

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



First Sunday of
Christmas

Sunday 27 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.*

*Our celebration is richer for your part in it.
Thank you for being here.*



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Preparing for worship

Cloth for the cradle,
cradle for the child,
the child for our ev'ry joy and sorrow;
find him a shawl that's woven by us all
to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.

John L Bell and Graham Maule

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Gathering



Introit: *Christmas Pastorale – Adam Heron*
Performed by Adam Heron

Welcome and Singing Bowl

Followed by a short time of silence

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Carol

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
watched by cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he the world surpasses.

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Then the fearful Herod cried:
'Pow'r is mine in Jewry!'
So the blameless children died
the victims of his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.

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Omega and Alpha he!
 Let the organ thunder,
 while the choir with peals of glee
 shall rend the air asunder.

Credit: Gradual Moosberg (1355/1360), Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), George Radcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Tune: Puer Nobis

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Prayers of Approach

May God be with you,
and also with you.

LIGHT ETERNAL,
 you bring to light things hidden in darkness
 and know the shadows of our hearts:
 cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
 that we may walk in the light
 and glorify your name;
 through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. **Amen.**



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Journeying Together in Faith

Let us pray together:

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

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Prayers of Penitence



Christ, the Light of the world,
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light, we become aware of our shortcomings
and God's desire for us to fulfil our potential.

Pause for reflection

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You were born through Mary's labour;
but we look for answers that cost us nothing.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



You were greeted by shepherds and angels;
but we close our doors on those outside.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

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You share our humanity and delight in your creation;
but we make your love too small and take your gift for
granted.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



May the God of forgiveness
heal you of all that harms you
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

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Gloria

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

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Joy to the earth!
The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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He rules the world
 with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

Music: GF Handel (1685-1759)

Tune: Antioch

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Let us pray

The Collect

God of David's fragile house
 of hope and expectation:
 in the time of empires,
 you word is born to those who have no place
 and sung to those who watch in the wild;
 may his birth unsettle our world
 with hidden glory and untold peace;
 through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise. **Amen.**

Steven Shakespeare

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Attending



First Reading: Galatians 4.4-7
Read by Sandra Newton

At the end the reader says:

How is this God's promise for the world?

After the reading we share a time of quiet

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Instrumental Music

Da Pacem Cordium – Taizé

Played by David and Zulfiqar Willington

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Gospel Luke 2.15-21



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**

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

at the end:

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

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Sermon



Michael Bayley

Followed by a time of quiet for reflection

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Responding



Prayers of the People – *led by Jane Padget*

Let us pray

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Responding

The following bidding and response is used after each petition.

Light of the world.

Bring healing, bring peace.

At the end:

Christ, Light of the world.

**May your healing peace
bring hope to our troubled world;
be born in us, we pray. Amen.**



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Greeting of Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and his name is called the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.



Isaiah 9.6.

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

*We share Christ's peace with one another,
remembering those from whom we are estranged.*

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Offertory Hymn

We will meet when the danger is over
we will meet when the sad days are done
we will meet sitting closely together
and be glad our tomorrow has come.



We will join to give thanks and sing gladly
we will join to break bread and share wine
and the peace that we pass to each other
will be more than a casual sign.

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So let's make with each other a promise
 that when all we've come through is behind
 we will share what we missed and find meaning
 in the things that once troubled our mind.

Until then may we always discover
 faith and love to determine our way;
 that's our hope and God's will and our calling
 for our lives and for every new day.

Words: Hans-Olav Moerk, Music: John Bell

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Abiding

Preparation

We bring to this table our daily lives:

**Bread to sustain us,
 the fruit of our labours.**

As shepherds and sages worshipped the Prince of Peace.

We bring our offerings of thanksgiving and praise.

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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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We thank you loving God,
for you did not abandon us or stand far off
but came in awful nearness
with the urgency of love.

In creation's dawn,
you gave birth to all that is;
to the people of Israel
you revealed yourself a Father
and shared our human story.

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Now we praise you
for the Word made flesh
born of Mary's body,
nurtured in her womb,
cradled in her arms,
greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh,
a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside,
good news of bread for the hungry and poor,
a shepherd to find those who are lost.

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Now we are caught up,
body and soul resound
with the glory of music divine,
echoing through the hallowed earth:

**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.**

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We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood
of your Son, our brother, Jesus Christ;
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathering with his friends for a meal
that tasted of freedom

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Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper,
he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
to remember me.'

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As on that night, so here and now
He offers himself in touch and taste
Beyond all words can hold.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your people
And kindle in us the fire of your love.**

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Therefore we come in memory and hope,
responding to your call
and the promise that echoes
from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held
by your self-giving love
as, celebrating your birth,
we catch a glimpse of you
shining in the darkness.

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So draw us into the intensity of your love
 that your life may be renewed in us,
 our lives may present you to the world
 and the whole universe may reveal your glory.
Amen.

Steven Shakespeare (adapted)

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Lord's Prayer & Communion

Rejoicing in God's presence among us, 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.**



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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

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Draw near to Bethlehem, House of Bread,
where hungry hearts are satisfied,
seeking souls find wisdom,
and failing faith is kindled back to life.

**God has turned the world upside-down
and restored the dignity of all people. Alleluia!**

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During Communion we listen to

Adoramus te O Christe *Taizé*

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

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Venturing

Let us pray

God of life

you reveal your glory

in the humility of our humanity,

and through ordinary things made holy.

As we accompany those who walk in darkness

and rejoice with those who have seen great light;

may Christ be found among us

and his beauty transfigure the world. Amen.

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Announcements

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Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the sages,
the openness of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christchild
be yours this Christmas;

and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
rest upon you and all whom you love,
this Christmas, and forever. **Amen.**



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Final Carol

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door.
Mary cradling the babe she bore:
the Prince of Glory is his name.



*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of Love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came!*

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Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!



*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of Love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came!*

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Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
be the Saviour of us all.



*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of Love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came!*

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Mine are riches, from your poverty;
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.



*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of Love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came!*

*Text and Tune: Michael Perry (b. 1942),
Music: arr Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)
Tune: Calypso Carol*

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Commission

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 the work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost, to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people,
 to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

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

Organ Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo

J S Bach

Performed by David Willington



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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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