

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 Lent

Exploring Parables

Sunday 16 March at 10.00 am

Gathering

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

Pope Francis

Gathering

Introit:

Peccantem Me Quotidie Cristobal de Morales (1500 - 53)

As I was sinning daily and not repenting, the fear of death disturbed me:
Because in hell there is no redemption, have pity, have pity on me,
O God, and save me.

Welcome

The President and Preacher is Mark Newitt The Deacon is Rev Dr Beth Keith

Welcome

Opening Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven: There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the grasp of mortal mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, We would take God at their word; And our lives be filled with glory from the glory of the Lord.

> Frederick William Faber (1814 - 1863) Maurice Bevan (1921 - 2006), Tune: Corvedale

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you and also with you.

Let us affirm our faith in God whose love sustains us.

We live by faith; in the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

We live in hope; which brings love to life.

We live in the power of the Spirit; transforming our lives and the whole of creation. Amen. So be it.

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

Ever-beckoning God you call us to leave behind falsehood and seek our integrity in you: may our hearts be open to your love and our minds to your truth, that we may learn to worship what is worthy and to serve what is good, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Collect

God of unexpected judgement, finding grace in the devious and compromised: free us from the certainty of having you in our grip that a better wealth may flow through our open hands; through Jesus Christ, the Currency of Life. Amen

Attending

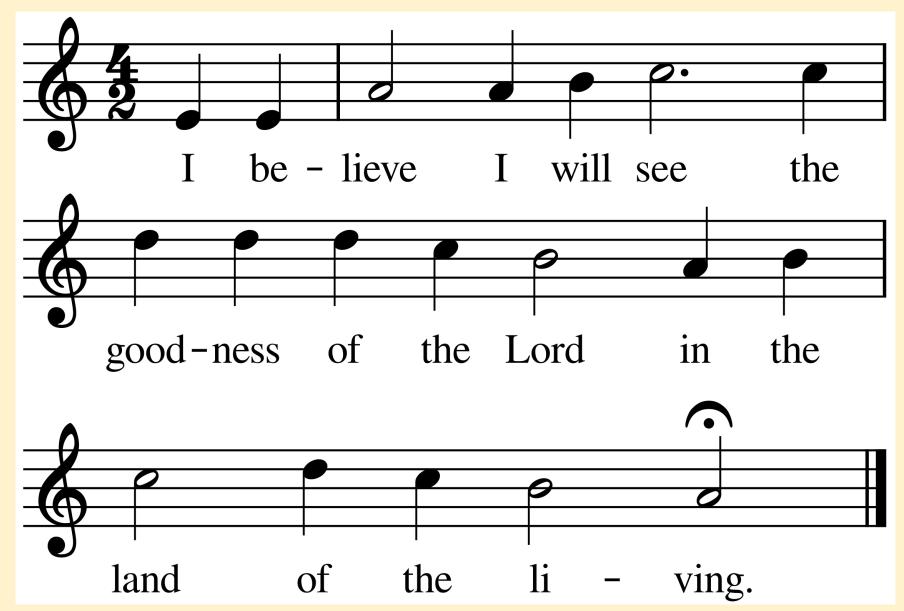
First Reading: Amos 8.4-7
Page 871 New Testament NRSV
Read by Fleur Bayley

At the end the reader says, Let us wait upon God's word of life.

