

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 23 March at 10.00 am

Gathering

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

Pope Francis

Gathering

Introit:

Turn thy face from my sins Thomas Attwood (1765 - 1838)

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Welcome

The President is Rev Dr Beth Keith The Deacon is Jonathan Williamson The Preacher is Janet Morley

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you; plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do. Fire a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the broken hearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, everybody, side by side, equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife, seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

> Joy F Patterson (b. 1931) RH Prichard (1811 - 1887) Tune: Hyfrydol

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.

John Schofield

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

Merciful God resisting the iron fist which reaps where it did not sow: give us courage to accept your faith in us and compassion to stand with all who are cast aside; through Jesus Christ, who became nothing that we might have everything. Amen.

Attending

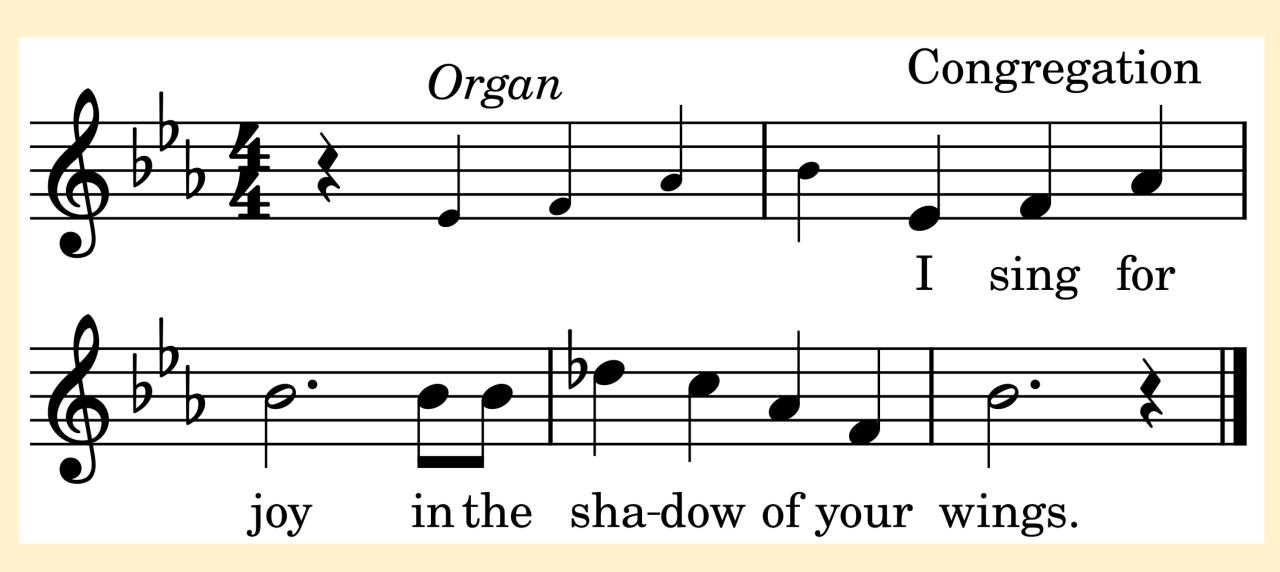
First Reading: Isaiah 65.17-22
Page 706 Old Testament NRSV
Read by Arthur Button

