A Service of Thanksgiving for

Scargill House

To everything there is a season...



Wednesday 16th July 2008 at 3.00 p.m.
Scargill Chapel

Scargill

Blessing and Departure
For all that has been -
thanks.
To all that shall be –
Yes.

Let us go in love
Giving thanks to God!

Final music: Sonata in G minor for Treble Recorder and Continuo – *G F Handel*

Leaving in hope…

After sharing in the feast of life, we pray:

Christ our companion,
We go on our way,
Confident of your presence alongside us.
Wherever life takes us,
We will depend on you;
Whatever life demands of us,
We will place faith in you;
Whenever life feels more like death,
We will break through with you.
In you we live today and forever, Amen.

Final Song *(tune, Londonderry Air)*

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll stand for hope when fear gives way to weeping,
Chant hymns of strength when hearts are sinking down,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all within the circles of our love.

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The service is led by the Revd Stephanie Buchanan, Team Vicar in the Emmanuel Team, Huddersfield and Trustee, and the Revd Dilly Baker, Warden 2001-2007.

The music is led by the Revd Peter Moger, National Worship Development Officer for the Church of England and Former Trustee, and Heather Moger, Musician

Coming as we are…

Welcome & Introduction

We come as we are
We bring our feelings
We offer them
and we wait on God…

Silence

O God our comfort and our challenge,
whose presence is ever reliable
and ever unexpected:
grant us to grieve over what is ending
without falling into despair,
and to enter on our new vocation
without forgetting your voice
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Opening Hymn (Tune: *Great is thy faithfulness*)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

5 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb;
for the wonder of who I am I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Words: After Psalm 139, © Bernadette Farrell

Silence is kept

Instrumental music is played

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

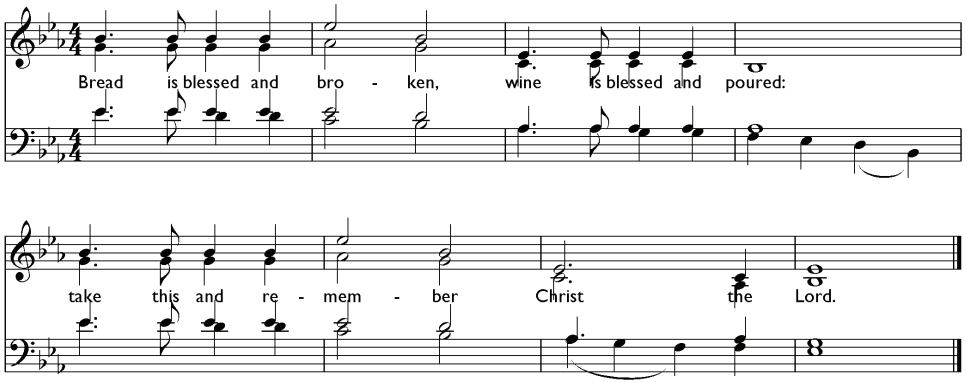
And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Song



During Communion

1 O God, you search me and you know me,
all my thoughts lie open to your gaze;
when I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

2 You know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar;
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through;
you are with me beyond my understanding;
God of my present, my past and future, too.

4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light
there is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

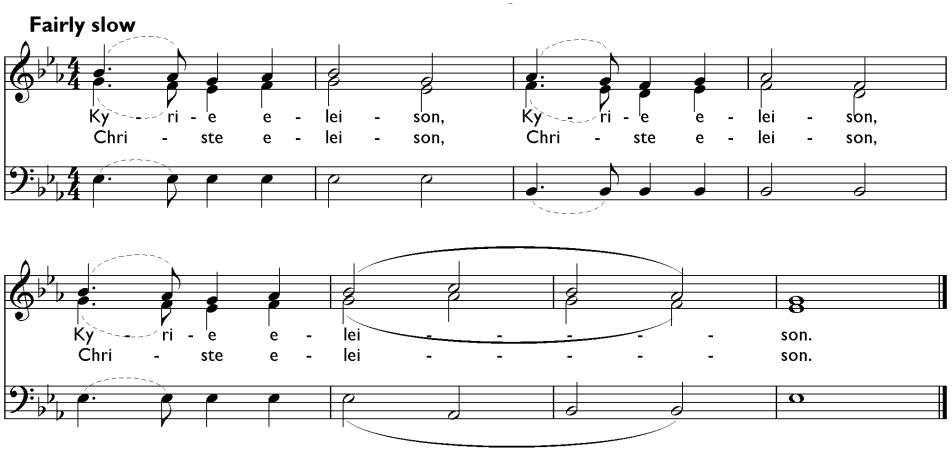
2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Confession

After each bidding we sing:



Absolution

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Jonny Wood, Community Leader

Hymn (Tune: *Repton)*

1 Christ be the Lord of all our days,
the swiftly-passing years:
Lord of our unremembered birth,
heirs to the brightness of the earth;
Lord of our griefs and fears.

2 Christ be the source of all our deeds,
the life our living shares;
the fount which flows from worlds above
to never-failing springs of love;
the ground of all our prayers.

