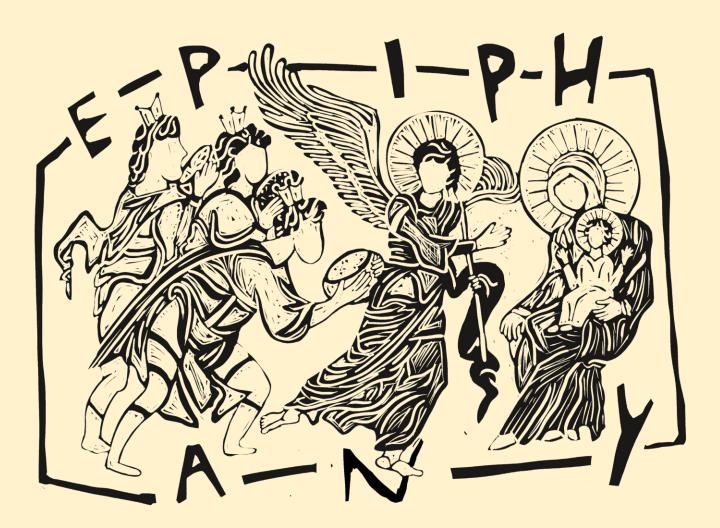
Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall Living Thinking Loving Faith



Epiphany

Sunday 5 January at 10.00 am

Gathering



Epiphany embraces the nations of the world, kneeling on a bare floor before a child.

Kate McIlhagga

Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Beth Keith
The Deacon is Shelley Johnston
The Preacher is Revd Dr Michael Bayley

Introit:

A New Year Carol
Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

Welcome and singing bowl



Opening Hymn

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.



Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall, angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom, and offerings divine, gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each humble oblation, vainly with gifts would his favour secure: richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

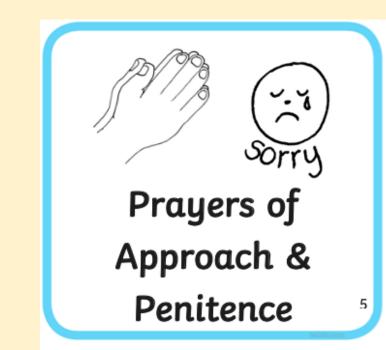
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Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826) Joseph Francis Thrupp (1827 - 1867) Tune: Epiphany

Prayers of Approach

God of God, Light of Light true God of true God we bless you.

Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song fulfilment of Anna's hope we bless you.



Mary's son,
Joseph's son,
God's own son,
we bless you.

May God be with you and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Christ, the light of the world, has come to show us the way.

Christ came to share our lives: but sometimes we reject him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Pause for reflection



Christ came with good news for everyone: forgive us when we don't try to share it.

Christ, have mercy.

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Christ came to teach us to love: we're sorry when we are unkind, to ourselves and others.

