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

The Parish Eucharist for the Season of Creation

Sunday 22 September at 10.00 am

### Gathering

To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing.

Raymond Williams

### Introit: My Spirit Longs for Thee

My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast, though I unworthy be of so divine a guest. Yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee. In vain I look around in all that I can see. No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love. O let my wish be crowned and send it from above. Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)

Gathering

#### Welcome

The President is Rev Shan Rush
The Deacon is Rev Dr Beth Keith
The Preacher is Rev Dr Beth Keith

Welcome, Banns and Singing Bowl Followed by a period of quiet reflection



# Opening Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today



Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

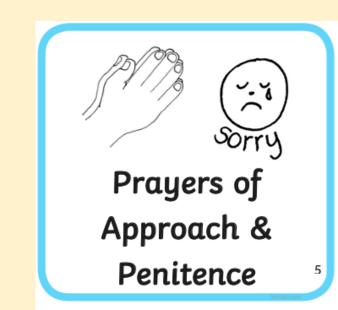
Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926), Music: Michael Baughen (b. 1930), arr. David Iliff (b. 1939)

Tune: Lord for the Years

## Prayers of Approach

We gather in the name of God, Maker, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! **Amen.** 

Blessed are you, Source of all things, to you be praise and glory forever. As your dawn renews the face of the Earth bringing light and life to all creation, bring hope to your people.



May we rejoice in this day you have made:

Open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all life, that the world may rejoice together and give you praise.

(Adapted from Lancelot Andrewes, 1626)

# Introducing Zephaniah

Do you receive Zephaniah as a gift from God? We do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek God's blessing for his life and wellbeing? **We do.** 

The minister asks
What name have you given this child?
His name is Zephaniah

### The minister says:

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Zephaniah.

God of love and life, we praise you for his birth; surround him with your blessings that he may know your love, be protected from all that threatens to harm him, and know your goodness all his days.

#### The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Jesus comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to God's call.

Therefore I ask you, Zephie's parents and godparents:

Do you turn away from sin? I do.

Do you reject evil? I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? I do.

Do you trust in Christ as Lord? I do.

The minister asks parents and Godparents.

Will you care for Zephaniah, nurture and befriend him, listen to and play with him, keep him safe, and share your heart with him? With the help of God, I will. Will you help Zephaniah, by your example and your teaching, to be honest and responsible, and to help others? With the help of God, I will.

### Let us affirm together our faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth Who is faithful for ever.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God It is right to give thanks and praise God of abundant Life, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom. We thank you that in the waters of the Jordan you anointed Jesus with the Spirit of Life that not even death's Abyss was able to overwhelm.

Anoint this water, we pray, with your life-giving Spirit, that it may revive your people and restore your image in each of us.

Amen.

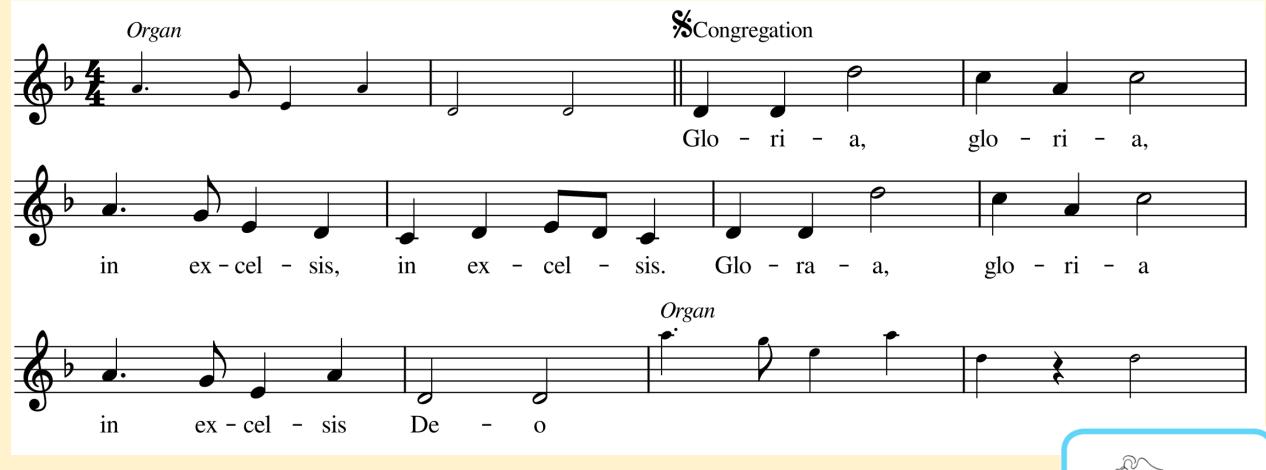
#### Welcome

There is one God, one faith, one baptism Zephie, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you in the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same loving God; we welcome you.



