

*Banchory Ternan East  
Church*

*22nd December 2019*

*10.30 am*

*To know Christ and make him  
known*



**Introit: God rest you merry gentlemen**

**Welcome and Call to worship**

**Hymn: CH4 315**

**Once in royal David's city**

Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for his bed.

Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and meek and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and helpless  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high,  
Where his children gather round,  
Bright like stars, with glory crowned.

**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 300**

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
And they say that his name is Jesus.

*He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom;  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.  
O yes, believer!*



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*O yes, believer!  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
The angels sang when the baby was born,  
The angels sang when the baby was born  
And they sang that his name is Jesus.  
*He come from the glory...*

The shepherds came where the baby was born,  
The shepherds came where the baby was born,  
The shepherds came where the baby was born  
And they say that his name is Jesus.  
*He come from the glory...*

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 1: 57-80



**Hymn: CH4 279**

**Make way, make way, for Christ the King**  
In splendour arrives;  
Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
Into your lives.  
*Make way, make way, for the King of kings;*  
*Make way, make way, and let his kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
The prisoners to free;  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
The blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
Who weep and sigh,  
With laughter, joy, and royal crown  
He'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him

As Lord of all,  
To have no gods before him,  
Their thrones must fall!

**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 313**

**See! In yonder manger low,**

Born for us on earth below,

See! The tender Lamb appears

Promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!*

*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem,*

*'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Lo! Within a manger lies

He who built the starry skies,

He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.  
Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo! We saw a wondrous light:  
Angels, singing peace on earth,  
Told us of the Saviour's birth'.

Sacred Infant, all Divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this!

### **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.

A candle burns,  
The sign of the Word.  
God of the creation  
Come to us again this Advent.  
May the Word be a lamp to our feet  
And a light on our path.

### **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.

Please let your hearts be joyful  
And let your spirit sing,  
For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven  
And I'm walking with the king!

*By Wanda Bencke (1998)*

## Flowers

...today have been donated by Lillian Farquhar



## Friday 27th December

The Church Office will be closed.

## Christmas Services.

**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 that are held in the West church 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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