Followed by quiet for reflection

Psalm 27

Andrew Sanderson

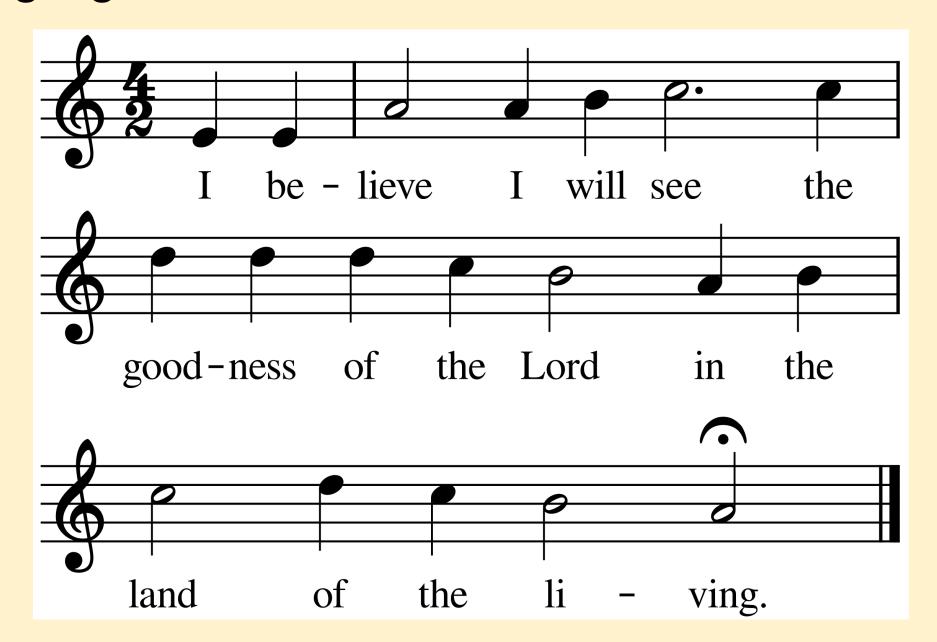


Cantor sings:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom will I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom will I be afraid?

When the wicked came against me to eat my flesh — my enemies and my foes — they stumbled and fell.

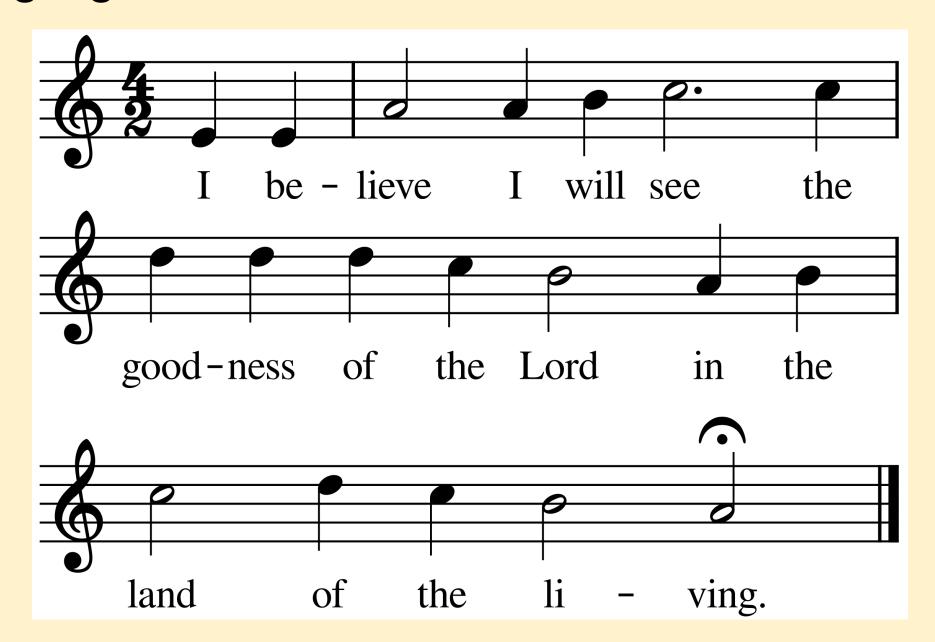
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

Though an army should encamp against me, my heart will not fear; Though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident. One thing have I asked from the Lord, that will I seek after, for me to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

