



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

A Service of Thanksgiving
for loved ones who have died

A celebration of faith, hope & love

Sunday 3 November 2024 at 7.00 pm

Welcome

Music

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß BWV 622
by JS Bach

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Responses

We come with our brokenness,
our fear and longing,
our fragments of hopes and dreams,
to be greeted with grace,
welcomed in love,
and made to feel at home
in the knowledge
that we are encountering the living God.

Jan Berry

We come before God
**In our need and bringing with us
the needs of the world.**

We come before Jesus
Who shares our human experience.

We come just as we are
**For you have promised
never to turn us away**

Be with us now
May we know your love

Lighting the Paschal Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ,
which cannot be held back by distance,
which shines for each one of us,
no matter where we are.

**As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.**

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice in contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-53)

Prayer

God of all creation,
who cannot be contained by our boundaries,
by our definitions...
you are present in every place,
in every moment in history.
You are here and now.

Help us to know tonight
that those from whom we are separated in death -
by its long silence, its aching absence -
are each of them in your presence;
that beyond our horizons,
beyond our boundaries,
beyond our understanding,
those we love are held in your embrace.

Amen

Jan Sutch Pickard

Poem

For Grief by John O'Donohue

Read by Marc James

Choir

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Faure (1845 – 1924)

Bible Reading
Luke 24.13-31

Read by Patricia Hunt

Reflection

Siobhan Hoyes - Reader

followed by a time of quiet reflection

Choir

Lead me Lord

SS Wesley (1810 –76)

Thanksgiving & Remembrance

In faith, hope and love,
let us remember those who have died.

*Our books of Remembrance are brought forward,
and names of the deceased are remembered –
read out aloud or held in silence.*



We light a candle for those we remember.
We light a candle for hope.
We light a candle as a prayer beyond words.

*Candles are lit in memory of loved ones,
while we listen to the following chant.*



Chant

Between darkness and light
I will always walk
and in every place that I go
I will open a window of light
and will plant a seed of love

Manal Hreb
Music, Daphna Rosenberg

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

Prayer by candlelight

Mysterious God, Ground of our Being,
we thank you for our loved ones
whom we see no longer,
for the years we shared with them,
the good we saw in them,
and the love we received from them.

Help us to draw strength
from all they have left with us;
may the qualities of their lives live on in us
and be respected by others.
Grant us courage to entrust them to your love
and to discover your eternity
woven within the fabric of our lives;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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.

Hymn

Be calm, for the peacefulness of God,
the Holy One, is near.

with outstretched loving arms
to keep you safe from fear.

In music and in song your God will keep you strong.

Be calm, for the peacefulness of God,
the Holy One, is near.

Be true, for the wisdom of your God
will carry you through pain.
She'll hold you in her love
till joy springs forth again.
Through sorrow and despair,
you'll learn the power of prayer.
Be true, for the wisdom of your God
will carry you through pain.

Go on, for the promise of your God
is calling you to dream.
and in the darkest hour, the ray of hope will gleam.
So trust the gracious word,
the calling of your God
Go on, for the promise of your God
is calling you to dream.

Jan Berry
Music, David J Evans

Closing Responses

I remember you

It might be in a quiet moment,

Or when I am surrounded by others.

I remember you.

It might be through laughter,

Or through tears.

I remember you.

It might be in sadness,
Or with a smile.
I remember you.

How could I not?
You are my past, my present and my future.
Your life and mine are one together.
That bond is not broken,
Even though I see you no longer,
I remember you always.

Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit
be with you and guide you on your way
at every change and turn;

And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with you and all whom you love,
both living and departed,
now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Music

Voluntary

Wenn wir in hochsten Noten Sein
(BWV 641). JS Bach (1865 - 1750).

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