

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

3 Sunday Before Lent 16 February at 10.00 am



Gathering

Some winters

are so long

you can forget

what spring does

until it does it.

James A. Pearson

Introit:

My Spirit Longs for Thee

Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)

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.

Welcome

The President is Revd Dr Mark Newitt
The Deacon is Shelley Johnston
The Preacher is Revd Dr Beth Keith

Welcome and Singing Bowl



Opening Hymn

All my hope on God is founded; she doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance she guideth, only good and only true.

God unknown, she alone calls my heart to be her own.



Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray her trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep her wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light and life attend her, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore, from her store, new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ her Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844 - 1930) Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983) Tune: Michael

Prayers of Approach

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.



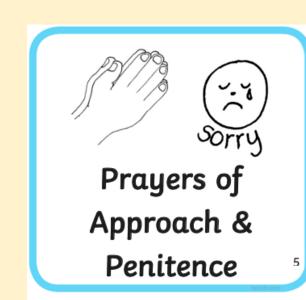
Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Hear the teaching of Christ: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.



In the light of Christ's teaching, let us acknowledge our wrongdoing and failure, seeking God's forgiveness.

Silence for preparation

God says: I will judge with fairness.

Let us not judge others with our pre-formed ideas.

God says: I will hear the cries of the oppressed.

Let us hear them too, and act to help those who suffer.

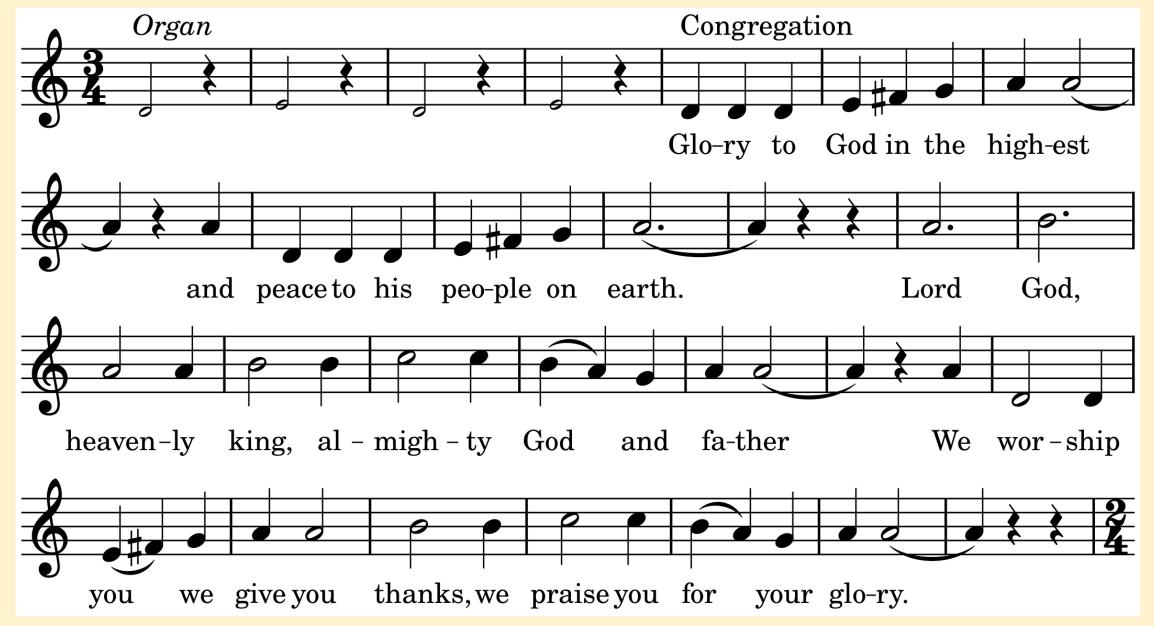
Jesus says: Happy are those who work for peace. Let us do all we can to be channels of peace, in our families, communities and world.