## Hebridean Gloria Barbara Rusbridge



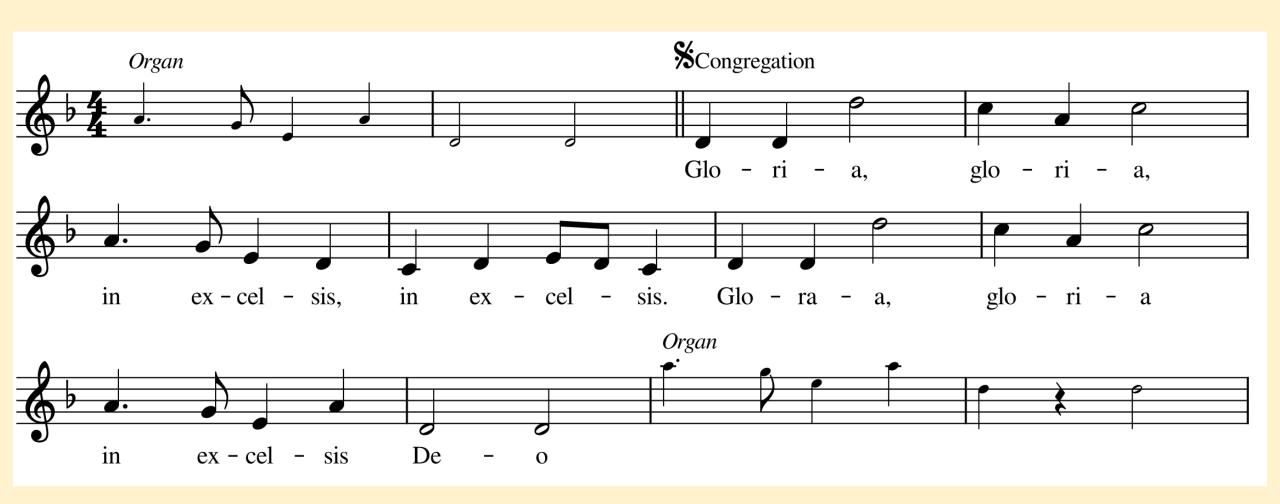
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis, in excelsis Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo



#### Cantor:

Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God heavenly King We worship you, almighty Father, let our voices ring!

Sing...

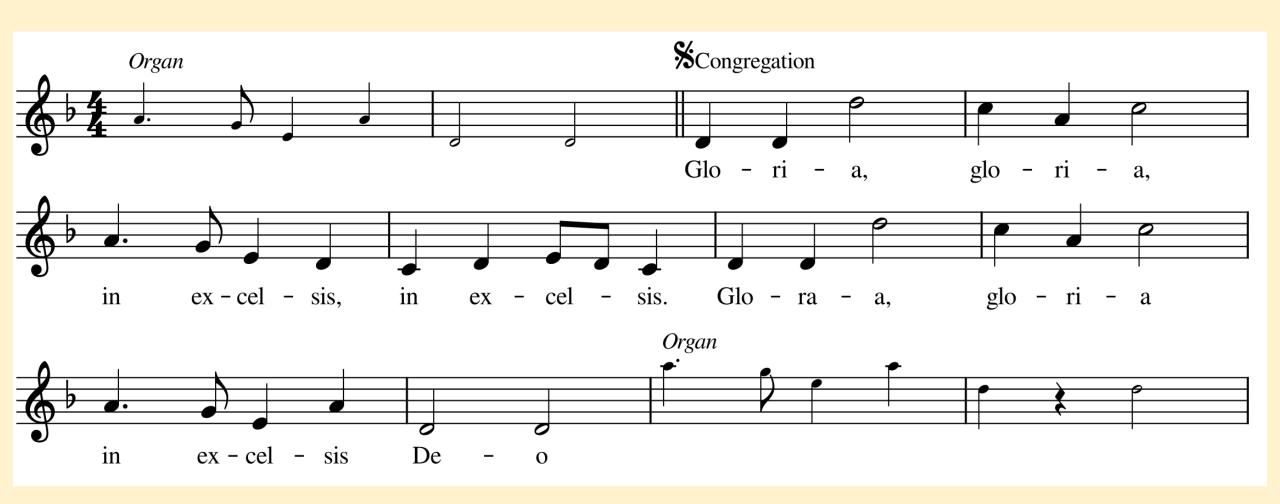


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#### Cantor:

Jesus, blessed lamb of God, to you our voice we raise. You take away our sins, O Lord, receive our song of praise!

Sing...

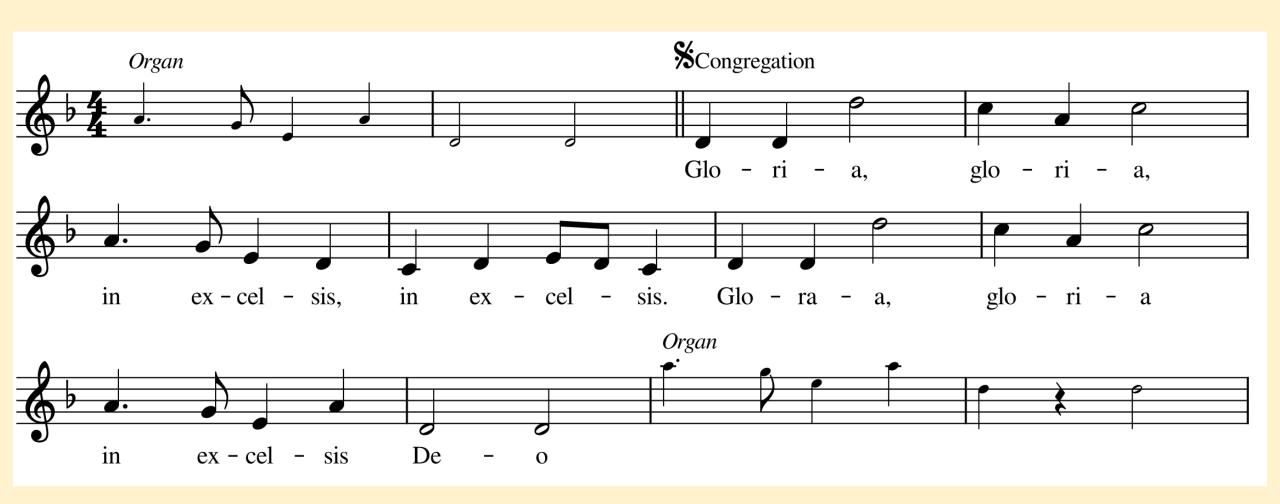


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#### Cantor:

Holy Lord in highest heaven, how our hearts rejoice. In God the Father, Son and Spirit so, with loudest voice,

Sing...



Gloria, gloria, in excelsis, in excelsis Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo

#### The Collect

Heavenly God, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word, let us pray together:

May God guide each of us in the way of Christ, whatever our age or experience.

The love of God be with us all.

Amen



# Attending

We sit for our first reading

First Reading: Psalm 34.1-14

Read by James Morgan

At the end the reader says,

How is this God's word of life?



## Gradual Hymn

Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me? Feted by noise and branches And banners hanging from every tree; Cheered on by frenzied people, Puzzled by what they hear and see: Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me?

Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me? Partnered by staunch supporters Who, come the dark, will turn and flee; Nourished by faith and patience, Neither of which is plain to see: Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me? Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me? Tipping the scales of justice, Setting both minds and captives free. Suffering and yet forgiving, Even when my friends most disagree, Travelling the road to freedom, Who wants to travel the road with me? Travelling the road to freedom, I am the Way, I'll take you there; Choose to come on the journey, Or choose to criticise and stare. Earth's mesmerising evil Only a traveller can repair; Travelling the road to freedom I am the Way, I'll take you there.