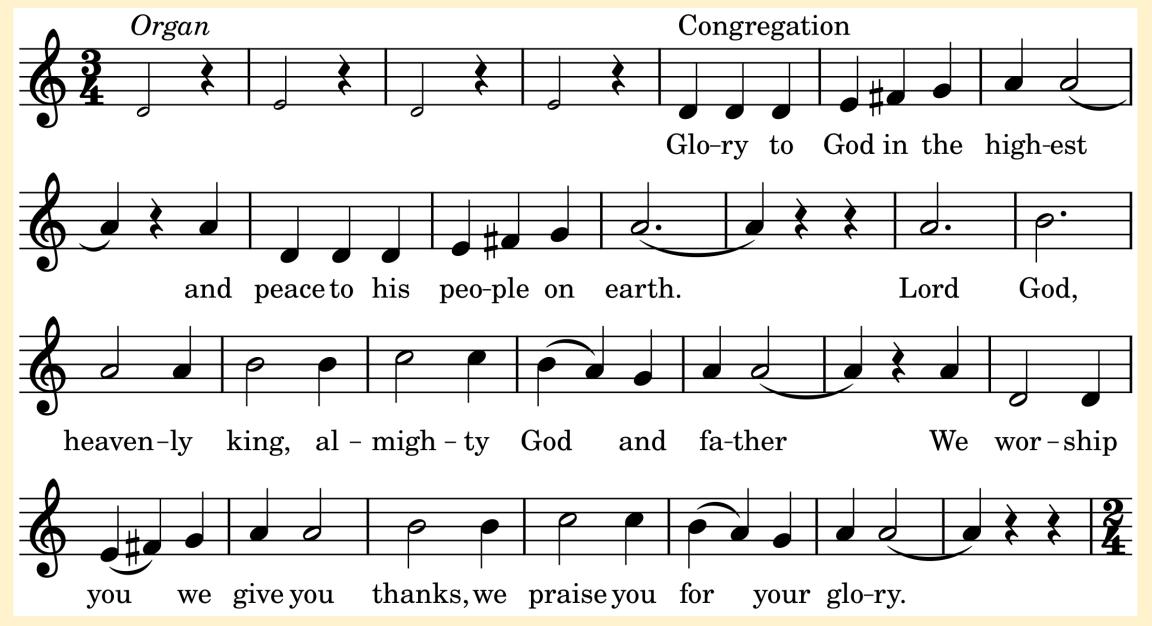
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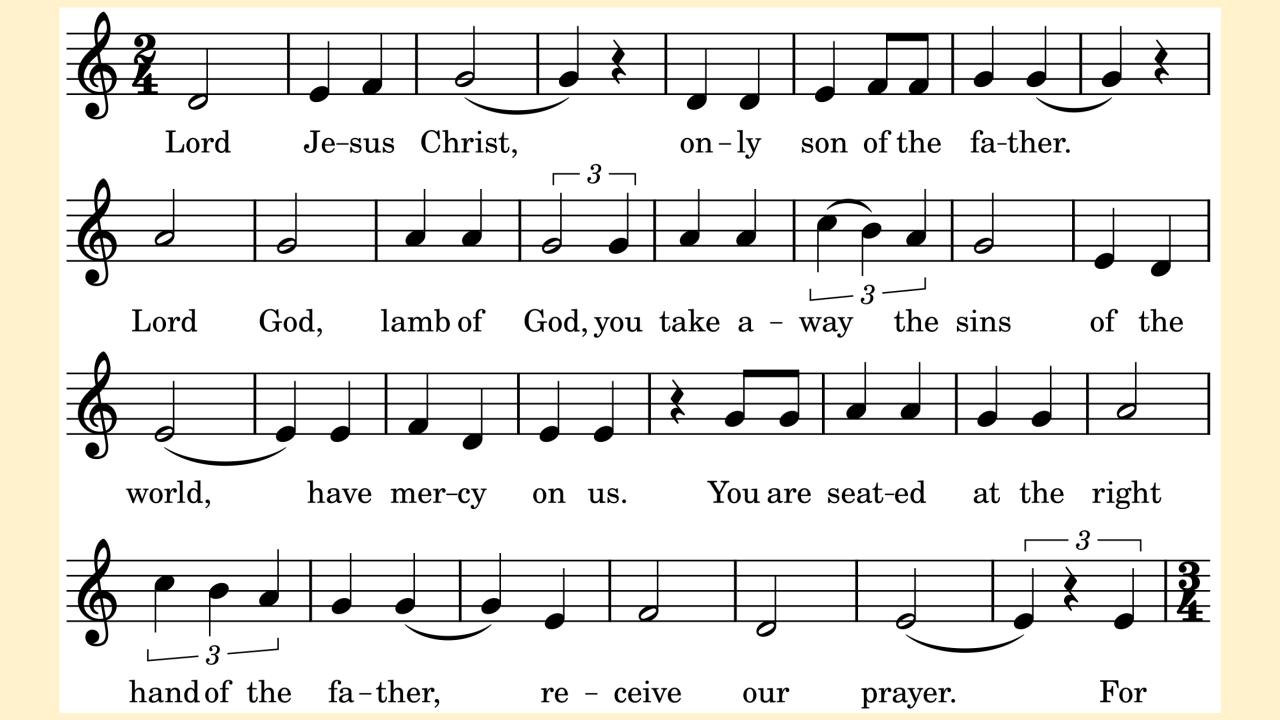
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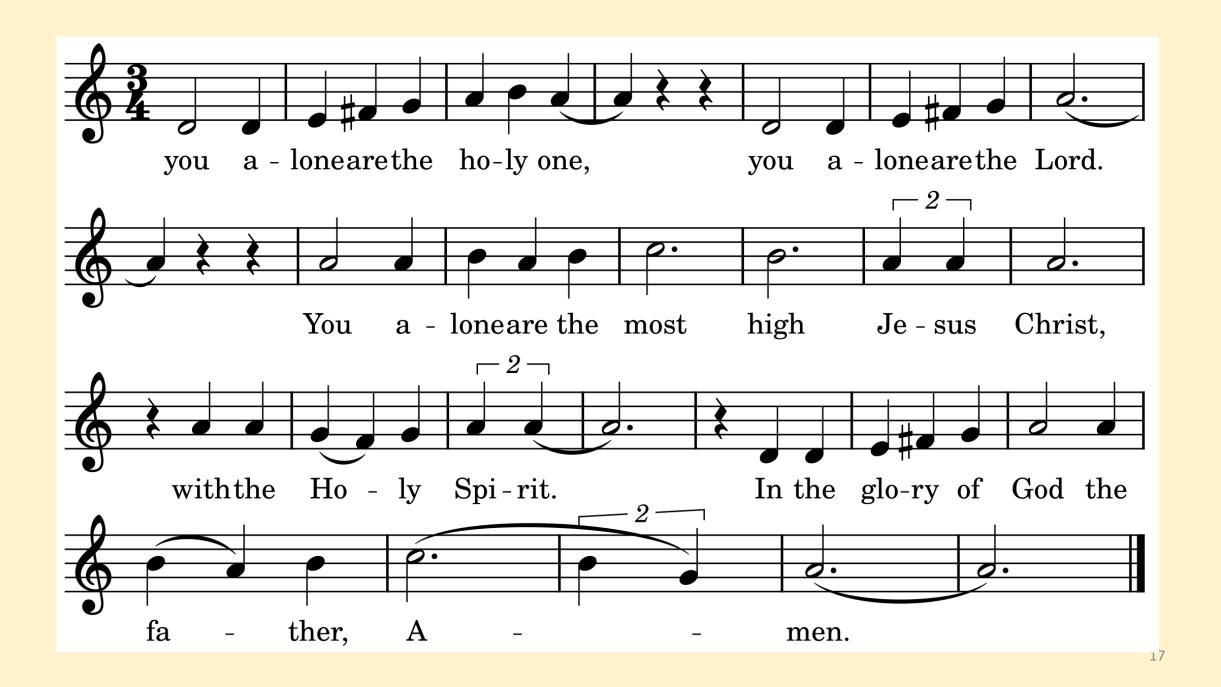
May the God of forgiveness heal you of all that harms you and lead you into life in all its fullness.