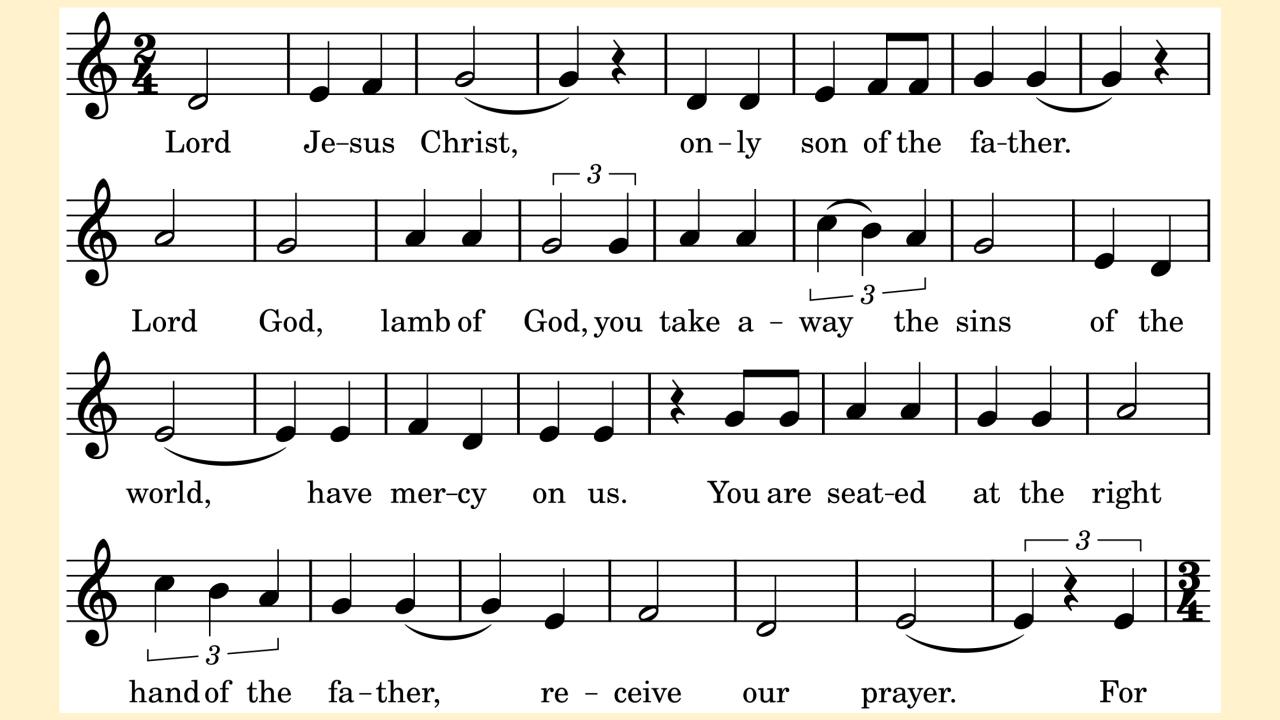
Jesus says: Peace is what I leave you. Let us accept the peace that Jesus offers, and work to enable it to spread.

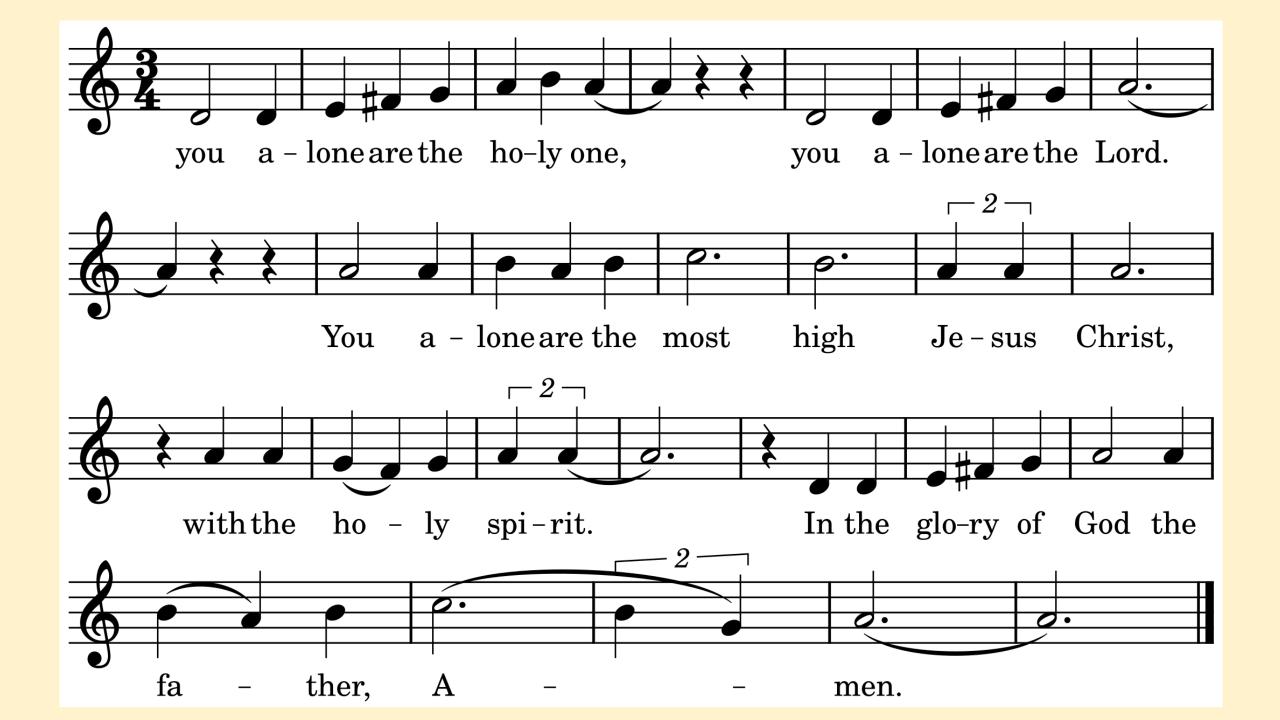
May God's forgiveness be your freedom and God's wisdom be your guide.

