

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



Advent

Journeying in Joy

Sunday 13 December
at 10.00 am

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Welcome

*A warm welcome to everyone joining together this morning,
especially if this is your first visit to St Mark's.*

*We celebrate the diversity of our human experience—
spirituality, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation,
to name just a few.*

*As one body we discover deeper truths
than are possible when we remain separate.*

*Our celebration is richer for your part in it.
We are glad that you are here.*



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Preparing for worship

*Wait ...
without expectation
which might focus
attention too narrowly,
so that we miss the coming.*

*Wait with expectancy, alert,
hearts, minds, hands, ears
open to receive the gift.*

Ann Lewin

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Gathering



Introit: *O Come Emmanuel – Cecelia McDowall*
Played by Josh Stephens

Welcome and Singing Bowl

Followed by a short time of silence

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Prayers of Approach

May God be with you, **and also with you.**

People of God: rejoice!

God has called you and redeemed you,
and you shall become his prophets.

Grow and become strong in spirit;

Prepare the way of the Lord!

You are God's children.

**Make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**



Locally produced text

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Lighting the Advent Candles

*A candle for each Sunday of Advent is lit as we sing the following chant
As the candles are lit in our church windows, you may wish to light a candle of
your own.*



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Adagio

Li-sten-ing, here and now, Wai - ting for your ca-lling. Li-sten-ing, here and now,
wai - ting to - ge - ther

Listening, here and now, waiting for your calling.
Listening, here and now, waiting together.

A cantor will sing the verses

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*O God who calls us into light;
we hope for you.*

*You claim us as your children, Lord;
made one in love.*

*Our tears and mourning turn to dance; now
filled with joy.*

Hannah Jones

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Journeying Together in Faith

Let us pray together:

**Whatever our age or experience,
may the joy of God guide us
as we explore God's word
and follow the way of Christ. Amen.**

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Prayers of Penitence



Jesus said, above all, strive for justice and peace.

cf Matthew 6.33

Within these fragmented days,
a gentle invitation threads through our lives,
reminding us that all is sacred
and rooted in a love that knows no bounds.

Peter Millar

Silence for preparation

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SPIRIT OF COMPASSION,
when our hearts are hardened
to the call of Christ,
or to the cries of the needy;
when our words and actions
cause division or disrupt the pursuit of peace;
by your grace free us from wrongdoing
and liberate us to serve one another
in Jesus' name. Amen.



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



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The Collect

Let us pray

God of hope, love and joy,
You share your gifts with us.
Send us on a journey to offer others
what we have received,
Through Jesus,
in whose footsteps we follow.
Amen

Shan Rush

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Attending

Gospel: John 1.6-8. 19-23

Read by Wendy Maas



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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

After the reading we share a time of quiet

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The Benedictus – A Song of Liberation

Benedictus Dominus Deus,
Benedictus Dominus Deus
qui visitavit et redemit populum suum.

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
who visits and redeems his people.*

Taizé

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Advent Sermon Series



Journeying in Joy

Shan Rush

Afterwards we reflect as we listen to a piece of instrumental music

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Prayers of the People – *led by Jen Ryder*



Bring healing
Bring joy

Maranatha
**Come, Lord Jesus,
Amen.**

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Song of Peace

Peace be with you.
Peace be with you.

And with all our friends, Amen.
And with all our friends, Amen.

The peace of the lord be always with you.
And also with you.



*We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another
remembering those from whom we are estranged.* 20

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Offertory Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day.
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings,
Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.

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Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day.
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings,
Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.

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Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 Give me love in my heart, I pray;
 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 Keep me serving till the break of day.
 Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King of kings,
 Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King.

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Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
 Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
 Keep me burning till the end of day
 Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King of kings,
 Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King.

Text: traditional, music arr Colin Hand (b. 1929)

Tune: Sing Hosanna

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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.



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God of our longing,
God of our hoping,
we give you thanks
as we await the promise of salvation,
the desire of all the nations,
and the fulfilment of your good purposes
before the world began.

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We lift our voices to praise you, 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.**

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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God of our longing,
 God of our hoping,
 breathe your life-giving Spirit
 into this bread and wine
 that all who partake of this communion
 may feed on Christ and taste his sacred hunger
 for a world renewed by your promises
 and fulfilled through your love.

Amen.

Common Worship Eucharistic Prayer D and Ian Wallis (adapted)

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Lord's Prayer & Communion

In the joy of God, we pray together:

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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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, all who are weary and heavy-laden;
come, all who are dancing with joy;
come to the table where sorrow and celebration belong
together.

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Chant during communion:

Da pacem cordium
Give peace to every heart

Taizé

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Venturing

Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray.

**EVER-PRESENT God,
give us grace to respond to your call
with compassion, justice and peace.
May what we hope for, long for, strive for,
come a little closer,
bringing healing in its wings;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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Blessing

Follow, where the Spirit of Hope leads you.
Listen, as the child of Peace cries to you.
Rejoice, as the Love of God embraces you.
Go now in Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.
And may the blessing of God,
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker
rest upon you, and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

Richard Becher

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Final Hymn

As we go now, from this moment
 As we leave behind our time together.
 May we walk with, one another
 May we help each other on the way.
 As we go now, from this moment
 As we go into the future together.



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May we treasure one another,
 May we realise how precious we are
 May we realise how precious we are
 May we realise how precious we are.



Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Stephen Fischbacher

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God of our longing,
God of our hoping:
Eagerly we seek you.

Go in peace to prepare God's way:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Organ Voluntary

Suite in G Major – J. S. Bach
Performed by Jeremy Spale



Friendship Time

After the service ends, you will be invited to join a randomly-generated break-out room where up to 5 households are able to chat. People are finding this a great way to get to know a few new people. If you don't want to join these groups, please leave the meeting at the end of the Voluntary. Thank you!

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