

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark

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A Sharing in the Hospitality of Christ



A Service of Holy Communion

Giving thanks for the ministry of Ian Wallis, Vicar of St Mark's, and Liz Wallis.

Sunday 12 October 2014 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.

This service 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.

Today we say farewell to Liz and Ian as we renew our commitment to Christ's service during the vacancy and beyond.



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.

Commitment cards are available to place in the offertory plates for those who give money to St Mark's regularly via a standing order or other means.

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)



Can a gift be given? It can only be offered.
Gifts only become gifts when received as such –
expressions of loving-kindness and good-will.

Generous God, we are open to your gift.

Gathering

Everyone is invited to add a little water to the font using the 'pilgrim' shells.

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: Woodlands.*

Prayers of Approach

The Lord 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.
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.*

Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-94).

Collect – Focusing Prayer

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

God of goodness and grace,
in Jesus you reached out
to the marginalised
with gifts of food and friendship,
healing and hope:
stir up within us
a passion for your ways
that we may follow where Christ beckons
and serve others in his name,
for your kingdom's sake. **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 and crèche leaders set off.

Attending

Reading (*please take a seat*) – Philippians 4. 1 – 9, read by David Price

A reading from Paul's letter to Christ followers in Philippi.

THEREFORE, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

A time of quietness for reflection.

Hymn *(please stand)*

IN CHRIST there is no east nor west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands, united in the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serve my Father as their own
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

*John Oxenham (1852-1941);
tune: Saint Stephen.*

Gospel – Matthew 22. 1 – 14.

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

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

ONCE MORE Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves,

mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – 'Ministry on the margins,' the Vicar.

The sermon is followed by a time of quietness for reflection.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us give voice to our convictions
and substance to our hopes. *(please stand)*

O GOD, the source of our being
and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.

The whole earth is alive with your glory,
and all that has life is sustained by you.
**We commit ourselves to cherish your world,
and to seek your face.**

O GOD, embodied in a human life,
we believe and trust in you.

Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends
those of no account.
Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You laboured upon the cross,
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.
**We commit ourselves to struggle against evil
and to choose life.**

O GOD, life-giving Spirit,
source of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth,
we believe and trust in you.

Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
**we commit ourselves to work with you
and renew our world. Amen.**

Janet Morley.

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Liz Wallis.

The following chant may be sung 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 forgive you,
Christ renew you
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **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.

LET US BUILD a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

*Marty Haugen (b 1950);
tune: Two Oaks.*

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)*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 and dairy-free bread rolls are used.

During administration, we sing together the following chants:

TAKE, oh take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

John Bell (b 1949).

Afterwards, the choir will sing 'Ubi caritas,' Maurice Duruflé (1902-86).

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4.8.

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

Sending Out

Prayers are offered for Ian and Liz as their ministry at St Mark's draws to a close and they prepare to move on.

LORD of the harvest,
we give thanks for Ian and Liz,
for their companionship in the gospel
and all that they have contributed to our common life.

As they prepare to journey on,
send your Holy Spirit upon them,
strengthen them in the faith of Jesus
and kindle within them a passion for your ways.

As Liz and Ian have sought to bring blessing to us,
so may they bring blessing to others
and find blessing in the service of Christ. **Amen.**

Ian and Liz are anointed with the oil of gladness and grace, as we pray together.

**Ian and Liz, we anoint you for service:
remain faithful to your calling
as God remains faithful to you. Amen.**

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.**

Song

LONGING FOR LIGHT, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Bernadette Farrell (b 1957);
tune: Longing for light.

Renewing our Baptismal Faith & Vocation

Please turn to face the font at the back of church.

As lay leaders of St Mark's, the churchwardens invite us to renew our commitment to Christ's service during the vacancy and beyond.

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

Let us celebrate this inheritance
and renew our readiness to be faithful in Christ's service.

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.

Dismissal

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

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.*



*For faith renewed,
for friendships shared,
for companionship in Christ's service,
our hearty thanks.
Go well.*

Ian & Liz

**Please stay for light refreshments after the Service
to share with Liz and Ian a time of hospitality and leave-taking.**

Grain

Who would liken faith
to mustard grain –
make lofty claims
of mountains moved,
trees uprooted,

lives bruised, broken,
abused, never spoken of,
sitting beneath trees
amidst healing leaves,
beside still waters?

One who hurdles hills
pins limbs to timbers
hewn, crossed, ploughing
faith's furrow where
all things yield.



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