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

Followed by quiet for reflection

Psalm 63

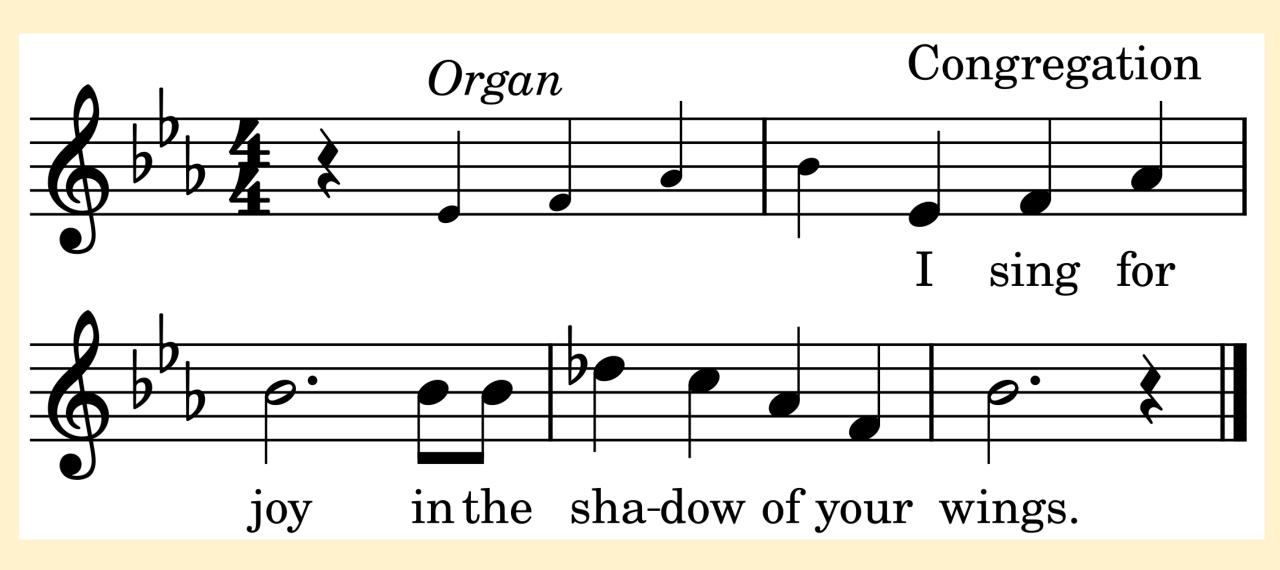
Mark Cobb



Cantor sings:

O God you are my God, eagerly will I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.

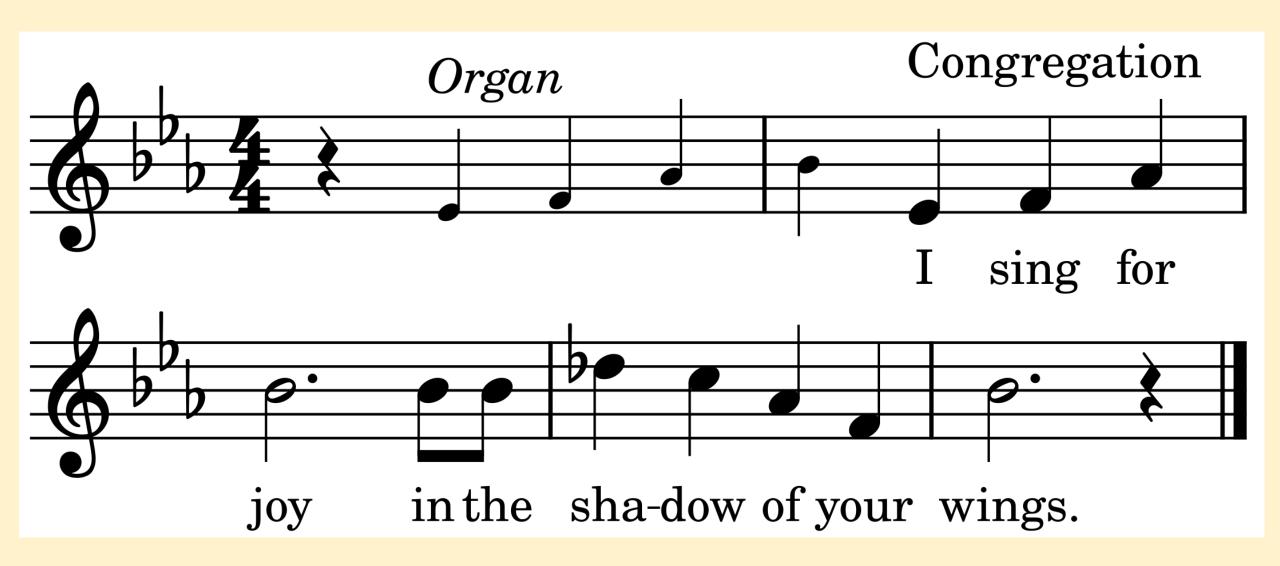
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary, and saw your power and glory. For your unchanging goodness is better than life. Therefore my lips will praise you.

