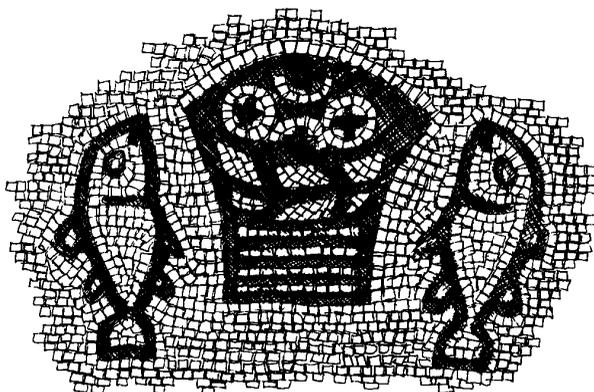


Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

The Open Table of Jesus

The Parish Eucharist



Ordinary Time

*inspired by the words of Jim Cotter,
poet, priest, wordsmith and friend*

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Please take this booklet away with you

Service sheets can also be found on our website: www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk

Welcome

Welcome to St Mark's, especially if you are a visitor.
Refreshments are served in church and in the lounge after the
Service please stay if you can, and say hello!

We celebrate the diversity of our human experience –
beliefs, ethnicity, differing abilities, gender identity,
sexual orientation, naming just a few.

We value your presence
as together we are the Body of Christ.



To use the Induction Loop, please select the *T setting* on
your hearing aid. Please silence or switch off mobile phones
and pagers before the service begins. Thank you.



ALLERGY ADVICE: we use gluten and dairy free bread at
Communion and our silver chalices contain alcoholic wine.
Ask at the rail for the cup without alcohol.

*We invite you to prepare for worship with a time of quiet,
please respect those around you who prefer not to speak.*

Silence can carry love deeper than words.
Silence can bring us to awe and wonder and gratitude.
Silence can shimmer as we hold one another in a look of the eye.

Jim Cotter

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence praise,
in deeper rev'rence 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,
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

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,
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!
O still small voice of calm!

*Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Tune: Repton*

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you:
and with your spirit.

ETERNAL SPIRIT, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been and shall be
is known to you,
to the secrets of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.
Living Flame, burn into us,
Cleansing Wind, blow through us
Fountain of Water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise
in deed and in truth. Amen.

Prayers of Recognition, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Loving and faithful Creator,
you formed us from the dust in your image,
and have redeemed us from sin and death.
Through baptism you accepted us,
befriended us and gave us new life.
But we have wounded your love and marred your image.
We have wandered far in a land that is waste.

From all our corporate and personal sins,
from those to which we are blind
and from those we cannot now remember,
we turn to you, wounded God,
in repentance and in trust.

Silence

Divine love gladly accepts the truths of our hearts,
runs with delight to embrace us
and welcomes us at the banquet of joy.
Jesus Christ embodied that love and calls us to embody it too.

**With the voice of Christ resonating within us,
we say, each to all, I forgive you.
Let us hear the word of Christ to us, the Body of Christ,
I forgive you.**

May we be assured that we are forgiven,
forgiven by Christ,
forgiven by our fellow-pilgrims,
and released from all that hurts us.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Gloria, gloria (canon)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: J. Berthier
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Collect

God of the Sabbath,
this is the day
and this is the hour
when those long oppressed
learn to stand with dignity,
when your healing escapes
our desire for control:
may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts
and inspire us to loose each other's bonds;
through Jesus Christ,
the shamer of the powerful
and the raiser of the dead. Amen.

Steven Shakespeare

Journeying together in Faith

As we all prepare to explore our faith,
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.**

Children, young people and leaders may leave for activities.

Attending

Reading: Isaiah 58.9-end (Old Testament, page 699)
Read by Rosalind Rogerson

Please sit

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

At the end the reader says:

Let us listen for God's Word of Life.

Afterwards we share quiet reflection

Gradual Hymn

God beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a mem'ry;
you have placed your pow'rful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

*All around us we have known you,
all creation lives to hold you,
in our living and our dying
we are bringing you to birth.*

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image;
we are like you, we reflect you; we are woman, we are man.

Chorus

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

Chorus

God, beyond all time, you are labouring within us;
we are moving, we are changing in your spirit ever new.

Chorus

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

Chorus

Words and tune: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Gospel: Luke 13.10-17 (*New Testament, page 73*)

We remain standing

The good news is proclaimed from the heart of the worshipping community.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Rev'd Michael Bayley

Afterwards we share a time of quiet

Responding

The Prayers of the People are led by David Price

One of these or another set of biddings and responses is used.