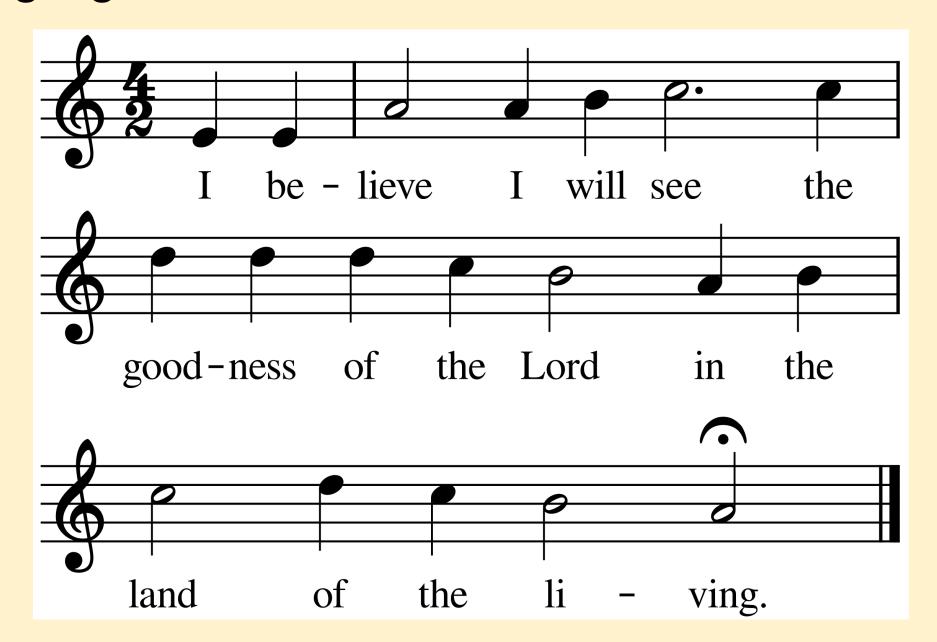
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice!
Be gracious to me and answer me.
When you said, "Seek my face,"
my heart said to you,
"Your face, Lord, will I seek."

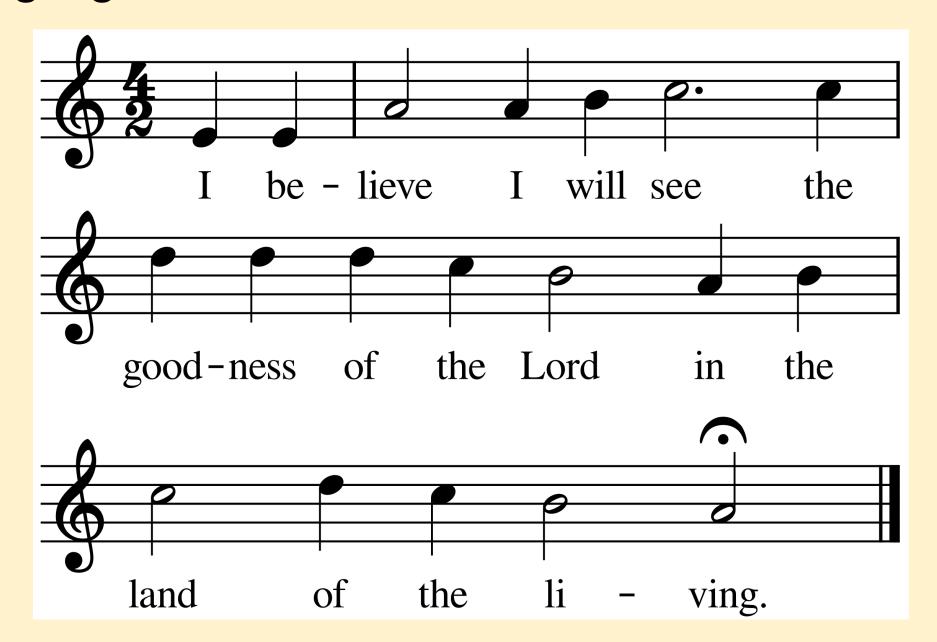
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be strong, and may your heart be stout; wait on the Lord.

