

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Faith

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



The Parish Eucharist

Easter Sunday

16 April 2017 at 10.00 am

*A warm welcome to everyone gathered here this morning,
especially if this is your first visit to St Mark's.*

*Our celebration is richer for your part in it.
Thank you for being here.*



To use the Induction Loop, please select the *T setting* on your hearing aid.



Please silence or switch off mobile phones and pagers before the service begins. Thank you.

ALLERGY ADVICE: we use gluten and dairy free bread at Communion and our wine contains alcohol. An alternative cup with alcohol-free wine is available, please ask for this at the rail.

Gathering

The service starts in silence, with the church lights off.

Choir Introit: Ich will den Herren loben

(Georg Philipp Telemann, 1681 - 1767)

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kindling the Easter Flame

*Please stand and turn to face the crown of thorns at the back of church
(we remain standing until the reading, please sit if you prefer).*

*The first light of Easter was kindled at the dawn Service,
our Easter Candle is lit from this flame.*

Eternal God,
who made this most holy day
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.**

The 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 glory of the Lord shines radiantly!

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

Reaffirming our Baptismal Vocation

Please turn to face the font.

The water in the font was blessed at the dawn Service.

In baptism, we claim our place among God's people
and make a fresh start as followers of Jesus in the life of faith.

Let us celebrate this inheritance
and reaffirm our vocation.

Are you sorry for the hurt you have caused others
and for the times you let God down in your life?

I am sorry.

Are you resolved to turn away
from all that is unworthy, destructive or false?

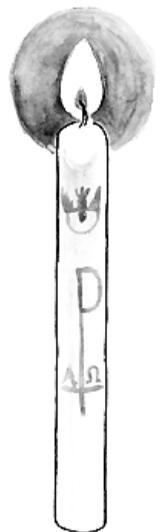
I am resolved.

Are you willing to love and serve God
with all that you are?

I am willing.

Are you ready for Jesus to be your companion and guide?

I am ready.



As pilgrims together,
members of Christ's body, the Church,
we are challenged again and again to affirm our faith.

**As a community of faith
we rejoice at our baptism
and promise to share
a delight in prayer,
a love for the word of God,
a desire to follow the way of Christ,
and food for the journey.
Amen.**

New Zealand prayer book

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; alleluia!
praise him all the heavenly host, alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. alleluia!

*Verse 1 - Surrexit hodie (14th century) Verse 2-3 from J Arnold (1749)
Tune: Easter Hymn*

Prayers of Approach

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Collect

Let us pray.

God of undying life,
whose Spirit descended upon Jesus at baptism,
filling him with your energizing love,
and who raised him from the deep waters of death
to be a lively presence for evermore:
overwhelm our fear and unbelief
with the joy of resurrection
that, renewed in faith,
we may embody his resurrection
in a world longing for life,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Ian Wallis

Attending

Reading – Acts 10. 34 – 43, read by Rosalind Rogerson

Please sit

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 quiet reflection

Hymn

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus (c. 750) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Tune: Ellacombe

Gospel – Matthew 28. 1 – 10

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him, Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

An Easter Reflection – Revd Sue Hammersley

Responding

Prayers of the People, led by David Price

The following bidding and response is used

God of our yearning: **We seek you.**

Ever-beckoning God: **We seek your presence
and will serve you. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

The risen Christ came and 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 the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We share Christ's peace with one another.

Hymn

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HERE IN THIS PLACE, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen (b 1950)
Tune: Gather us in

Abiding

Preparation

Bread and wine, and the collection, tokens of our response to God, 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 our gracious God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.”

This food is for all who hunger –
Christ’s life for the world.

A little later,
he took a cup of wine,
blessed it,
and offered it to his companions, saying,
“Drink this, all of you.”

With this we celebrate our new relationship
with God and one another –
forged from forgiveness,
sealed with Christ’s 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.

Ian Wallis

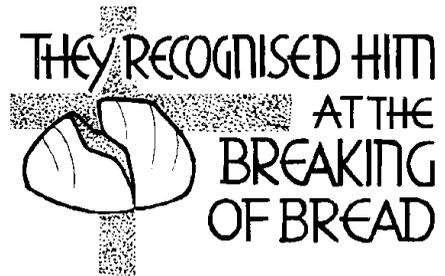
Lord's Prayer & Communion

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as Jesus taught us so we pray,

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, Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen;
**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 and dairy-free bread rolls are used; the wine in the chalices contains alcohol please ask for the alternative chalice with alcohol-free wine.

During administration, we sing together:

Hum... Surrexit Christus, alleluia!

Hum... Cantate Domino, alleluia!

Christ is risen

Sing to the Lord

Taizé

The choir will sing the motet,

Most glorious Lord of life; William Henry Harris

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

Blessing

May the God of undying life
bring you to life;

May Christ, our faithful companion,
accompany you on your way;

May the Spirit, source of inspiration,
fill you with wisdom and joy;

and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

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 ...

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

Thine be the glory ...

Edmund Budry (1854-1932)

Tune: Maccabaeus

Dismissal

As we have celebrated Christ's resurrection.

Let us live his risen life. Alleluia!

Organ voluntary:

Fiat Lux from 12 Pièces Nouvelles pour Orgue
Theodore Dubois (1837 - 1924)

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.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt
on the Green following the Service!

Refreshments are served in the lounge
please stay, if you can.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed
to our pilgrimage through Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

An especial thank you to Fraser Wilson
for playing the organ!



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