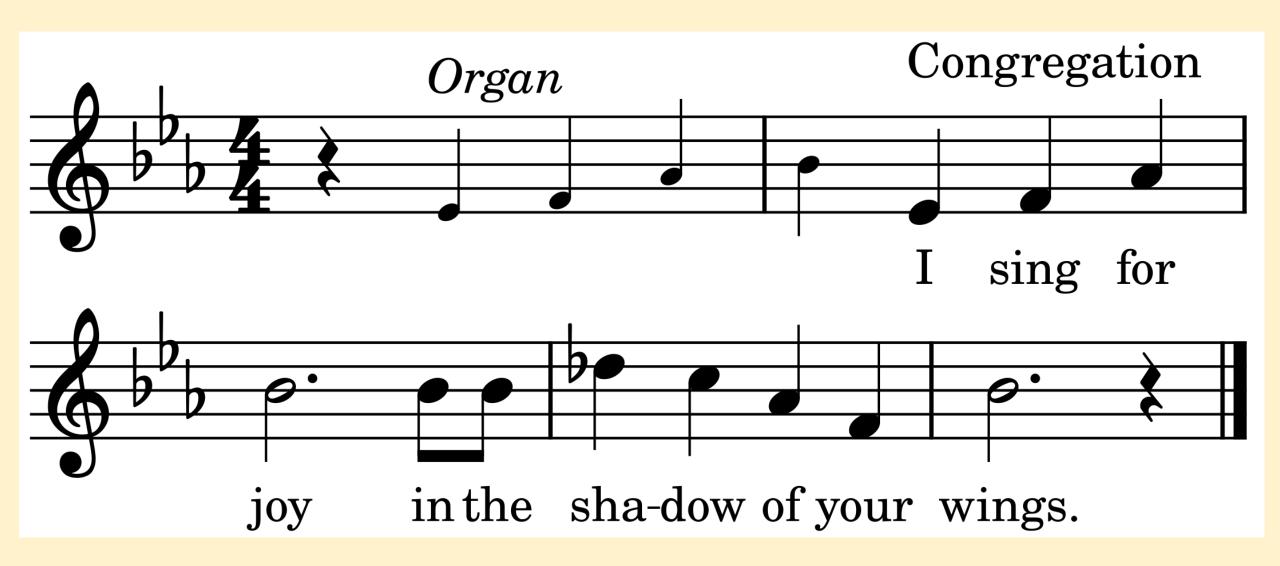
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high. My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.