We sing together:



Gospel Luke 16.1-13

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: Mark Newitt

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

Prayers of the People Led by John Schofield

Let us pray

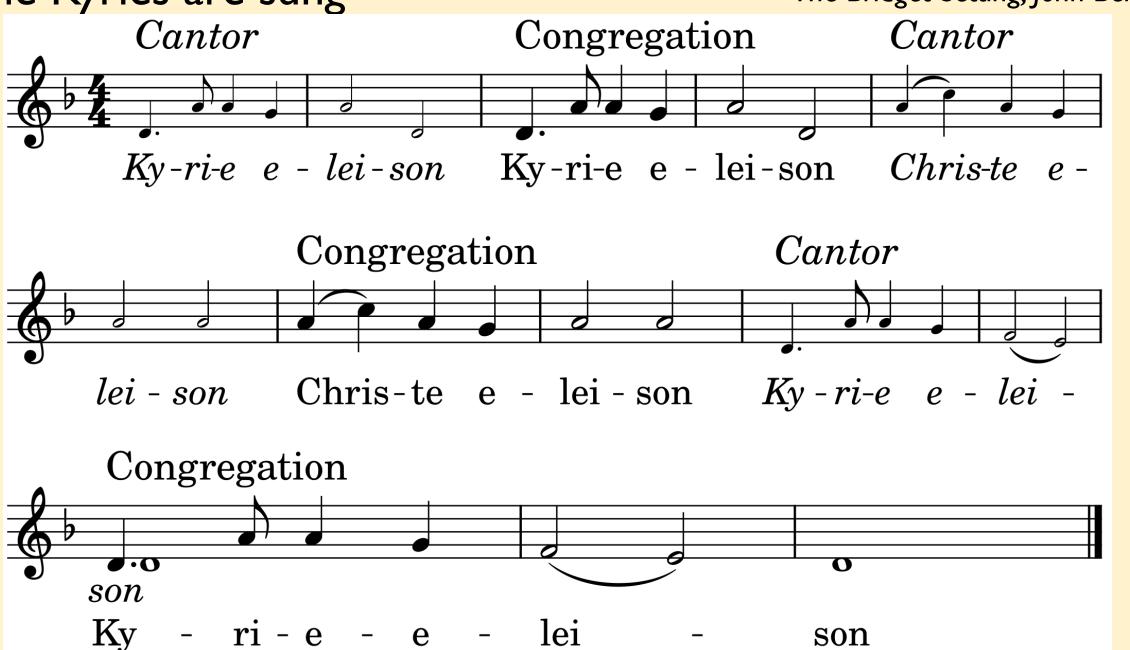
God, Spirit of infinite compassion; may our lives reflect your love.

God of justice, truth and love; inspire us with your Spirit to let your kingdom come. Amen.

Liturgy of Penitence

As we hear once more the call of Christ, let us confront the poverty of our lives and seek God's grace to fulfil our calling.

Jesus said,
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

The God of love forgive you and free you from your sin, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ.

Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Jesus says,

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give.

Set your troubled hearts at rest and do not be afraid.

John 14.27

We meet in Christ's name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight, be thou my armour, and be thou my might; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise, thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done, grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun. Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Mary Byrne (1880 - 1931)
Eleanor Hull (1860 - 1935)
Colin Hand (1929 - 2015)
Tune: Slane
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Abiding

Preparation

God of humility, we seek you, bearing the offering of our lives, needful of your grace.

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.



God of the jubilee, in Christ, you shatter the temples we create to contain you and reveal your will: to loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free; to share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.

With all in every age who have been stirred by your passion or longed for your presence, who yearn for your light to break forth like the dawn and your healing to spring up swiftly, we raise our voices in acclamation, saying:

Holy, 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.

Especially, we praise you for coming among us in Jesus, in him, your kingdom is made manifest, through him, your will is fulfilled, with him, we are called into your service.

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

In the company of friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and offered it to them, saying, This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. do this in remembrance of me.

And so, Lord of the Fast, breathe your passionate Spirit into this communion that all may be fed by Christ and taste his sacred hunger for a world renewed by your promises and fulfilled through your love.

Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Ian Wallis, inspired by Isaiah, chapter 58

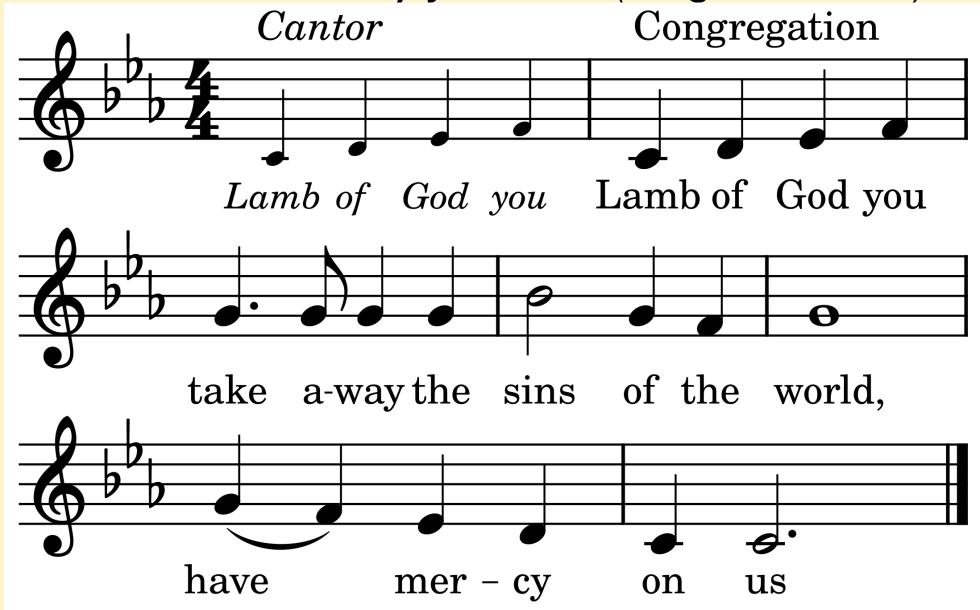
Lord's Prayer & Communion **OUR FATHER** in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

