

*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 they 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,



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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)

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. You can also e-mail prayer requests to prayer@banchoryeastchurch.com

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