

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

Living Thinking Faith



A service for Rogation Sunday

Sunday 21st May 2017
10.00 am

Please take this service booklet home with you.

Service sheets are also on our website: www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk

Welcome to St Mark's

A warm welcome to our service, especially if you are new to St Mark's. Please join us for refreshments afterwards, and you are very welcome to stay for our shared lunch. Do introduce yourself to a member of the welcome team or clergy before you leave. Thank you for being here today.

We gather as a community of all ages and this service has been planned with all age groups in mind. There are themed activity packs available for children to use as we worship together.

Notes on Rogation Sunday

The poet George Herbert interpreted the Rogation procession as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, of preserving boundaries, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with the reconciling of differences, and of charitable giving to the poor. In more recent times, the scope of Rogation has been widened to include petition for the world of work and for accountable stewardship, and prayer for local communities, whether rural or urban.
(from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

This morning at St Mark's we are 'beating the bounds' to remember the place in which we are 'set' as a community; to give thanks for all that is good, and to hold in mind all those who live, work, study or relax in the parish.



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Gathering

Welcome

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with one another;
**to love and work,
to support and heal.**

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
**to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.**

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all creation;
**to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.**

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain:*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided;

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: Faithfulness

Thanksgiving (*please sit*)

Today I am grateful for....

The Collect

God our creator,
you have made us one with the earth,
to tend it and to bring forth fruit:
may we so respect and cherish
all that has life from you,
that we may share in the labour of all creation
to give birth to your hidden glory,
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Janet Morley

A 'Virtual' Beating of the Bounds

Glo-ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let earth to hea - ven raise.

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Glo-ry and gra - ti - tude and praise: these we of - fer to God._____

Glory and gratitude and praise
now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise
these we offer to God.

John L Bell

Stopping Point 1: Ecclesall Road Shops

Prayer Bidding

As we move around the boundaries of our Parish
**Let us move beyond the boundaries
of our hearts and minds.**

Song

Glory and gratitude and praise
now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise
these we offer to God.

Liturgy: Prayers of Penitence

Loving God, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted
and force others to labour
for little or scant reward.

Help us to be gentle with the edges of the world.

Loving God, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources
and walk heavily upon it.

Help us to be gentle with the edges of the world.

Loving God, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty
with all of your children
and drive our own needs before others.

Help us to be gentle with the edges of the world.

**Send your Spirit to move among us
that we may follow Christ
in Spirit and in truth,
in word and in deed. Amen.**

Stopping Point 2 : Brook Hill Roundabout

Prayer Bidding

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Song

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now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise
these we offer to God.

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

We hold a time of quiet for reflection.

Stopping Point 3: Roslin Road (hospitals)

Prayer Bidding

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**Let us move beyond the boundaries
of our hearts and minds.**

Song

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now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise
these we offer to God.

Liturgy: Prayers of solidarity and concern

As we move round the boundaries of our Parish

**Let us move beyond the boundaries
of our hearts and minds.**

We hold a time of quiet for reflection.

Stopping Point 4: Endcliffe Vale Road

Prayer Bidding

As we move round the boundaries of our Parish
**Let us move beyond the boundaries
of our hearts and minds.**

Song

Glory and gratitude and praise
now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise
these we offer to God.

Liturgy: The Greeting of Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5.22.23

The peace of God be always with you
and also with you.

We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken for the ministry of St Mark's. If you are a taxpayer and are not currently a member of the church's planned giving scheme, please place your gift in one of the envelopes provided, writing your name and address on the front. Thank you.

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

*Words: Fred Pratt Green
Tune: East Acklam*

Abiding

Preparation

The bread and wine, and the collection, tokens of our response to God, are offered.

**GENEROUS GOD,
give us a heart for simple things:
love and laughter, bread and wine,
tales and dreams.**

**Fill our lives with green and growing hope,
make us a people of justice
whose song is 'Alleluia'
and whose name breathes love.**

South African.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray *(we 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.

It is right to praise you, God of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

We do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**We do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayer H

Lord's Prayer & 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.

Bread and wine;
the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

*Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the
bread and wine or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing.*

We share gluten and dairy-free bread and alcoholic wine.

*An alternative cup is available containing alcohol-free wine –
please indicate if you would prefer this.*

During the Administration the following chant is sung

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord, I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices: the Lord is near,

lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

Taizé Community.

Choir Motet: O for a closer walk with God (C.V Stanford)

Venturing

Prayer of Commitment

God of the feast
beyond measure and price;
we thank you for loving us as we are;
liberate us now
to share bread with our neighbour
each receiving from the other
what we need to be ourselves.
Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (adapted)

Announcements

The Blessing

May God bless us with strength
to seek justice. **Amen.**

May God bless us with wisdom
to care for the earth. **Amen.**

May God bless us with generosity
to share all that we've been given. **Amen.**

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.**

*During the following hymn please move if you are able
to form a large circle around the pews.
If you are unable to stand for a while,
you may wish to move to sit at the end of a pew.*

Hymn

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you:

Words and music: Sydney Carter

Commission *(all facing inwards)*

God, you gathered us
**now send us out
to live and work for you.**

Jesus, you challenge us
**open our hearts and minds
to live and love like you.**

Spirit, inspire us
**as we connect with others
keep us open to you.**

Please turn to face outwards and (if possible) take a step forwards:

Let us go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ voluntary

Sharing in the hospitality of Christ
continues after this service with refreshments and lunch
-please stay if you can-
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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