

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



'Thin Places'

Sunday 19 July at 10.00 am

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Welcome to St Mark's

*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 may wish to have several items ready
as we begin our act of worship; a candle (plus the means to light it)
and the elements of a simple meal, both food and drink.*

*Today you may also wish to have to hand
some paper, a pen and/or colouring materials.*

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



Gathering at Home

Audio clips, which are marked with the icon  in this booklet are available on the website: www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk

 **Introit:** The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace (Taizé)

Opening Responses

God calls us together.

We are here.

God calls us to be still.

We will pause.

God calls us to hear and to attend.

We will listen.

God calls us to understand.

We will try.

God calls us to act.

We are willing.

**Let us worship the God
who has called us into being.**



Christian Aid (adapted)

Opening Hymn

O Lord, my God,
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
thy hand has made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that
god His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die-I scarce
can take it in.
That on the cross my burden
gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart;
when I shall bow
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim:
my God, how great thou art.

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art.*



*Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans Stuart K Hine (1899-1989)
Tune: Swedish folk melody arr SK Hine*

Prayer 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.



Introduction - Sarah Colver

We may join in with, sign or listen to the Taizé chant:



Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.

Taizé

Prayers of Penitence and Renewal

Let us in silence call to mind our faults and failings
knowing that, through Christ, we may begin again.

We hold a time of silence for reflection

You are the never-ceasing open gift of love;
we turn in upon ourselves.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

You live beyond all centres of power;
we enclose your grace.

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

You rejoice in a multitude of names;
we try to pin you down.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

**Send your Spirit to move among us
that we may follow Christ
in Spirit and in truth,
in word and in deed. Amen.**

Steven Shakespeare

We may join in with or listen to a Taizé chant: 

Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Lord, you dwell within the limits
and press beyond them all
for borders are not borders with you
and death is a gateway to life:
take us to the thin places
where hearts are thrown open wide,
feet sink into earth
and the sky sings a new song;
through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. **Amen.**

Steven Shakespeare

Taize - a very special place



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and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.

Taizé

A treasured place in Cornwall



The church of St Endellion



We may join in with or listen to the Taizé chant:

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and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.

Taizé

A favourite place of the Newitt family



Whinlatter Forest in the Lake District



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Taizé

Gospel - Luke 24. 13-32 read by Wendy Maas 

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

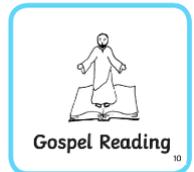
As the disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.



Taizé

Reflection and Activity - Sarah Colver

Prayers of Intercession led by Lizzie Ilsley

The prayer bidding is as follows:

Risen Christ

We long to see your love.



Song of Peace with Makaton signing

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you. (x2)

And with all our friends, Amen.

And with all our friends, Amen.



The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Offertory Hymn

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

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you.



*Credit: trans. Christine Carson, arr. John Bell
Tune: La paz de la tierra*

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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

with Makaton signing of responses

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 our parent,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song, 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.**

Father and Mother of us all,
we give you thanks for every gift of grace.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, with this bread and this cup
we remember how he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Common Worship Eucharistic Prayer D – adapted

The Lord's Prayer *with Makaton signing*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Words of invitation follow

Come God's people,
come and share in Christ's kingdom.



*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 the Taizé chant:



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and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.

Taizé

Venturing: Serving Others

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray.

**GOD of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water
and fed us on the bread of life:
refresh and sustain us by your Spirit
as we go forth on our journey,
in the companionship of Christ
and in the service of your kingdom. Amen.**



Announcements

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

The 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 

We will walk with God, together
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, together
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come. (Repeat)

Sizohamba naye (wo wo wo) sizohamba naye
Sizohamba naye (wo wo wo) sizohamba naye
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohamba naye
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohamba naye.

We will walk with God, together
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, together
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come. (Repeat)

*Credit: Eswatini traditional. Translation by John L Bell (born 1949)
Tune: Sizohamba Naye*

Closing Responses

Jesus, our brother,
as your love has held us
let us step out in faith.

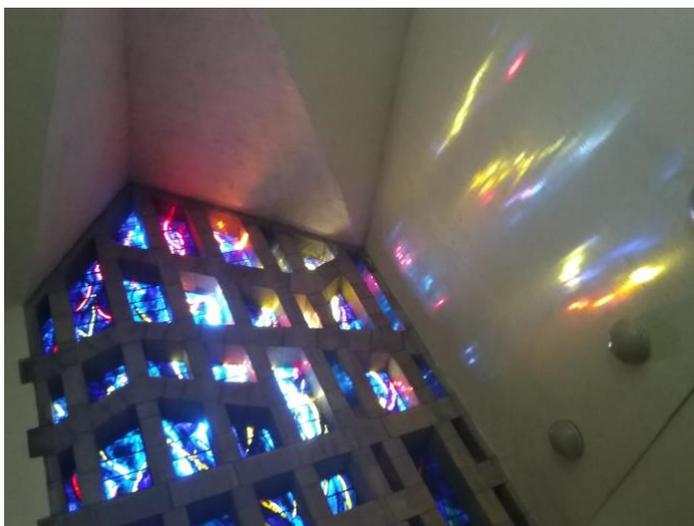
As your love has called us
let us witness to hope.

As your love has blessed us
let us show love to others.

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Let us live in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

🔊) *Voluntary: Variations on Thaxted* by Tom Trenney



Sharing in the hospitality of Christ
continues after this service
with conversations in small breakout groups
and wherever and whenever
food and friendship is shared in Christ's name.



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