

***Banchory Ternan East  
Church***

***15th December 2019***

***10.30 am***

***To know Christ and make him  
known***



**Welcome and Call to worship**

**Hymn: CH4 277**

**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour  
comes,**

The Saviour promised long;  
Let every heart exult with joy,  
And every voice with song!

He comes, the prisoners to relieve,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken hearts to bind,  
The bleeding souls to cure;  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

The sacred year has now revolved,  
Accepted of the Lord,  
When heaven's high promise is fulfilled,  
And Israel is restored.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's exalted arches ring  
With thy most honoured name.

**Prayers of adoration**

**Activity Time**

**Hymn: This little light of mine**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it  
shine,*

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shine,*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it  
shine,*

*let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The Light that shines is the light of love,  
Lights the darkness from above.

It shines on me and it shines on you,  
And shows what the power of love can  
do.

I'm gonna shine my light both far and  
near,

I'm gonna shine my light both bright and  
clear.

Where there's a dark corner in this land,  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

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

**Prayers of recognition of our needs**

**Hymn: CH4 319**

**Of the Father's love begotten**

Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;  
He commanded; it was done:  
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean,  
Universe of three in one;  
All that see the moon's soft shining,



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

All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.  
O that birth for ever blessed,  
When the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Spirit's power conceiving,  
Bore the Saviour of our race,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages  
Sang of old with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord,  
Evermore and evermore.

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 1: 39-56



**Hymn: CH4 286**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit  
voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his  
name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm  
has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the  
same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his  
might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to  
flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the  
Lord

To children's children and for evermore!

**Sermon**

**Offering:** during which the choir will sing  
'Rolling downwards'

(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.

### **Dismissal and Benediction**

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

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### **A Candle Burns**

A candle burns,  
The sign of our hope.  
God of hope,  
Come to us again this Advent.  
May your hope live within us,  
Burning as a light in our lives.'

A candle burns,  
The sign of our faith.  
God of the Baptising One,  
Come to us again this Advent.  
May we have a faith that renews our lives.  
May we live in the light of your promises.  
A candle burns,  
The sign of your love.  
God of Mary,  
Come to us again this Advent.  
May the light of your love  
Be born anew in us.

### **I see the Countless Christmas Trees**

I see the countless Christmas trees  
Around the world below,  
With tiny lights like heaven's stars  
Reflecting in the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular  
Please wipe away that tear  
For I am spending Christmas  
In Heaven's glory this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs  
That people hold so dear,  
But earthly music can't compare  
With the Christmas choir up here.  
For I have no words to tell you  
The joy their voices bring,  
For it's beyond description  
To hear the angels sing.

I can't tell you of the splendour  
Or the peace here in this place;  
Can you imagine Christmas  
With Jesus, face-to-face?  
I'll ask him to light your spirit  
As I tell Him of your love,  
So then pray for one another  
As you lift your eyes above.  
*By Wanda Bencke (1998)*

### **Romans 12:2 J.B Philips translation:**

Don't let the world around squeeze you  
into its own mould but let God re make  
you so that your whole attitude forever is  
changed. Thus you will prove in practice  
that the will of God is good, acceptable to  
him and perfect.

### **James 1: 2 J.B Philips translation:**

When all kinds of trials and temptations  
crowd into your lives, don't resent them  
as intruders, but welcome them as  
friends.

### **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

...today have been donated by Alan & Norma Murray.



**Wednesday 18th December**  
**The Church Office will be closed.**

## Christmas Services.

**Friday 20th December**

**Banchory Primary Nativity Play in the East Church 10am. Community invited.**

**Tuesday 24th December Christingle Service 6.30pm** Banchory East Church. Come along from 5.15pm to make your own Christingle.

**Tuesday 24th December Meditative Service 9.30pm** Banchory East Church

**Wednesday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Morning service**

**Friday Coffees are a joint church event. They are held in the West church and have now been going for 30 years. They are looking for new volunteers to assist them to keep them going. Anyone who would like more information please contact Isobel Brown 824353 or Jill Smith at the West Church 822006. Thank you.**

**If you require anything posted on Facebook like Coffee Mornings, events, etc. Please send them to Henna at [greenshootsfamily@outlook.com](mailto:greenshootsfamily@outlook.com)**



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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