John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2019)

Tune: Travelling

# Gospel Mark 9.30-37

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

At the end of the reading:

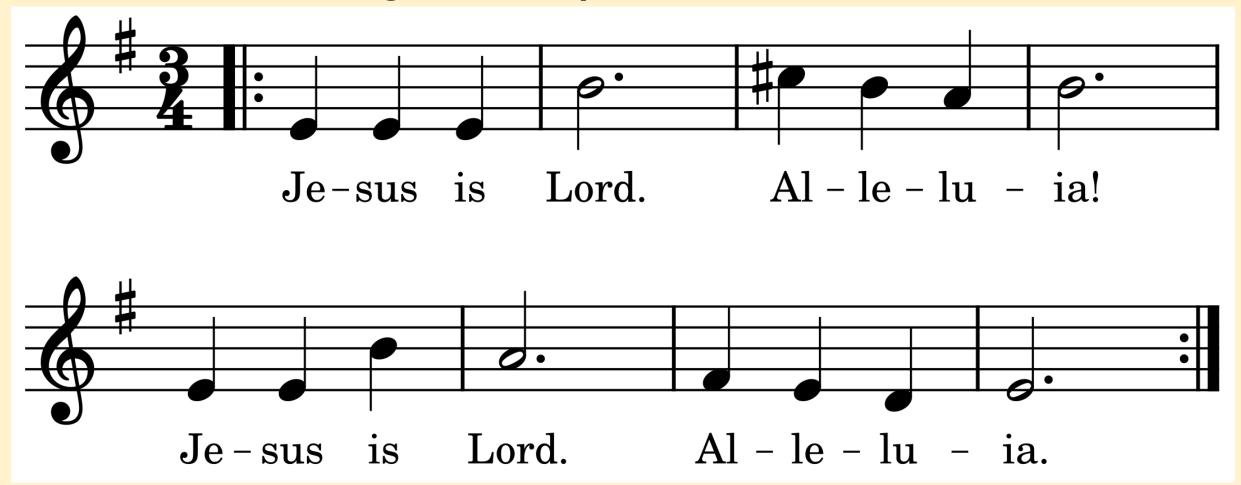
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Chant: Jesus is Lord, Alleluia!



# Cantor sings, all respond:



James Walsh (b. 1940)

#### Sermon

Preacher: Rev Dr Beth Keith

Afterwards we share a time of quiet



# Prayers of the People (we sit or kneel) led by Boyd Morgan

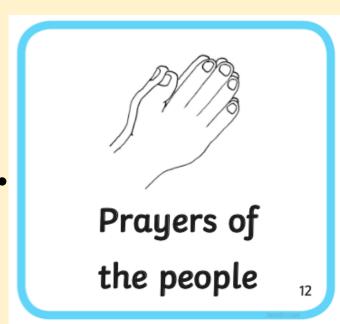
Let us pray.

Everyday God:

Pour out your love.

Ever present God,

Hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you. Amen.



#### Greeting of Peace (you are invited to stand)

Those who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

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



# Offertory Hymn

Earth's creator, everyday God, Loving maker, O Jesus you who shaped us, O spirit, recreate us, come be with us.



In your presence, everyday God, we are gathered, O Jesus, you have called us, O spirit, to restore us, come be with us.

In our resting, everyday God, in our rising, O Jesus, in our hoping, O Spirit, in our waiting, come be with us.

In our dreaming, everyday God, in our daring, O Jesus, in our searching, O Spirit, in our sharing, come, be with us.

Word of gladness, everyday God, word of mercy, O Jesus, word of friendship, O Spirit, word of challenge, come be with us.

Alleluia, everyday God, now and always, O Jesus, alleluia, O Spirit, through all ages, come, be with us.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
Tune: Everyday God

# Abiding

Preparation

Creator 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 people of justice whose song is Alleluia and whose name breathes love. Amen.

# The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

We sit

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.



Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

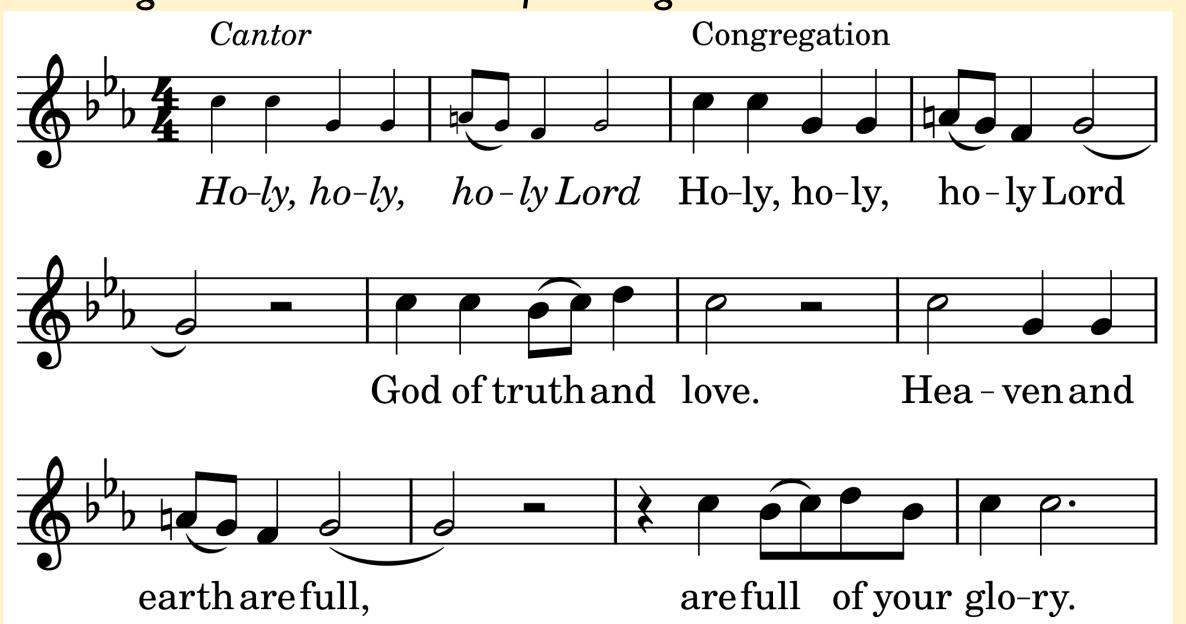
We thank you for creatures with whom we share the world for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

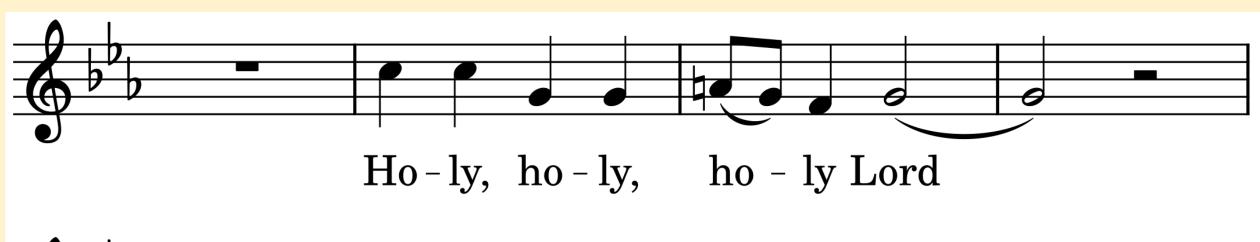
We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

