



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

Night Service

Sunday 2 August 2020
at 7.00 pm

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Welcome to St Mark's

Please take this time to settle into this time of worship
which will be both familiar and strange.

We are glad that you are with us,
both online and in the building.

May this time be for you.

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May this time be for you

*A sacred space
A healthy space
A breathing space
A connecting place*

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Practicalities

Please remain seated throughout the service.
At the time of communion please move as directed by the stewards, stretch out your arms across the circle and cup your hands to receive the bread.

We're very sorry that we are not allowed to sing aloud –
but our hearts will sing nonetheless!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We would welcome your feedback afterwards by email
please to: office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

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Gathering

Welcome

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other;
**to love and work,
to support and heal.**

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
**to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.**

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You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation;
**to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.**

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

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Opening Hymn

We listen to the music as a candle is lit

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

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Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said: Above all,
strive for God's reign of justice and peace.
We do not always live up to this calling.

Let us acknowledge the times we get things wrong
and seek God's forgiveness.

Silence for preparation

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You asked for my hands
that you might use them for your purpose.
**I gave them for a moment,
then withdrew them, for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
**I gave you a whisper
that I might not be accused.**

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You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
**I gave a small part
that I might not get too involved.**

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Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you:
**only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

Father, forgive us,
and teach us to love as Jesus did
**that we might take seriously
the meaning of the cross.**

Litany for Justice (adapted)

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Words of Forgiveness

May God forgive you,
Christ renew you
and the Spirit enable you
to grow in love. **Amen.**

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The Collect

Steven Shakespeare

God of compassion,
 whose heart goes out
 to the hungry and destitute;
 who takes our lack
 and transforms it into much:
 give us the bread that satisfies,
 the food without price,
 that our lives may be freed
 to share your overflowing love;
 through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**

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Hymn

The joy of God comes close
 where faith encounters fears,
 where heights and depths of life
 are found through joys and tears:
 the joy of God is here to stay
 embracing those who walk her way.

*Words: John L Bell
 Tune: Love Unknown*

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 14.13-21

The Message Bible

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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Reflection

Sarah Colver / Sue Hammersley

Silence

*We hold a time of quiet together
lasting for approximately ten minutes*

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Hymn *to end the silence*

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

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Prayers of Solidarity and Concern

Let us pray for those who need to be remembered tonight

Those who have made the news headlines today
because of what they have said or done ...

Those who make decisions
which affect the wellbeing of others ...

Those who are waiting for a birth, or a death,
or other news which will affect their lives ...

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Those who are in hospital, in care,
or in a place which is strange to them ...

Those whose pain or potential
we should not forget to share with God tonight....

Those who need to forget the God they do not believe in
and meet the God who believes in them ...

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

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Greeting of Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5.22.23

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

*We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another
silently and from our seats*

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Hymn *as the table is prepared*

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk her way.

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The Story of the Last Supper

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it,
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'This is my body which is given for you'.

In the same way he took wine,
and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

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'This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming kingdom of God.'

**So now, following Jesus' example,
we take this bread and this wine;
the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.**

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The blessing of the bread and wine

Hear us now, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine.

May they become for us your body,
vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.

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**And, as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink
are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone,
flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world.**

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The breaking and sharing of the bread and wine

Look, the Bread of Heaven
is broken for the life of the world.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Everyone is invited to share in Communion
by receiving the bread (gluten-free)
or a prayer of blessing.*

Afterwards, a time of silence is shared.

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Hymn

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared, as when he came:
the Son of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

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The Blessing

Go in the love of God who inspires us,
in the friendship of Christ who calls us,
and in the peace of the Spirit
who strengthens us to be witnesses
to a kingdom of love and hope;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Sacred Spirit,
rest upon you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

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Commission

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

Closing music

*'Organ Prelude on Rhosymedre' by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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Thank you for joining us this evening.

Those on Zoom are welcome to stay a while longer for conversation but we ask that those in the building leave whilst the music is still playing.

Thank you.

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The following sources have been used in compiling this service: 'Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England'; 'Litany for Justice' by Dean McIntyre,

<http://www.churchpoverty.org.uk/sunday/resource/access/capsunday2017pack>;

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