Amen.

Gloria, setting by John Rutter







The Collect

O God. who by the leading of a star revealed your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face.

Amen

Common Worship

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

First Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12
Page 190 New Testament NRSV
Read by Arthur Button

At the end: How is this God's light in the world?

Gradual Hymn

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love to all God's children, love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894) Reginal Morris (1886 - 1948) Tune: Hermitage

Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

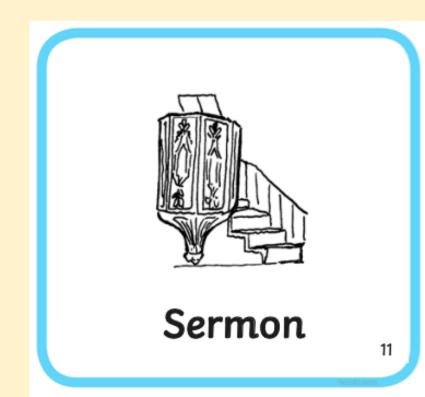
This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

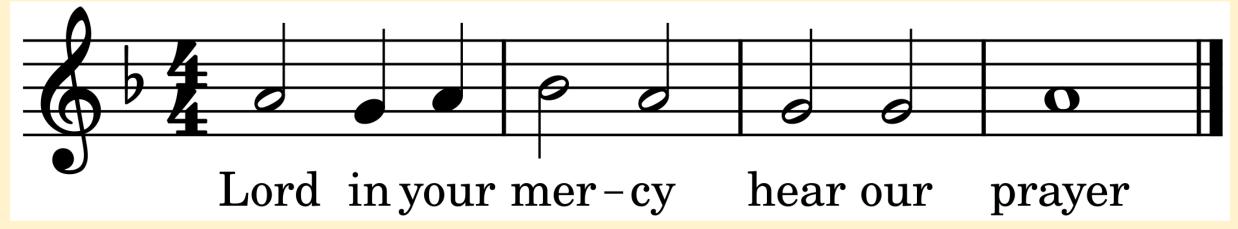
Preacher: Revd Dr Michael Bayley

Followed by a time for quiet reflection

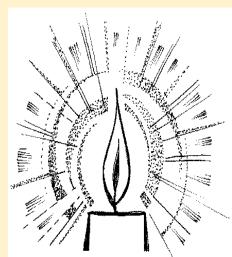


Intercession chant

This chant is sung before and after the prayers:



Stephen Dean



Prayers of the People Led by Eve Saunders

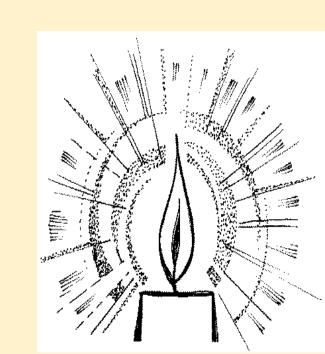
Living light.

Shine through us.

At the end

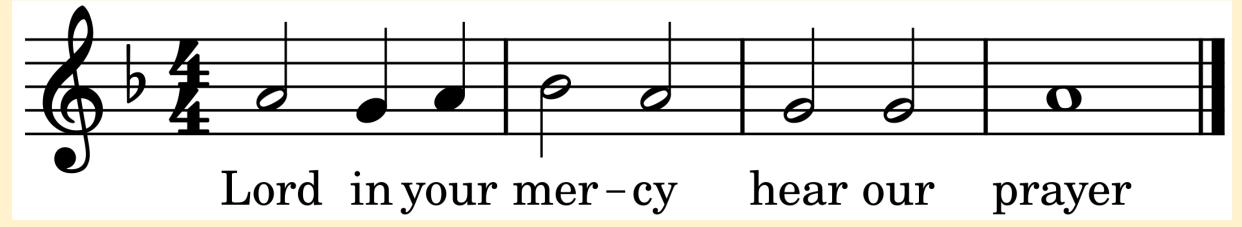
Jesus, light of the world.

May your love shine through us, Amen.

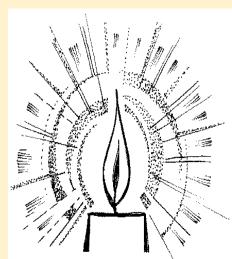


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Sharing Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



Offertory Hymn

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar; field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.



Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring, to crown him again, King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh, prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice; alleluia, alleluia, earth to heav'n replies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

John Henry Hopkins (1820 - 1891)
Tune: Kings of Orient

Abiding

Preparation

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

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.

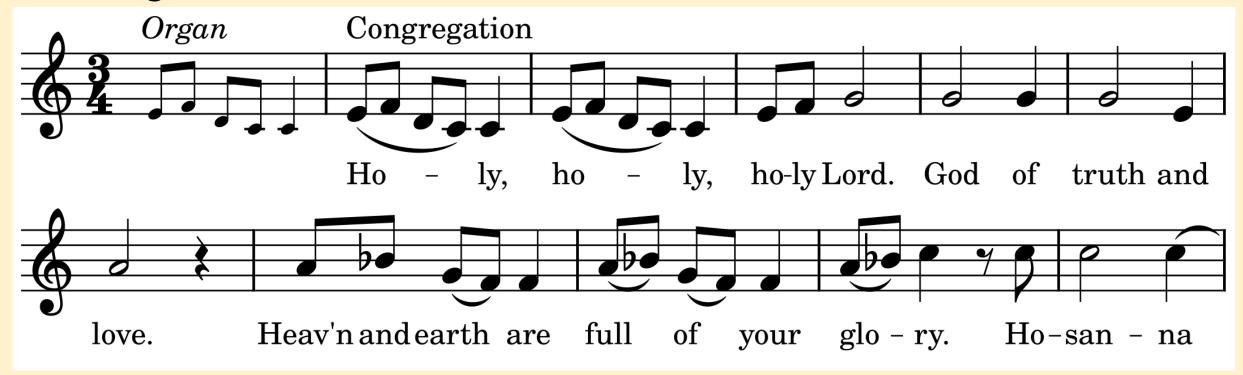


Giver of all blessings
we give you thanks and praise
for Jesus, Light of the world,
the light which cannot be overpowered;
we thank you that you have called us
to walk in his light;

we praise you for the insight of the Magi, who by their gifts showed that all life is gift; with them, with angels and archangels and all who live in the light, we proclaim your glory singing:

