

**Livingstone Parish Church**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**Rev. Dave Sutherland**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**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 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 Bethl'em'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 3 MP 1008**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
 He leads me by the still, still waters,  
 His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
 and I will trust in You alone,  
 for Your endless mercy follows me,  
 Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
 and He anoints my head with oil,  
 and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
 I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust...*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
 I will not fear the evil one,  
 for You are with me, and Your rod and  
 staff

are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust...*

*Psalm 23*

adapted Stuart Townend

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**Hymn 4 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.

For ever You will be  
 the Lamb upon the throne;  
 I gladly bow the knee,  
 and worship You alone.

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**Hymn 5 MP 162**

**From heaven You came, helpless babe,**

entered our world, Your glory veiled,  
 not to be served but to serve,  
 and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
 He calls us now to follow Him,  
 to bring our lives as a daily offering,  
 of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears  
 my heavy load He chose to bear;  
 His heart with sorrow was torn,  
 'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.  
*This is our God...*

Come see His hands and His feet,  
 the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
 hands that flung stars into space  
 to cruel nails surrendered.  
*This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve  
 and in our lives enthrone Him,  
 each other's needs to prefer,  
 for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God...*

*This is our God...*

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**Exeunt (Sing Twice)**

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,**

wherever He may send you.  
 May He guide you through the wilderness,  
 protect you through the storm.  
 May He bring you home rejoicing  
 at the wonders He has shown you.  
 May He bring you home rejoicing  
 once again into our doors.

Celtic Daily Prayer



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