



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 Lent*

Sunday 21 February
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.*

*Before the service begins,
you are invited to share in a time of quiet reflection.*



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Gathering



When you discover the door of your heart
you discover the gate of heaven
St John Chrysostom

Introit: Gelobet seist du Jesu Christ BWV 604
JS Bach Performed by David Willington

Welcome and Singing Bowl *Followed by a period of quiet reflection*

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Opening Hymn



May you find peace, may you find hope
May you find joy this day
May you find love, may you find rest,
Here in this place together

Repeat

Words: Stephen Fischbacher, arr. Pete Harvey

Tune: May you find peace

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Prayers of Approach

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



Let us affirm our faith in God whose love sustains us.

We live by faith;
**in the love of God,
through Jesus Christ.**

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We live in hope;
which brings love to life.



We live in the power of the Spirit;
**transforming our lives
and the whole of creation.
Amen. So be it.**

John Schofield

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We pray together,



EVER-BECKONING GOD,
 you call us to leave behind falsehood
 and seek our integrity in you:
 may our hearts be open to your love
 and our minds to your truth,
 that we may learn to worship what is worthy
 and to serve what is good,
 in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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The Collect

Vulnerable God,
 you challenge the powers that rule this world,
 through the needy, the compassionate,
 and those who are filled with longing.
 Make us hunger and thirst to see right prevail,
 and single minded in seeking peace;
 that we may see your face and be satisfied in you,
 through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*

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Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word,
let us pray together:

**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**

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Attending



First Reading: Jeremiah 38. 7-13

Read by Sandra Newton

At the end the reader says,

Let us listen for God's word of life for us.

Followed by quiet for reflection

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Incidental Music:

Gelobet seist du Jesu Christ BWV 604 – viola tune
JS Bach

Performed by David Willington

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Gospel

John 4. 5-15, 27-29

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Whoever follows me will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

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

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

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Lent Sermon Series

Week One: Embracing diversity



Kirsty Massey, Ordinand on placement

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

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Prayers of the People

Led by David Price

Let us pray

God, Spirit of infinite compassion;
may our lives reflect your love.

God of justice, truth and love;
**inspire us with your Spirit
to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

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Saying Sorry and Being Forgiven

Jesus said,
Why do you talk about having no bread?
Do you still not understand?
Are your hearts hardened?
Do you not remember?

When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand,
how many baskets of leftovers did we collect?

Spirit of God, open our hearts.

cf Mark 8.17-19

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In the strength of God's forgiveness,
let us renew our commitment
to following Jesus.

Silence for preparation

*Please join in with the Taizé Kyrie
which will be repeated several times*

Kyrie kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

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GOD OF COMPASSION,
by your grace free us from wrongdoing
and liberate us to serve one another,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

May the God of love
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

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Greeting of Peace

Jesus says,

“Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace,
such as the world cannot give.

Set your troubled hearts at rest.”

John 14.27

We meet in Christ's name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*We share a sign of peace with those around us,
also remembering those from whom we are estranged.*



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Offertory Hymn

There is no place in God's household
for the sly deceiver's voice,
no room left for false entrapment
snaring those who have no choice.
There is room for honest welcome,
for rebuilding shattered dreams
where the lost can find a way back
from their tangled web of schemes.



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God of justice, God of freedom,
in your household, there is space
filled with light and hope and laughter
rich with love and healing grace.
There you offer royal welcome,
where no harm or hurt is found,
and we come in peace together,
for we stand on holy ground.

*Credit: Janet Wootton (b 1952)
Tune: Abbott's Leigh*



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Abiding

Preparation

God of humility, we seek you,
bearing the offering of our lives,
needful of your grace.

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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 THE JUBILEE,
in Christ, you shatter the temples
we create to contain you
and reveal your will:
to loose the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free;
to share your bread with the hungry
and shelter the homeless poor.

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With all in every age
who have been stirred by your passion
or longed for your presence,
who yearn for your light to break forth like the dawn
and your healing to spring up swiftly,
we raise our voices in acclamation, saying:

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**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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Especially, we praise you
for coming among us in Jesus,
in him, your kingdom is made manifest,
through him, your will is fulfilled,
with him, we are called into your service.

And now, it is our duty and our joy,
to remember the night he gave himself up
and was handed over to death.

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In the company of friends,
gathered around a table,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and offered it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

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Later, he took a cup of wine,
gave thanks and offered it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
do this in remembrance of me.

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And so, Lord of the Fast,
 breathe your passionate Spirit into this communion
 that all may be fed by Christ and taste his sacred hunger
 for a world renewed by your promises
 and fulfilled through your love.

Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Ian Wallis, inspired by Isaiah, chapter 58

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Lord's Prayer & Communion

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.**

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Words of invitation follow

All Christ once was and continues to be
is offered to us in bread and wine,
and in the company of others;
so come, let us celebrate the feast.

The body and blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

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During our communion we listen to a piece of music

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ BWV 604 - chorale (organ)
JS Bach

Performed by David Willington.

At the conclusion, silence is shared.

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Prayers of Commitment

Let us pray

**GOD OF OUR PILGRIMAGE,
you have fed our minds,
inspired our faith,
and revived our spirits.
May our lives
be a channel for your grace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**



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Blessing



May God bless us,
that in us may be found
hope, gentleness and peace;
and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life
rest upon us and all whom we love,
both living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

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Final Hymn

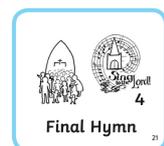
Here in this place new light is streaming,
 now is the darkness vanished away,
 see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
 gather us in – regardless of shame;
 call to us now, and we shall awaken,
 we shall arise at the sound of our name.



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Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light-years away.
 But here in this place the new light is shining,
 now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us for ever,
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in – all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1952)

Tune: Gather us in

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Commission

From what we know, to what we have yet to discover:

God is calling us on.

From all that binds us, to the truth which frees us:

God is calling us on.

From the blessings of today, to the possibilities of tomorrow:

God is calling us on.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Voluntary

Allegro - 4th mvt of Sonata No. 8 in C
G B Pescetti (1704 - 66)

Performed by Zulfiqar Willington

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Friendship Time



*Sharing in the hospitality of Christ continues after this service
in breakout rooms, in the conversations we have on the phone
in the postcards or emails we share with each other
and wherever and whenever
friendship is shared in Christ's name.*

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. If you don't want to join one, please leave the
meeting at the end of the Voluntary.

Thank you!

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