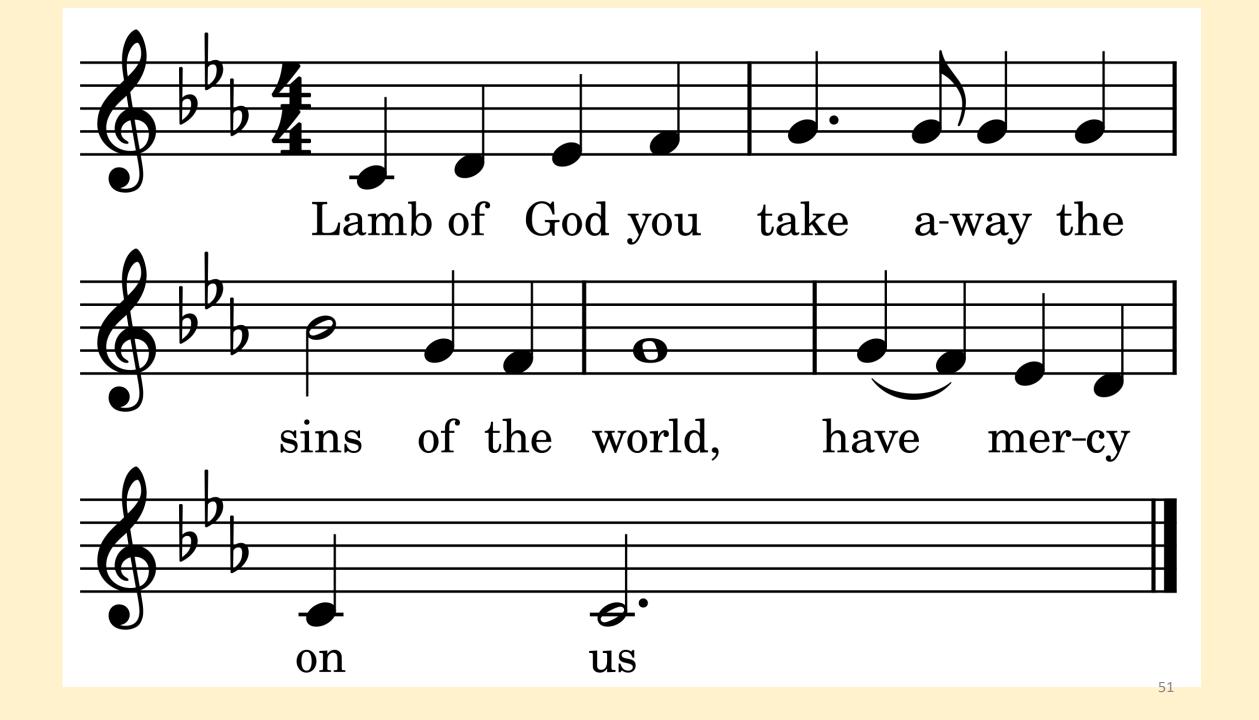


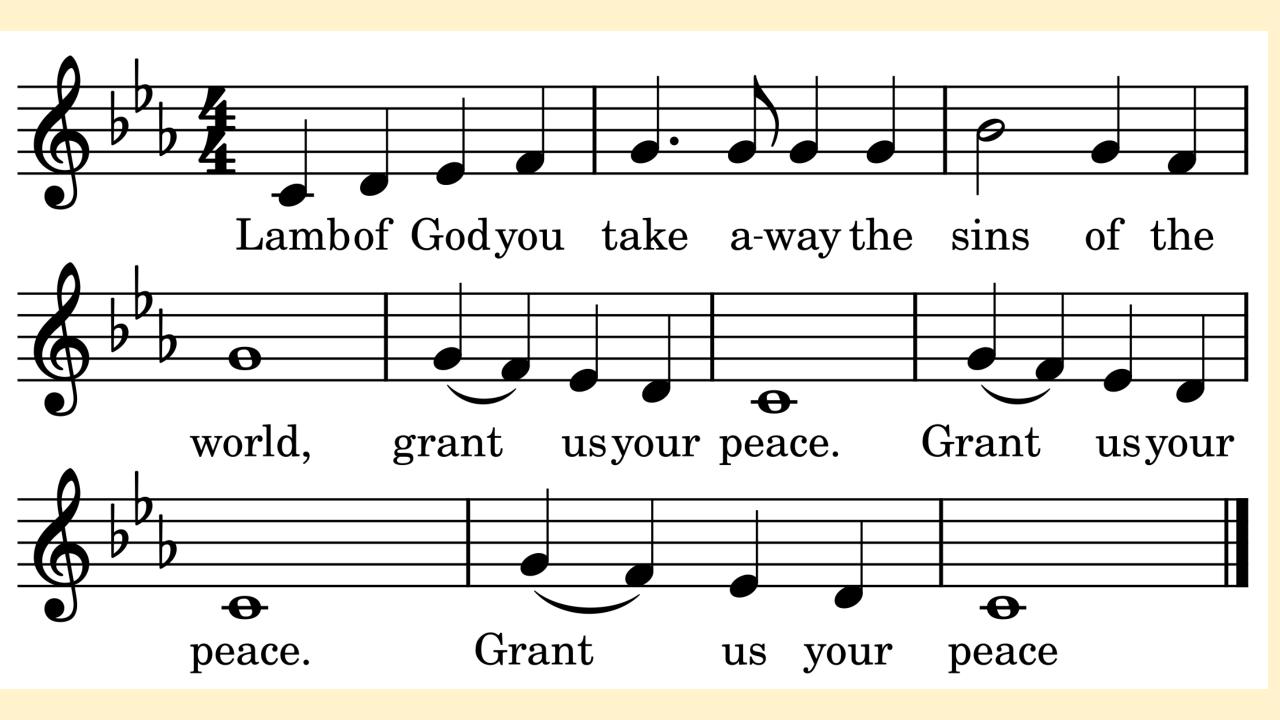
The bread is broken

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.