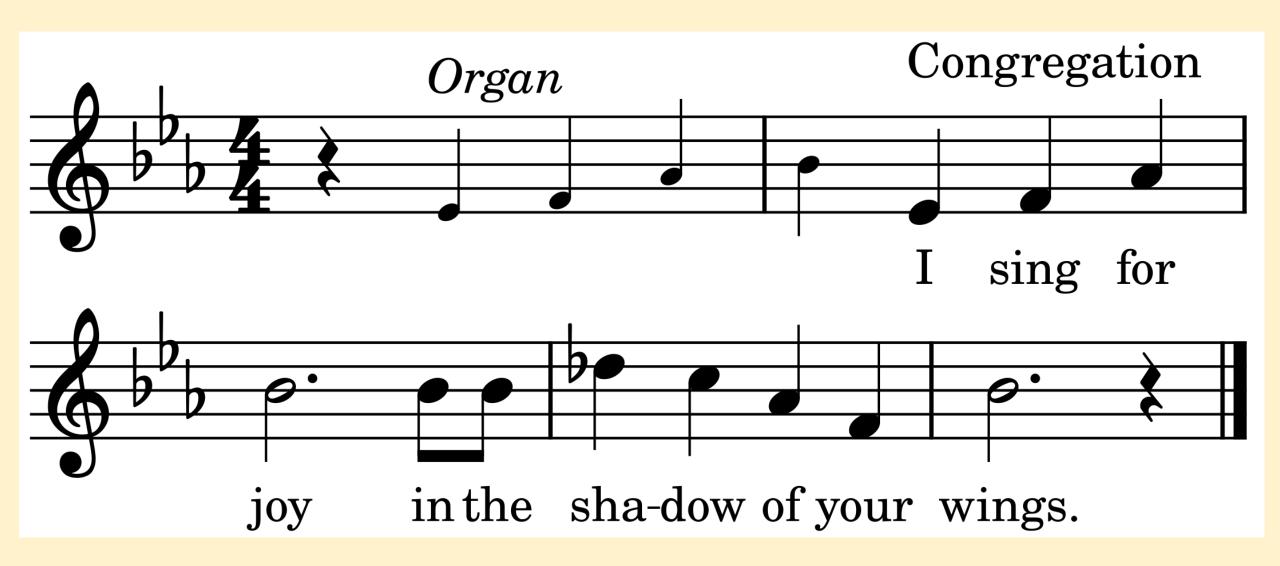
We sing together:



Cantor sings:

When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches. How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

We sing together:



Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

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: Janet Morley

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

Prayers of the People Led by Jonathan Williamson

Let us pray

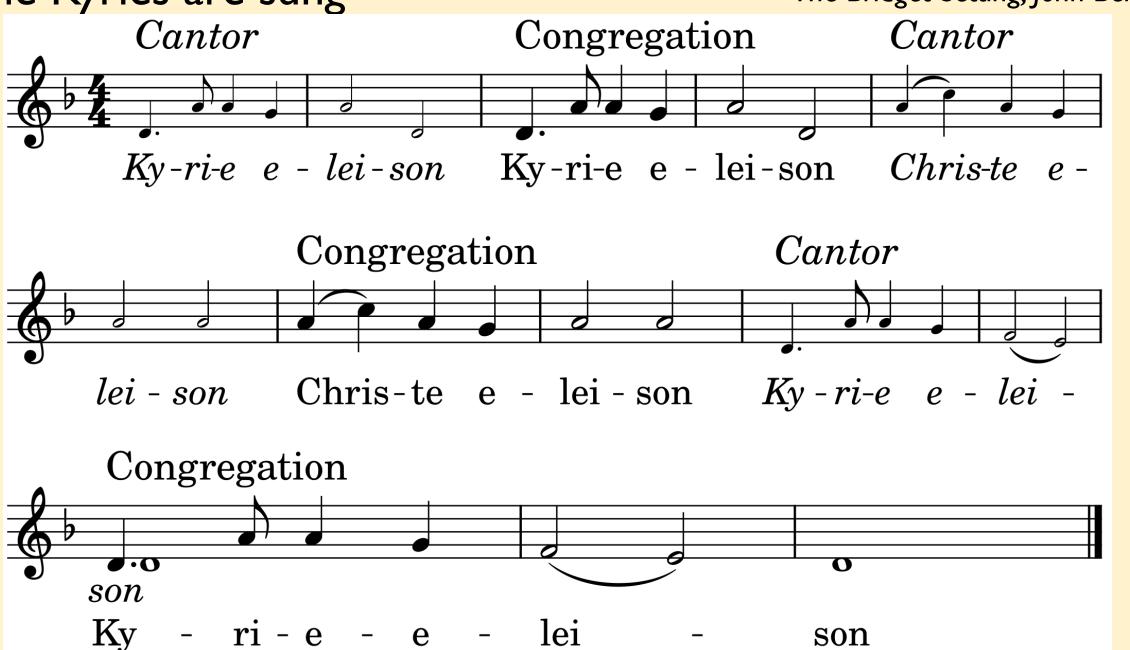
God, Spirit of infinite compassion; may our lives reflect your love.