#### We sing the Iona Sanctus – following the Cantor's lead



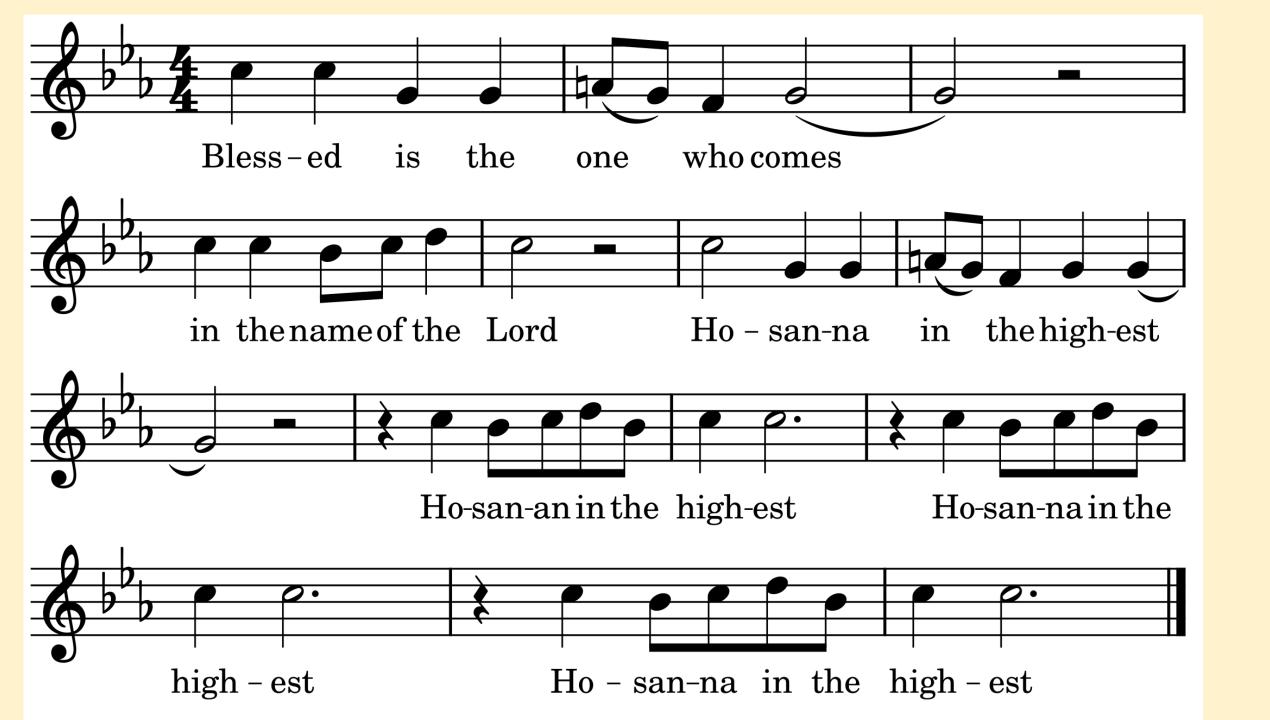




Godof truthand love.

Hea-venand earth arefull,





We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Therefore we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with Mark, John, Mary and all who lived to the glory of God who fills all in all now and for ever.

**A**men

Steven Shakespeare

## 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. Ame

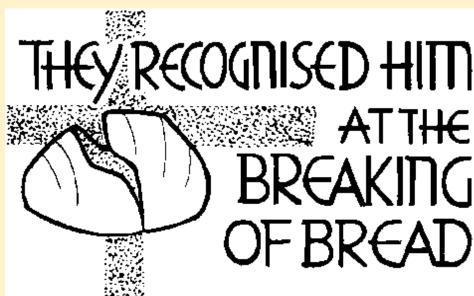


#### The bread is broken

We break this bread together in solidarity with the brokenness of one another.

In friendship we accompany one another towards our healing.

Holy Rood House



Words of invitation follow

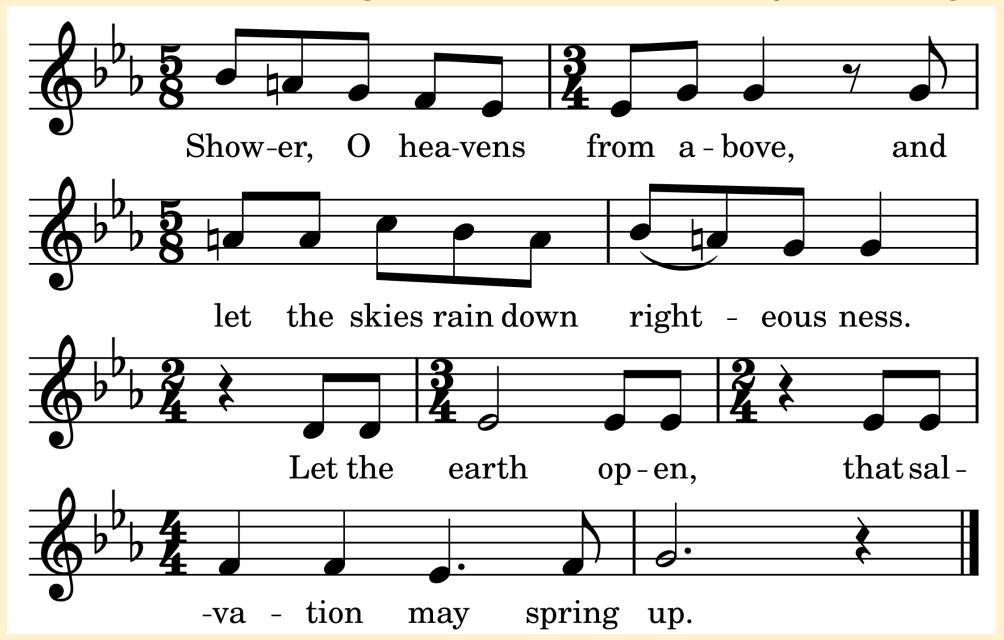
We receive the gift of gathering: heart to heart, drawing power from the wells of divine strength.