Amen.

Gloria, setting by John Rutter







The Collect

Ever-loving God, whose son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. 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.

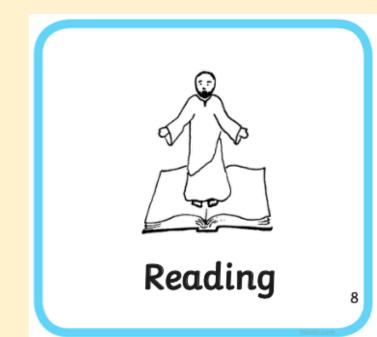
Amen



Attending

First Reading: Zephaniah 1.7-13
Page 730 Old Testament NRSV
Read by Rosalind Rogerson

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



Gradual Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.



Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I have one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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Edwin Hatch (1835 - 1889)
Charles Lockhart (1745 - 1815)
Tune: Carlisle
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Gospel – Luke 6.17-26

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

At the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Preacher: Revd Dr Beth Keith

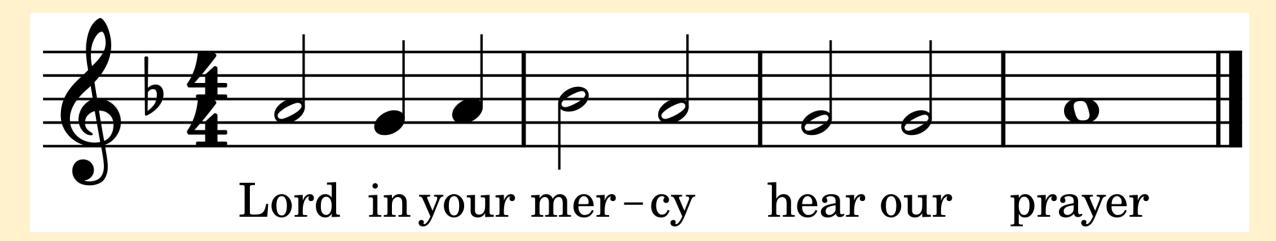
Followed by a time for quiet reflection



Intercession chant

We sit or kneel for our prayers

This chant is sung before and after the prayers:



Prayers of the People Led by Shelley Johnston

God of infinite compassion.

May our lives reflect your love.

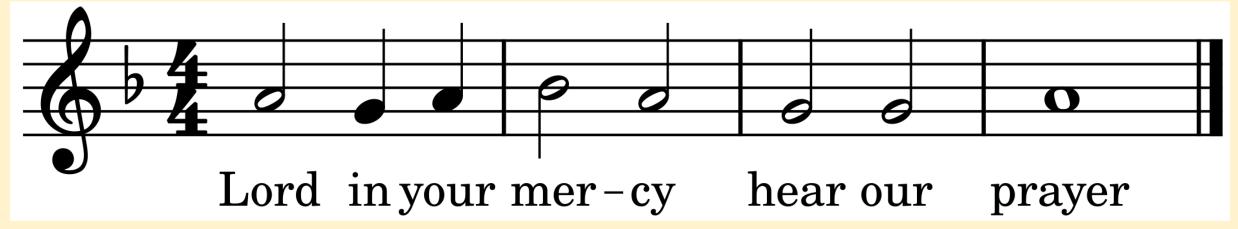
At the end

Ever present Spirit of grace you lead us into truth.

