

*Banchory Ternan East  
Church*

*5th January 2020*

*10.30 am*

*To know Christ and make him  
known*



**Welcome and Call to worship**

**Reading: There is a song in the air by  
Lisa Withrow**

**Hymn: CH4 323**

**The first Nowell the angel did say**  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as thy lay:  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their  
sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so  
deep:

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*



The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you use a hearing aid, please change it to the "T" setting.

*born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star

three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of  
naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Hymn: CH4 235**

**God is working his purpose out, as  
year succeeds to year:**

God is working his purpose out, and the  
time is drawing near;

Nearer and nearer draws the time, the  
time that shall surely be,

When the earth shall be filled with the  
glory of God,

As the waters cover the sea.  
From farthest east to farthest west,  
where human feet have trod,  
By the voice of many messengers goes  
forth the voice of God:  
'Give ear to me, you continents, you  
islands give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the  
glory of God,  
As the waters cover the sea'.

Let us go forth in strength of God, with  
the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious Gospel of  
truth may shine throughout the world:  
Let us all fight with sorrow and sin, to  
set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the  
glory of God,  
As the waters covers the sea.

All that we do can have no worth, unless  
God bless the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide, till  
God gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the  
glory of God,  
As the waters cover the sea.

**Reading: Agnus Dei by Denise  
Levertov**

**Gospel Reading:**  
Luke 2: 40-52



**Hymn: CH4 237**  
**Look forward in faith,**  
All time is in God's hand.  
Walk humbly with him  
And trust his future plan.  
God has wisely led  
His people by his power.  
Look forward in hope,  
He gives us each new hour.  
  
Look forward in faith,

The world is in God's care.  
His purpose of love  
He calls on us to share.  
In our neighbour's need  
The Lord is present still.  
He blesses the meek!  
The earth will know God's will.

Look forward in faith,  
God gives us life each day.  
Go onward with Christ,  
His Spirit guides our way.  
Now God lets us live  
Within the sphere of grace.  
Trust ever in him,  
He rules o'er earth and space!

**Talk: Young Jesus: his home life**

**Offering during which the choir will  
sing 'The Eastern Star'**

(As the offering is brought forward we  
stand and sing Hymn CH4 505 verse 1)

**All that I am, all that I do,**  
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.  
Take and sanctify these gifts for your  
honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you is  
enough reward.  
All that I am, all that I do,  
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

**Prayers of thanksgiving and  
intercession and 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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours  
Now and forever.

Amen

**Hymn: CH4 320**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature  
sing!

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, wonders of His love.

**Ascription of Glory (Amen)**  
**If you would like to take communion**  
**please gather in the front pews.**

**Communion**

**Dismissal and Benediction**

**Three-fold Amen (Sung)**

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**Making the journey**

Few people can make such a journey  
alone; even the shepherds needed to be  
encouraged by companions. Those who  
claim that finding and bearing the Christ  
child are easy may be on the wrong  
freeway. But when we finally see the  
lights of Bethlehem and see our star still  
shining there, after we have passed the  
last peaks and desert sands, then we  
see him lying there before us. We kneel

and the sound of angelic music, the  
heavenly choir, breaks in on us, and we  
see the magnificent splendour, the  
ineffable glory of the Creator as a baby  
in a crib. Then we are embraced by  
divine love; we understand how little we  
have offered by our journey. The  
harbour is a million times worth the  
voyage. Morton Kelsey.

**Prayer**

Journeying God, who beckons us to join  
him on the road, be with all your people  
as we set out into this New Year.

Give courage to the cautious, strength  
to the weary, vision to the short-sighted,  
hope to those who are broken in spirit.  
When we are unsure of where you are  
leading and cannot chart our path or  
progress, give us trust and a toleration  
of not knowing.

When we are certain about the pattern  
of your mission, give us humility - and  
grace to listen and learn from each new  
situation.

As the wise men brought gifts to the  
Christchild, so may we bring gifts to one  
another in the world:

**Gold:** May we share material resources  
justly; practise fair trade; respect the  
earth and exercise mutual deference.

**Frankincense:** May we promote  
freedom of thought, speech and  
worship; find opportunities for all to grow  
in grace and stature; take quietness with  
us wherever we go; and exercise mutual  
encouragement.

**Myrrh:** May we stand in solidarity with  
the oppressed and suffering; weep with  
those who weep; lament the atrocities of  
history; bring balm for tomorrow and  
exercise mutual love.

Journeying God, help us to follow you,  
however risky it seems, for in you lies  
our ultimate security, our greatest  
freedom.

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## Wednesday 8th January

**Men's Group Meeting** 7.30pm in the main hall.

## Thursday 9th January

**Friendship Lunch** 12 noon - 1pm in the main hall.

## Wednesday 15th January

**The Guild** meeting 7.00pm in the main hall. Speaker John Reid on 'Banchory Past'



Tea, Coffee and Juice will be served in the hall after the service.

**If you would like to catch up to the sermons, prayers and children's talks they are available on the web site, [www.banchoryeastchurch.com](http://www.banchoryeastchurch.com). You can also e-mail prayer requests to [prayer@banchoryeastchurch.com](mailto:prayer@banchoryeastchurch.com)**

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