God of life and love.
Graciously hear us.

God of our yearning.
We seek you.

Living, Loving God.
**Hear us
and guide us. Amen.**

Ever-beckoning God.
**We seek your presence
and will serve you. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Let us live together in the reconciliation wrought by God
and in the Shalom God wills for the universe.

The Shalom of God spread around you.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with those around us,
remembering also those from whom we are estranged.*

Offertory Hymn

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We cannot make an easy, safe distinction,
all people are our neighbours, none denied;
the voices of all nations heard beside us:
all sisters, brothers, none we should deride.

The wall between the peoples has been broken,
in love of God divisions disappear;
as seen in Christ we recognise our neighbours
We greet unusual faces without fear.

We celebrate each difference God has given;
each nation, black and white, both straight and gay;
the able and the challenged God has offered
that we might share together, learn and pray.

We meet with those who paint a different picture,
who value God in words not yet our own,
in dialogue we offer one another
a vision we could never find alone.

This God we seek is greater than each difference,
the source and ground of all variety,
the centre and the soul of all creation
erasing hate with love to set us free.

Words: Andrew Pratt (b.1948) Tune: Highwood

Abiding

Preparation

Tokens of our response to God, bread and wine, and the collection, are offered

We bring to this place our living and our dying

We bring our trust and our doubt.

We bring our friends and our enemies.

We bring the bread that sustains us.

We bring the wine that mellows us.

Let us be thankful.

Let us open ourselves to be transformed.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

We sit or kneel

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.

Let us give thanks

for the wonder of God's glory,

for the gift of this, our planet,

beautiful and fragile in the heavens,

for our responsibility as guardians

of all that is being created,

for the vision of one human commonwealth

with peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

Drawn by the magnet of the living God

ever closer to the Presence of the Mystery,

we adore the God who gives us life.

Drawn by the magnet of the suffering God
ever closer to the Presence of the Mystery,
we praise the Christ who bears our pain and makes us whole.

Drawn by the magnet of the loving God
ever closer to the Presence of the Mystery,
we give thanks for the Spirit who makes love with us
in the dance of the new creation, saying:

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

So let us give thanks to God
for accepting us in the Beloved,
who in the night of loneliness and desolation,
of agony and betrayal,
took the bread that sustains us all,
gave thanks, and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying,
This is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup of wine,
the wine of our sorrow and our solace,
gave thanks, and gave 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.

Silence

Creator Spirit,
as we celebrate the one great sacrifice of love,
hover now over your people,
over this bread and wine,
that they may be, for us, the Body and Blood of Christ. **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.**

A paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, for personal reflection

*Dear God, our Creator
Beloved Companion and Guide upon the Way,
Eternal Spirit within us and beyond us:*

*let us honour your name
in lives of costly giving love;*

*let us show that we and all whom we meet
deserve dignity and respect,
for they are your dwelling place and your home;*

*let us share in action your deep desire
for justice and peace among the peoples of the world;*

*let us share our bread with one another,
the bread that you have shared with us;*

*let us in the spirit of your forgiving us
make friends with those we've hurt
and failed to love;*

*let us overcome our trials and temptations,
our suffering and dying,
in the strength and courage
which you overcame them too;*

*let us in your love free the world from evil,
transforming darkness into light.*

*For the whole world is yours,
and you invite us to be partners
in the work of your creating.*

*Amen.
So be it.
So we will do it.*

Jim Cotter

The bread is broken

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

The wine which we bless
is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

Words of invitation follow

Let us open our hands, open our hearts,
open the hidden places of our being,
and let there enter the heartbeat of those we love;
let there enter all the joys and pains our cup can bear,
and let us feed and live and love, in faith, with gratitude.

Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread and wine or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing. Please approach the altar rail with those around you. Gluten and dairy-free bread rolls are used; please ask for the alternative chalice if you prefer alcohol-free wine.

Venturing

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray.

**LIVING ONE,
Creator and Lover of the world,
we offer our lives to you this day,
and our life together in you.
Accept us as we are,
with all our stumbling and all our courage.
Guide us into what you would have us be.
And in the power of the Spirit
enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world,
in the name of Jesus, your true and well-beloved. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

You are invited to stand

The blessing of God,
Father and Mother,
Universal Christ,
Spirit, inspiring justice and peace,
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed,
now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791) trans. Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others
Tune: Redeemer*

Commission

please turn to face the back of church

In our hearts and our homes
the love of God;
**in our coming and going
the peace of God;**

in our life and believing
the strength of God;
**at our end and beginning
the welcome of God.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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