

*Banchory Ternan East  
Church*

*12th January 2020*

*10.30 am*

*To know Christ and make him  
known*



**Welcome and Call to worship**

**Hymn: CH4 334**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For you are our Salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great Reward.  
Without your grace we waste away,  
Like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Once more upon your people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won.

whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

**Prayers of adoration**

**Activity Time**

**Hymn:**

**Our God is a great big God,**  
Our God is a great big God,  
Our God is a great big God,  
And he holds us in his hands.

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He's higher than a sky scraper  
and he's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And he's known me  
and he's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan.

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***Children continue worship over in the  
halls.***

**Choir:**

Bless the Lord O my soul (Redman)

**Prayers of recognition of our needs**

**Hymn: CH4 31 T. Ballerma**

**I waited patiently for God,**

For God to hear my prayer.

And God bent down to where I sank



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And listened to me there.

God raised me from a miry pit,  
From mud and sinking sand,  
And set my feet upon a rock  
Where I can firmly stand.

And on my lips a song was put,  
A new song to the Lord.  
Many will marvel, open-eyed,  
And put their trust in God.

Great wonders you have done, O Lord,  
All purposed to our good:  
Unable every one to name,  
I bow in gratitude.

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 3: 1-18



**Hymn: CH4 506**

**All I once held dear, built my life upon,**

All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss

Spent and worthless now,  
compared to this:

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
To be found in you and known as yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you,*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,  
And to know you in your sufferings,  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
So with you to live and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you,*

**Sermon**

**Offering**

(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 336 (Highland Cathedral)**

**Christ is our light! The bright and morning star**

Covering with radiance all from near and far.

Christ be our light, shine on, shine on

we pray  
Into our hearts, into our world today.  
*Christ is our king let our voices sing,  
Giving praise to our king,  
Praise to our king.  
This is our song who to Christ belong.  
To Him will our praises ring.*

Christ is our love! Baptized that we may  
know  
The love of God among us, swooping  
low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our  
face  
And see in you the light of heaven's  
embrace.  
*Christ is our king...*

Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding  
guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast  
was blessed.  
Christ be our joy, your glory let us see,  
As your disciples did in Galilee.  
*Christ is our king...*

Christ is our light! The bright and  
morning star  
Covering with radiance all from near and  
far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on  
we pray  
Into our hearts, into our world today.

## **Dismissal and Benediction**

### **Three-fold Amen (Sung)**

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### **Prayers**

**Philippians 4:** I love v4 in The  
Message: *'Celebrate God all day, every  
day. I mean, revel in Him.'* Let's keep  
this verse in mind throughout the week  
and celebrate God's presence with us

each day. No fretting or worry. Instead  
we are urged to pray, that is, to live  
prayerfully, bringing God into the centre  
of our lives. Then we will experience  
God's healing and wholeness, as worry  
is displaced from the centre of our life.

**Luke 3:** John the Baptist doesn't mince  
his words. Put into modern idiom, he  
might be saying: 'You can't claim to be  
Christian because your parents  
were/are. You can't hide behind baptism  
or church membership. What God is  
looking for,' John says, 'is changed lives  
as Jesus ignites us with fire of the Holy  
Spirit.' We might have thought that  
John's direct style would have put  
people off; instead, it strengthened them  
and put heart into them. Let's not be  
afraid to share our faith with people. It  
might just be the message they need to  
give them hope and courage to go on.

### **For reflection**

*'Much as I know that I need to heed  
John's message, calling for a change of  
heart, a change of direction; something  
in me resists .... It is the other message  
which overwhelms me: the word of a  
God who accepts me as I am, who loves  
me as I am .... This it is which gives me  
the will to change. This it is which gives  
me the power to change.'* (Aileen's Prayers)

### **Prayer requests**

**If you would like a prayer request on  
the order of service, please e-mail it  
to Alan**

**[AJSMurray@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AJSMurray@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

## Flowers

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## Wednesday 15th January

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

**The Church Office will be closed Thursday 16th and Friday 17th January.**

## Thursday 16th January

**Crafty Church** 1-3pm in the Main Hall. Fun and fellowship. All welcome.

**Choir Practice** 7.30pm in the St Ternan Room.

## Thursday 23rd January

**Friendship Lunch** 12 noon - 1pm in the main hall. Cost £4.00. All welcome.

## Tuesday 28th January

**Kirk session** meeting 7.30pm in the St Ternan Room.



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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