We remember, we receive. In flesh and in spirit we are one body.

Steven Shakespeare

All are welcome at the table, to receive the Common Cup, a wafer dipped in wine, or a blessing. Please come forward with those around you.

#### During Communion we sing Shower, O Heavens by Eleanor Jarvis



The choir sings the Anthem:

**God Help the Outcasts** 

From The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Alan Menken (b. 1949), arr. Amelia Awan

# Prayers of Commitment

Blessed are you, God of the universe, source of light and giver of life, to you be glory and praise for ever. In Jesus your light shines in the world and your Holy Spirit, as a stream of life-giving water, refreshes and renews the face of the earth.

Let your light shine in us, that we may be beacons of justice; and your waters refresh us that we may be bearers of hope. Amen



#### Announcements - lectern

The **NOTICES** section on our website is updated weekly

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#### Blessing

May Gods light shine in you; May Christs love nurture you on your way; May the Spirits inspiration fill you with wisdom and joy; And the blessing of God, Maker, Redeemer and Spirit of Life, rest upon you and all whom you love, now and always. Amen.

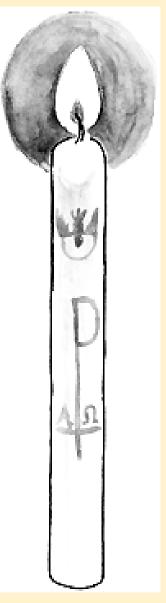


Zephie, today God has touched you with love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life and to bring you safely home. Together, on a lifelong journey, we are called to explore the way of Jesus, grow in friendship with God and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We light this candle and our lanterns as a symbol of the light of Christ which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

## The Gift of Light

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' Receive the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. May God kindle in us the flame of faith the fire of love and the torch of truth. Amen. May the light of Christ shine in our hearts, in our families and throughout the world.



# Final Hymn

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 pow'r 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 stones.

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: Christ be our light

#### Commission

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Voluntary

#### Carillon

David Bedford (1937 - 2011)

#### Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.



# Changes to Night Service



#### 1ST SUNDAY CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION

A simple and contemplative service, with the focus on remembering Jesus in sharing bread and wine.

#### 2ND SUNDAY THINKING FAITH

Each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.



# 3RD SUNDAY ALIZÉ PRAYER

A service of singing, prayer, and silence, using the pattern and style of worship practised at the Taizé Community.

#### 4TH SUNDAY CONTEMPORY WORSHIP

An informal service with an open and inclusive style, modern liturgy, and contemporary worship.



#### ST MARK'S BROOMHILL NIGHT SERVICE 7PM

#### 5TH SUNDAY HEALING & WHOLENESS

An informal service of readings, music, and time for reflection. There is the opportunity to receive anointing and prayer, and stillness and space to reflect.

#### Tonight →





Saturday 28th September 2024 7.30 pm

St Marks Church, Broomhill, S10 2SE

**Sheffield Sinfonietta** 

Directed by Gordon Busbridge from the Harpsichord



#### **Sunday 6 October**

**SIGN UP -** Helen and Tom Cottrell are organising the community lunch -If anyone would like to help or bring something, sign up at the back of church.

HARVEST PRODUCE STALL - There will be a stall to sell produce of all kinds. Jams, chutneys & home baking would be very welcome. Offers & queries to Pauline Miller

**ARCHER PROJECT –** We will be collecting items for the Archer Project too. See their website for needed items.

# FAITH SHIFT/

#### 13 OCTOBER 7PM

Going through a shift in faith can be disorientating and painful.

Re-examining or deconstructing a treasured belief system can leave you feeling isolated. With the help of three guests,

Joy Adams, Jim Bawden and Beth Keith,

we explore faith deconstruction, with wisdom from the journey and plenty of time for questions and responses.

#### THINKING FAITH AT ST MARK'S