3 Christ be the goal of all our hopes,
the end to whom we come;
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,
our many-mansioned home.

4 Christ be the vision of our lives,
of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight
as light of everlasting light the
bright and morning star.

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Gospel Reading: John 12:20-26
David Baker, Chair of Trustees

Yet death could not contain you
Fear could not restrain you
Hatred and enmity could not have the final say.
And today of all days we celebrate your life
Praise God!

Today of all days we celebrate your love
Praise God!

Today of all days we celebrate your joy
for we are a people of hope
Praise God!

We announce resurrection in our lives,
In this place and in the life of our world.
So pervade this feast with the life of your Spirit,
And free us to be your people of hope.

The table is set, the feast is now ready
Let all find a place in God's love.

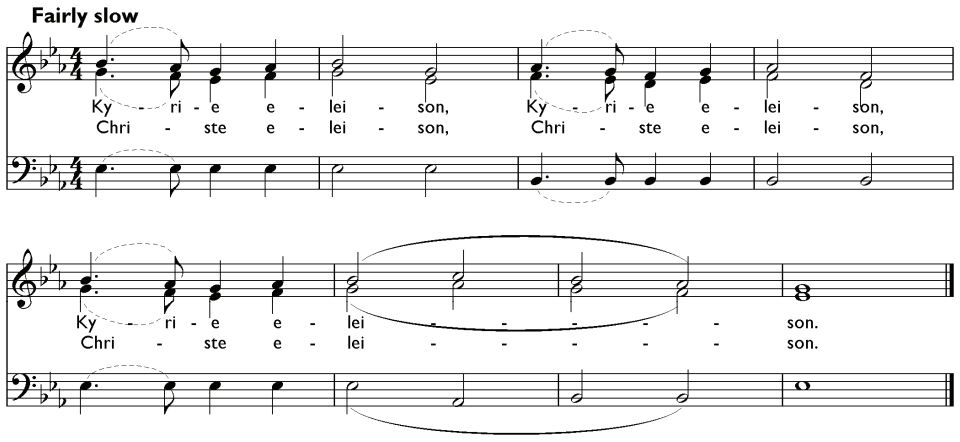
We break this bread remembering the brokenness of the world;
Yes, we will remember.
We raise this cup celebrating the sign of God's risen life among us;
Yes, we celebrate God's life.

We pray the Lord's Prayer together and share in the Feast of Life

So call the lame, the blind, the hungry,
The dispossessed, the lonely, the dying –
All who have been excluded.

Call in the name of love!
That God's house may be full.
Call in the name of life!
That resurrection may be sung.
Call in the name of hope!
That the dance of life may
Echo through this universe.

Jesus, you sat at table with friend and betrayer alike.
You blessed the cup and shared the bread
And asked to be remembered.
You blessed the cup and shared the bread
And wept your tears of love.
You blessed the cup and shared the bread
And stared into the abyss of death and destruction



Sharing our stories…

Reflections

Maggie Leach, Former Community Member
Ian, Gill, Fiona & Malcolm Davidson, Former Warden & family, read by Gill Driver, Former Community Member
Shan Evans, Current Community Member
Steve Lorryman and pupils, Deputy Head at a 'MythBuster' school
John Hallatt, Partner
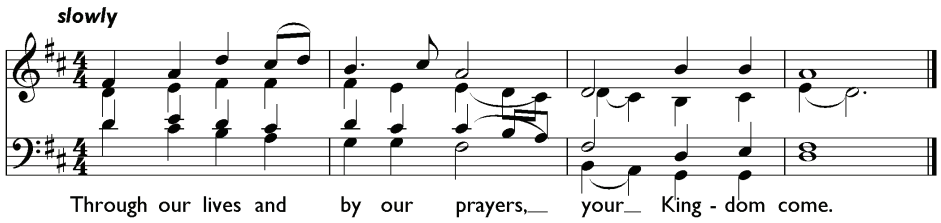
Following the reflections, a piece of music (Air No 1 from 'A Prophet in the Land' by Robin Milford) will be played

Intercessions Canon Bridget Rees, Trustee and Jane Iles, Current Community Member

After each spoken intercession, a candle will be lit by the following:

A returning community member
A current community member
A trustee
A partner

and then the following response will be sung:



Taking courage…

The Peace

Hymn (tune, *Blaenwern*)

1 God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago.
Journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind;
Love for God and self and neighbour,
marks the way that Christ defined.

2 Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
Give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
Should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

3 End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
Let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

4 When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side,
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

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A Place at God's Table:

Christ is alive!
God's Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up in praise!

Let us give thanks to the One who makes all things new!
It is our joy to give God thanks and praise!

God of resurrection life,
Your table is set, your feast is ready
And in your love there is space for us here.
Your outstretched hands beckon us,
Your open heart welcomes us
Your resurrection life compels us
And we are drawn to you.

The table is set, the feast is now ready,
Let all find a place in God's love.

God of abundant life,
Your table is set, your feast is ready
Yet we know there are empty places;
We know that through division and betrayal
Not all find a welcome at your banquet,
Not all find a seat at your table.