Agnus Dei - St Bride, by John Bell (sung as a round)







Words of invitation follow

All Christ once was and continues to be is offered to us in bread and wine, and in the company of others; so come, let us celebrate the feast.

During communion the choir sings the anthem:

Wash me thoroughly

SS Wesley (1810 - 76)

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray

God of our pilgrimage, you feed us with the bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Announcements

To support our ministry and outreach financially please consider joining our regular giving scheme.

Information at the back.

For one-off donations, please use the card reader at the back.

Thank you.

Blessing

May God bless us, that in us may be found peace, hope, joy and love;

and may 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

Love, who enfolds us, love, the one who holds us, Leads us and guides us, dwelling deep inside us, Love, our most trusted friend, close beside us to the end, May we be true to you.

Love, who inspires us, love, whose passion fires us, Brightens our vision, helps us heal division; Love, may your tender song bring the peace for which we long, May we be true to you.

Love, who accepts us, never will reject us, Strengthens our weakness, lifts us out of bleakness, Love you endow with grace, every time and every place, May we be true to you.

> Eve Saunders Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958) Tune: Christe Sanctorum

Commission

From what we know, to what we have yet to discover: God is calling us on.

From all that binds us, to the truth which frees us:

God is calling us on.

From the blessings of today, to the possibilities of tomorrow: God is calling us on.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary Vater Unser in Himmelreich BWV 737

JS 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.



REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Everyone who wants to be on the new Electoral Roll need to sign up this year!

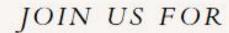
Forms and information at the back of church

3RD SUNDAY TAIZÉ PRAYER

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

Tonight 16 March 7pm



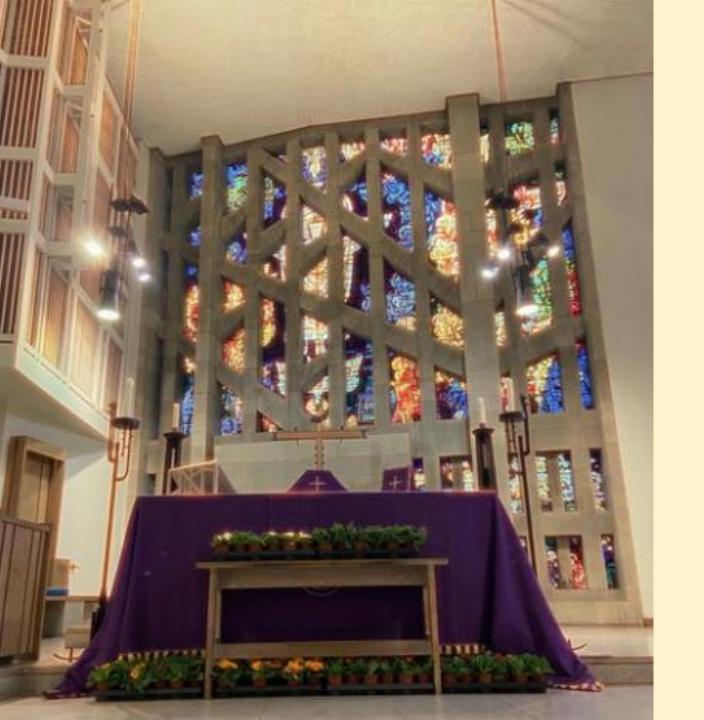




23 MARCH, 7-8PM

AND EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST MARK'S CHURCH, BROOMHILL



Mothering Sunday 30 March

10am Parish Eucharist
All are welcome

7pm Holy Ground

A Service to explore Wellbeing, Healing and Wholeness especially for all those who find Mothering Sunday hard. Led by Louise Castle and Lizzie Illsley this is a reflective service with space to simply 'be' with God and receive anointing for healing & prayer. All welcome, no need to book.

LENT LUNCH

A simple lunch will also be offered on 6 April.

All are welcome to stay.

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

Next service 4pm is 13 April with a cup of tea beforehand.

