

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 Easter



'Their eyes were opened
and they recognised Jesus'

Sunday 17 May 2020

at 10 am

*You may wish to have several items ready as we begin this act of worship; a candle (and the means to light it), and also the elements of a simple meal, both food and drink
Audio clips are available on our website and are marked in this booklet with an icon.*

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After a While

After a while you learn
the subtle difference
between holding a hand
and chaining a soul.

And you learn
that love doesn't mean leaning
and company doesn't mean security.

And you begin to learn
that kisses aren't contracts
and presents aren't promises.
And you begin to accept your defeats
with your head up and your eyes ahead
with the grace of a woman
not the grief of a child,
and learn to build all your roads on today
because tomorrow's ground is
too uncertain for plans
and futures have a way of falling down
in mid-flight.

After a while you learn
that even sunshine burns if you have too much.
So you plant your own garden
and decorate your own soul
instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn
that you can endure
that you really are strong
and you really do have worth.

And you learn
and you learn
with every goodbye
you learn...

Extract from "Aprendiendo" attributed to Jorge Luis Borges

Gathering

*A warm welcome to everyone gathered this morning,
especially if this is your first 'visit' to St Mark's.
Our celebration is richer for your part in it.
Thank you for being here. You will see visual cues in the
booklet to support non-readers.
Our Service begins with the Introit.*



 Introit – If ye love me – Thomas Tallis



 Welcome

*You may wish to light a candle when the singing bowl sounds
and you are invited to share in a time of quiet reflection.*

 Opening Hymn

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Blaenwern

Prayers of Approach

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the love of God be with us all.

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 Renewal

Acknowledging the part we play
in the brokenness of this world we pray together:

GOD OF LIFE,
when our actions diminish the humanity of others
and we refuse to care for the world we share,
we deny your life in us and around us.

Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit;
inspire us with new hope for the future,
that we may respond with your love
and live as signs of **Christ, the life of the world.**
Amen.

May God's Spirit
breathe healing upon us
and release within us new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Peruvian Gloria

GLORY TO GOD, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.
Alleluia! Amen.
Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.



Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit....

Traditional Peruvian (collected by John Ballantine, b 1945)

Collect

Spirit of truth
whom the world can never grasp,
touch our hearts
with the shock of your coming;
fill us with desire
for your disturbing peace;
and fire us with longing
to speak your uncontainable word
through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Janet Morley

Journeying together in Faith

As we explore God's word together
in different households and different ways,
we pray
**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.



families are invited to join the breakout room

Attending

First Reading: Acts 17.22-31



Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to

you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

At the end the reader says:

Let us listen for God's word of life.

A time of quiet reflection follows

Gradual Hymn

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word we say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

Words: John Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2020)
Tune: Thainaky

Gospel: John 14.15-21

The good news is proclaimed from the heart of our dispersed community

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'



'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon by Anne Padget

(PDF available on our website – recording will be uploaded later)

Followed by a time of quiet for reflection

Responding

Affirming Faith

Let us give voice to our convictions
and substance to our hopes.

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and liberator,
the expression of God's redeeming and restoring love.
God of God, light of light,
ground of our humanity.**

**We believe that God resides in slums,
lives in broken homes and hearts,
suffers our loneliness, rejection and powerlessness.**

**But through death and resurrection
God gives life, pride and dignity,
provides the content of our vision,
offers the context of our struggle,
promises liberation to the oppressor and the oppressed,
hope to those in despair.**



We believe in the activity of the Holy Spirit who revives our decaying soul, resurrects our defeated spirits, renews our hope of wholeness and reminds us of our responsibility in ushering God's new order here and now.

Yong Ting Jin, Hong Kong

Prayers of the People, prepared by Jane Padgett

Let us pray

The response for the prayers today is:

God of life and love;
Graciously hear us.

Greeting of Peace



The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.19-20

The peace of our crucified and risen Lord be with us all.

*We share a sign of Christ's peace,
remembering those from whom we are separated or estranged*

Families will return from the breakout room during the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn you may wish to prepare a symbolic meal as a sign of the Communion we long to share together

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1.

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

2.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

5.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

3.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your won,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Words: Brian Wren (born 1936)

Tune: Abingdon

Abiding

Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ,
may our hearts be open to your love,
and our lives to your risen life.

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

**May God be with us all
as we lift up our hearts
giving thanks and praise to our gracious God.**



God of undying love,
we gather in Jesus' name as he commanded us to do.

We remember his life with thanksgiving and honour;
we lament his death with sorrow in our hearts
and a deep passion for his ways
as we lay ourselves open to his presence among us.

We make our stand with those in every age
who have struggled to remain faithful
amidst failure and doubt –
seeking the life of Jesus that his life may live on in us
as we raise our voices in acclamation:

**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.**

And now it is our duty and our joy,
to remember how,
on the night he entrusted his life
into the hands of friends and detractors,
Jesus celebrated your kingdom
in the company of his own.

He took a loaf of bread,
praised you for its goodness,
broke it into pieces
and offered it to them, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body.

**This food is for all who hunger –
Christ's life for the world.**

A little later, he took a cup of wine,
blessed it and offered it to his companions, saying,
Drink this, all of you.

**With this cup we celebrate our new relationship
with God and one another – forged from forgiveness,
sealed with Christ's blood.**

Come, Breath of God, come, Spirit of new Life,
breathe upon us and upon these gifts,
that bread and wine, flesh and blood,
may reveal your loving purposes
and fulfil your gracious will.

Ian Wallis (adapted)

**Praise and glory to the God of life
who is stronger than all kinds of death.
Alleluia! Amen.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

Lord's Prayer & Communion

Longing for a new world of peace and justice for all,
we pray with Jesus,

**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

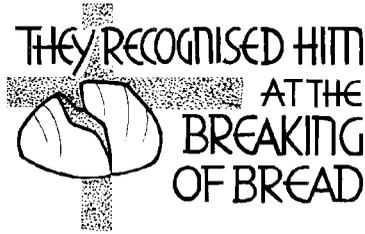
as we forgive those who sin against us.

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



Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen;
**make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.**

Words of invitation follow

I am the bread of life, says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
**Taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are those who place their trust in him.**

*As we share a symbolic meal we remember that,
though we are many, we are one body in Christ.*

 *We may join in with or listen to a Taize chant:*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.



At the conclusion, silence is shared

Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

**LIVING GOD,
we give you thanks that in your generous love
you have given us what we need to sustain us
and companions for this journey.
May we travel on from here in your strength
and work with you in our beautiful and needy world.
Amen**



The Good Newsletter (including notices) can be found on our website.

Blessing

May the God of undying life
bring us to life;
May Christ, who set us free to love,
accompany us on our way;
May the Spirit, source of inspiration,
fill us with wisdom and joy;

and the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Resurrection
be with us and all whom we love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen**



Final Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*



*Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
Tune: Christ be our light*

Commission

In the strength of the Spirit,
we go and live Christ's risen life.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



 Voluntary – Bring him home by Claude-Michel Schönberg
(performed by Leo Oliver)

Sharing in the hospitality of Christ
continues wherever and whenever
friendship is offered in Christ's name.



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