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

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place; the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry glory to God all in all!

Bryn Rees (1911 - 1983)
William Croft (1678 - 1727)
Tune: Hanover

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

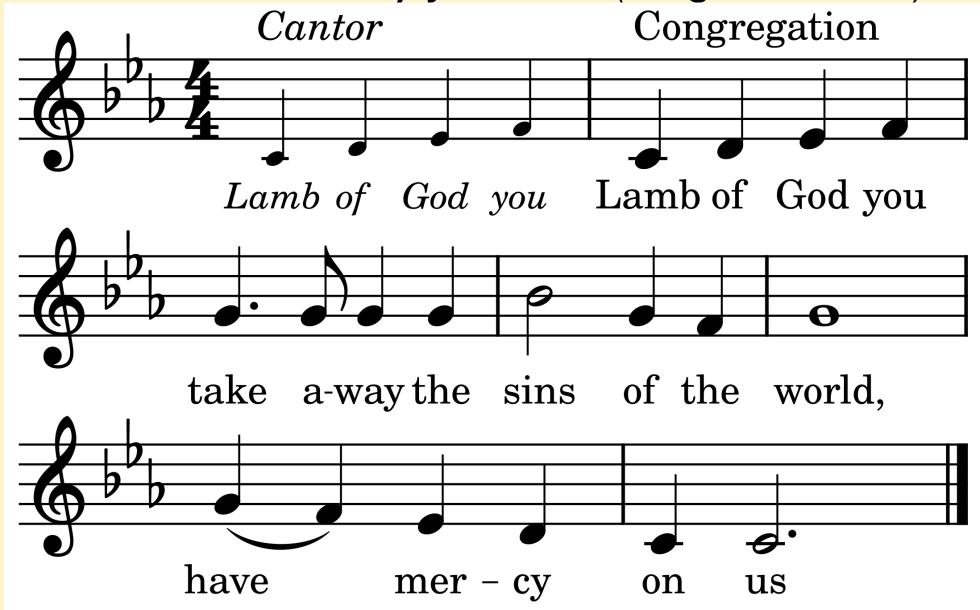
Lord's Prayer & Communion **OUR FATHER** in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the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

