

Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 16th December 2018
Rev. Dave Sutherland
3rd Sunday of Advent

Introit MP 38

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
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John Daniels

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Hymn 1 MP 393

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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 earth, the Saviour reigns!
your sweetest songs employ
while fields and streams
and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, the wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Hymn 2 MP 211

Hark! the herald-angels sing,

'Glory to the new born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.'

Joyful, all you nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others

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Hymn 3

MP 1045

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!

Stuart Townend

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Hymn 4

MP 35

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!
*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King;
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with man is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light!
Come and worship...

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
brighter visions shine afar;
seek in Him the hope of nations,
you have seen His rising star:
Come and worship...

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to Him;
every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship...

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship...

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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Exeunt

MP 411

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now Your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise:
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Dave Bilbrough

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