

Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 3rd December 2017
Rev. Dave Sutherland

Introit MP 14

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship You alone.

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Hymn 1 MP 589

See Him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore –
the Prince of glory is His name.
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord appear to men –
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when He came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!
O now carry...

Angels, sing the song that you began,
bring God's glory to the heart of man;
sing that Beth'lem's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.
O now carry...

Mine are riches, from Your poverty,
from Your innocence, eternity;
mine forgiveness by Your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.
O now carry...

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Hymn 2

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again –
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free –
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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Hymn 3 MP 588

See, in yonder manger low,
born for us on earth below,
see, the Lamb of God 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.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn...

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep

on the lonely mountain steep?
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!

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.
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was Thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!

Teach, O teach us, hold child,
by Thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble Thee
in Thy sweet humility.
Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Hymn 4 MP 493

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

From the Latin (12th century)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Hymn 5 MP 604

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
through His eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of hosts,
and in His mighty power;
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in His great might,
with all His strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God:
to keep your armour bright,
attend with constant care,
still walking in your Captain's sight
and watching unto prayer.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day.
That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Exeunt MP 619

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

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