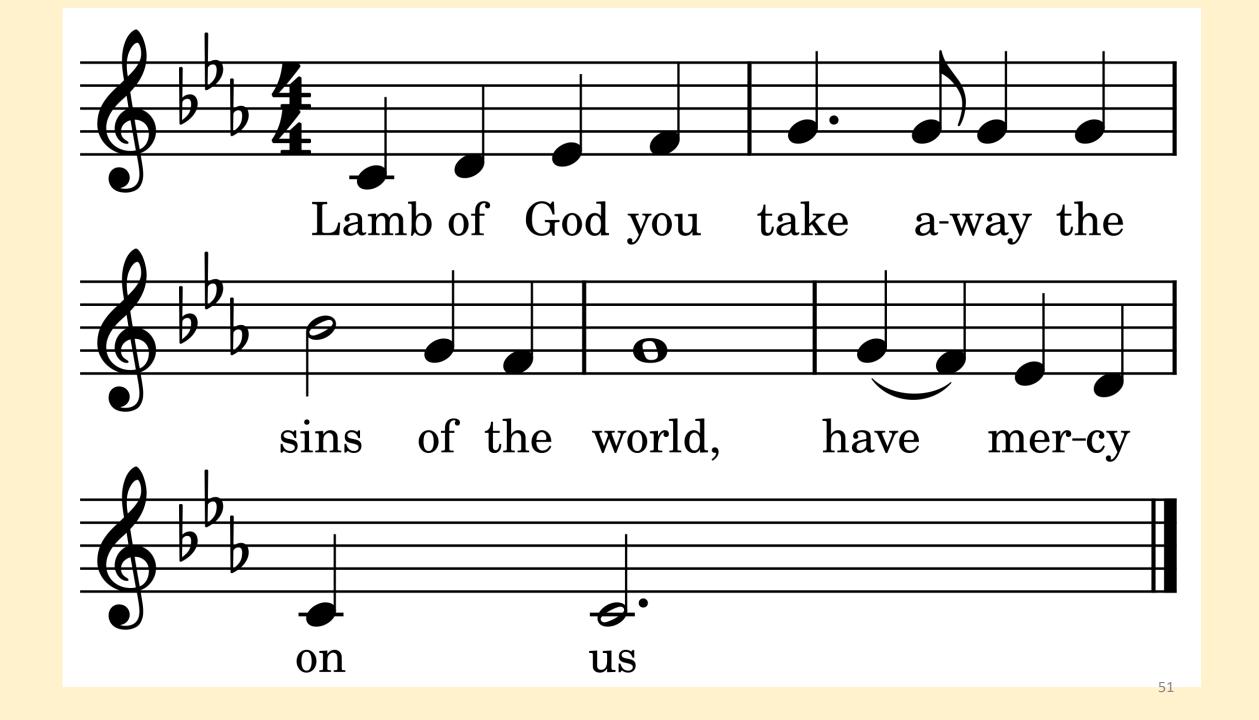


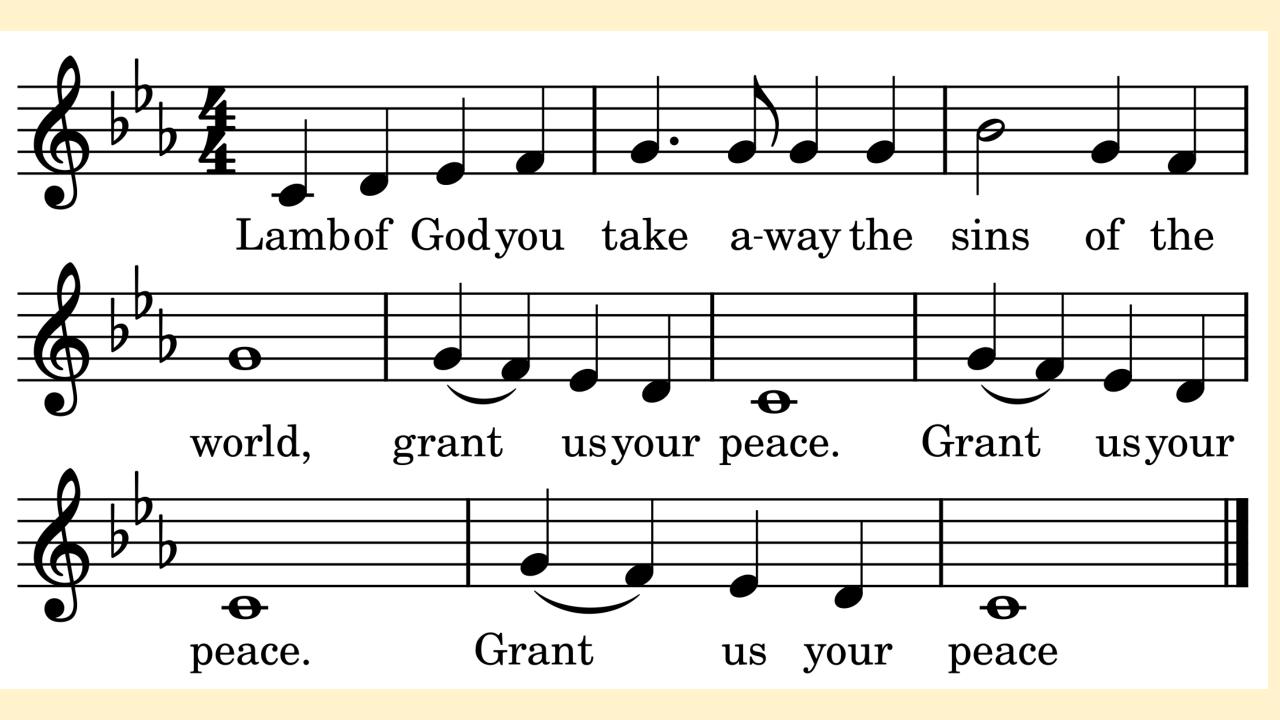
The bread is broken

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:

Sicut Cervus

Palestrina (1525 - 94)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

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

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets: no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too; make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and all hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too; in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets, curing those who suffer, touching those he greets. Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too; let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets, where each sign of hatred his strong love, defeats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I feel triumph too; on suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets, 'Come and walk faith's tightrope, I will guide your feet.' Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few; walk one step before me, I will follow you.

John L Bell (b. 1949) Graham Maule Tune: Noel Nouvelet

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

Prelude in F, BWV 556