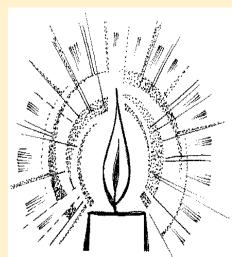
We open our hearts to your guidance. Amen.

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Stephen Dean



Sharing Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



Offertory Hymn

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in the suffering world this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!



Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills; land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak:

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.

Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green, Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams plundered and poisoned - our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed; make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

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Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Tune: God of the Poor

Abiding

Preparation

Gather us in, O God:

from every age and outlook.

Gather us in, O God:

from every creed and colour.

Gather us in, O God:

from every circumstance and walk of life.

Be found among us:

in the sharing of bread and wine, in the offering of friendship and service, in the openness of thankful hearts and outstretched hands, be found among us.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

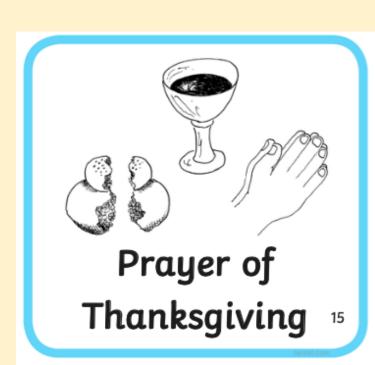
May God be with you.

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.



Ever- beckoning God we thank you that in every age you are calling people to venture forth in faith — leaving behind the securities of self-interest in pursuit of justice, truth and peace.

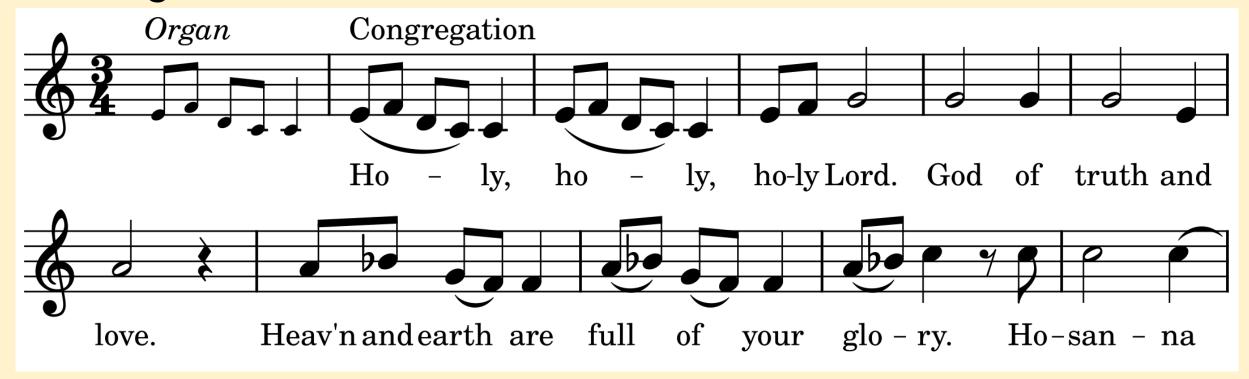
We thank you that in Jesus your word has been fulfilled – through life, through death, through life beyond death – drawing humanity into your presence that all may find their integrity in you.

We thank you that through him we can approach this table, no matter who we are or where life has led us, no matter what our confusion or how deep our doubts.

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place who have struggled to embody your word and live out your wisdom, singing:

Holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We sing

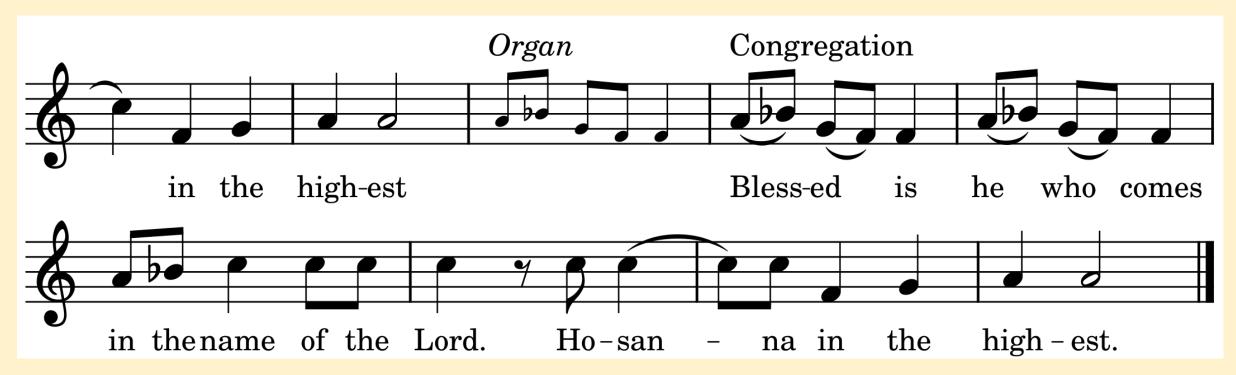


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John Rutter

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And now, in obedience to his command, it is our duty and our joy, to remember the night he gave himself up and was handed over to death.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and after giving you thanks, he broke it and offered it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me' Afterwards, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and offered it to them, saying, '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.'

As we remember his life, proclaim his death and celebrate his resurrection, may your Holy Spirit inspire this communion that all who share this bread and wine may feed on Christ and become one with him.

Ian Wallis

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

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.

The invitation is offered
Christ's table has been prepared
and Christ is the one who beckons.
Come take your place and feed on him.

During communion we sing the Taizé chant:



The choir sings the anthem: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

- CHH Parry, arr. HA Chambers, string parts David Willington
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind forgive our foolish ways.
- Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.
- In simple trust like theirs, who heard beside the Syrian sea
- the gracious calling of the Lord, let us like them without a word rise up and follow thee.
- Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease.
- Take from our souls the strain and stress
- and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.
- Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm.
- Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
- O still small voice of calm.

Prayer of Commitment

May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed; may the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world. Amen.

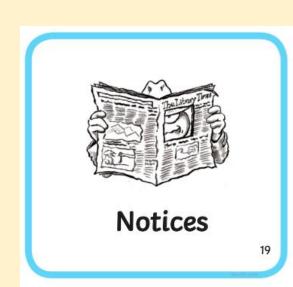


Announcements

To support our ministry and outreach financially please consider joining our regular giving scheme. Information at the back of church or on our website.

For one-off donations please donate cash or use the card reader at the back of church.

Thank you.



Blessing

Go forth in peace: let the wisdom of God guide your way, let the compassion of Christ be your gift to the world, let the fire of the Spirit be your inspiration;

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

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands.



And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) based on Isiah 55:12 Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944, Tune:You Shall Go Out With Joy

Commission

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV 630

J S Bach (1685 - 1750)

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.



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Open Communion is an inclusive service for LGBTQIA people that meets once a month.

Next service 4pm 9 March with a cup of tea beforehand.



LENT GROUPS The Parables

Sign up at the back of church.

From March 6th – April 13th

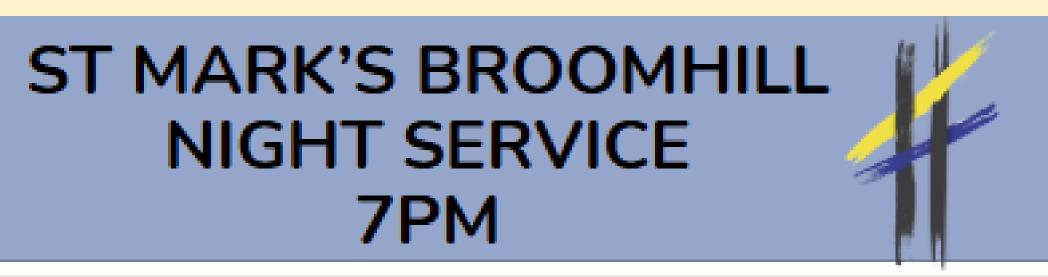


3RD SUNDAY TAIZÉ PRAYER

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

Today - Sunday 16 February 7pm







1ST SUNDAY CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION

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

Sunday 2 March 7pm



FLOWERS

With thanks to Mabel Padfield, John Hall & Jennifer Hurrell for donating flowers, and Rachel Pilkington, Briony Tayler & Jennifer Hurrell for arranging them during February.

Contact Mary-Jane Ryder if you could help arrange the flowers occasionally, training provided.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in church after the 10am service on April 27.

