Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!' So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.<sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.<sup>28</sup>

Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

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

## Benedictus – A Song of Liberation

Luke 1 vv.68-79,  
adapted by A J McCallen

Eve Saunders



PRAISE THE LORD, praise the Lord,

*Refrain*

God has sent a Saviour who is strong,  
and he will set us free.

*Refrain*

He promised this to Abraham so long ago,  
and he has kept his word.

He promised he would make us free from fear and safe from harm;  
then we could live in peace with him for ever.

*Refrain*

John the Baptist walked before the Lord:

He prepared the way for him to go.

He was the man who showed us Christ had come –  
come to forgive us all our sins.

*Refrain*

God is gentle, God is kind, he leads us from the dark,  
so that the brightness of his light can shine upon us all day long  
and guide us on the way of peace.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

## Gospel – Luke 15. 11 – 24.

*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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> 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! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.' <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Anniversary Sermon – The Rev'd Canon John Giles.

*Having set up the Anglican Chaplaincy at the newly-established University of East Anglia and completing his first incumbency at the parish of Kidbrooke in the Diocese of Southwark, John arrived at St Mark's in 1979 and ministered here, whilst also serving as an Industrial Chaplain, until 1987 when he was appointed a Canon Residentiary at Sheffield Cathedral. From there, John returned to Southwark to be Vicar of Lee before entering retirement. The sermon is followed by a time of quietness for reflection (approximately 1 minute).*

## Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Caroline Fisher

*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 *(please stand)*

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.*

GREAT GOD, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

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

## 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:*

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle-flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands  
into a waiting cradle;  
the gift of Christ receive, revere,  
united round the table.

Put Christ into each other's hands,  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009).  
Tune: Saint Columba.*

*Afterwards, the choir will sing a setting of Psalm 121 by H Walford Davies (1869-1941).*

*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.**

### Announcements

### 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

GOD OF FREEDOM, God of justice,  
you whose love is strong as death,  
you who saw the dark of prison,  
you who knew the price of faith –  
touch our world of sad oppression  
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,  
you whose hands were nailed to wood;  
hear the cries of pain and protest,  
you who shed the tears and blood –  
move in us the power of pity  
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience  
quick to hear, to act, to plead;  
make us truly sisters, brothers  
of whatever race or creed –  
teach us to be fully human,  
open to each other's needs.

*Shirley Erena Murray (b 1931).  
Tune: Regent Square*

## 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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