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!

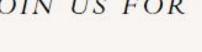
If you visit or know someone who cannot get to church but would like to be on the roll, please take a form to them and return it to us.

Forms and information at the back of church

Tonight:



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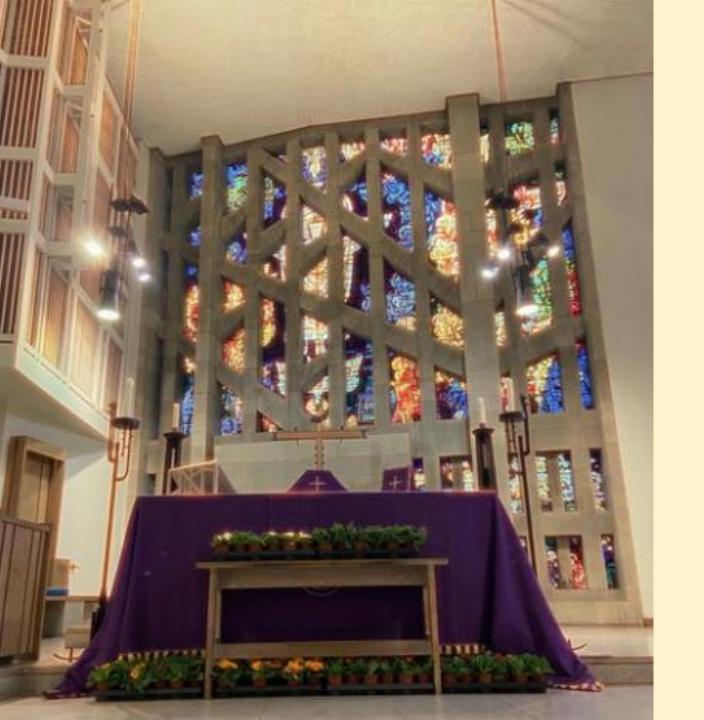




AND EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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 be offered on 6 April.

All are welcome to stay.

ST MARK'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 13 April

8am BCP Communion
10am Parish Eucharist*
7pm Via Dolorosa
reflective service of readings and music

Maundy Thursday - 17 April

5.15pm Godly Play Story & Meal Age 4+, please book in advance 8pm Last Supper, with stripping of the altar and The Watch

*Service also on zoom

Good Friday - 18 April

9.45am All Age Activities crafts, walk and picnic 12-3pm Meditation at the foot of the cross

Easter Day- 20 April

5.45am Taizé Dawn Service on The Green 8am BCP Communion* 10am Festive All-Age Service* followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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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.