Ann Lewin (adapted)

We sing

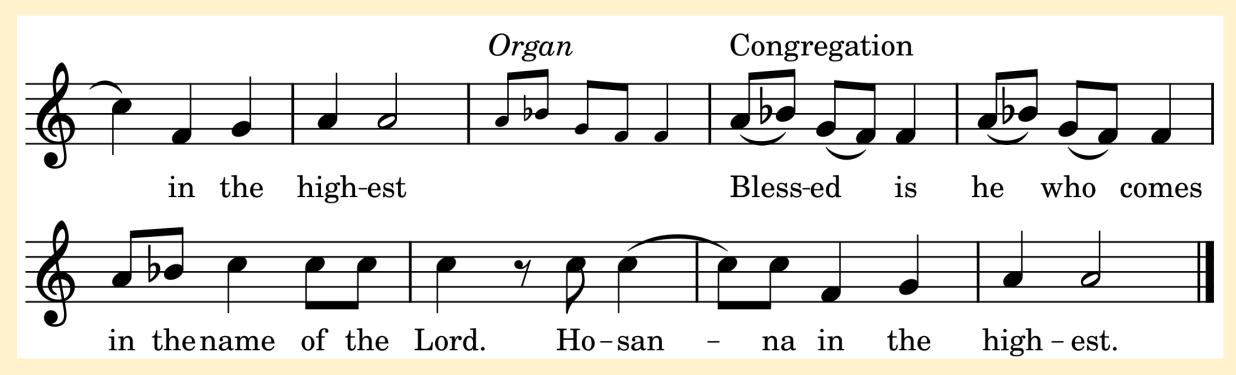


Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

God of truth and love.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna... (in the highest)



John Rutter

...in the highest.

Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, Lord of Light, through your Son Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

(Common Worship)

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Come freshly to us now, O God, and as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts: the gold of our potential; the incense of our hopes and prayers; the myrrh of healing for our pain.

Feed us and nourish us, that we may grow in the life of Christ and fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love and transform the world with your glory. Amen.

Ann Lewin (adapted)

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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

During communion we sing the Taizé chant:



The choir sings the anthem:

This is the truth sent from above

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love; therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor. The first thing that I will relate, is that God at first did man create; the next thing which to you I'll tell - woman was made with him to dwell. Thus we were heirs to endless woes till God the Lord did interpose; and so a promise soon did run: that he'd redeem us by his Son. And at this season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear, and here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach. Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved; and if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.

Prayer of Commitment

FATHER OF ALL, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. (continued...)



May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Could you support our church and community by sharing your time or skills?

To support our ministry and outreach financially please use the card reader or visit the website for more options.

Last chance to return your pledge form this week!

Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies;

May Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to live in love;

May Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our despair into joy;

Blessing

and 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.

Final Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression, And rule in equity.



He comes with succour speedy To those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth; Before him, on the mountains, Shall peace the herald go; And righteousness, in fountains, From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing; To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest; From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand for ever, that name to us is Love.

> James Montgomery (1771 - 1854) William Henry Monk (1823 - 1889) Tune: Crüger

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ Amen.

Voluntary

Praeambulum

Petrus Hasse (1585 - 1640)

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.



SQUIRREL DAMAGE

Issues with AV and Zoom in church last week were due to a squirrel chewing through the wire!

Thankfully, the problem has now been fixed.

A huge thank you to all our tech volunteers for their continued dedication. Your calm and capable handling of the situation was greatly appreciated.





SERVICE OF WELCOME

You are invited to a service of welcome at which

The Revd Dr Beth Keith

will be installed and inducted by

The Bishop of Sheffield

as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and Broomhall, and licensed as Priest in Charge of St Mary Walkley and Oversight Minister in the Three Spires Mission Area.

15 JANUARY 2025 7.30 PM

St Mark's Church Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE

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There is an ongoing collection at St Mark's of good quality warm clothes and coats, as well as toiletries, shower gel and period products for refugees.

Thank you so much for your generosity.



Open Communion is an inclusive service for the LGBTQIA people and allies and meets once a month

Next service
4pm on 12 January

THINKING FAITH

On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.



LISTEN, LEARN, EXPLORE.....
SEVEN HILLS SHUL - SHEFFIELD'S
PROGRESSIVE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

This event will be devoted to exploring aspects of the life of Seven Hills Shul.