

Livingstone Parish Church

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Rev. Dave Sutherland

4th Sunday of Advent

Baptism of:

Eilidh 慧珍 Gibson

(Eilidh Hui-Zhen Gibson)

and JAM Club Nativity

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.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

John Daniels

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Hymn 1 MP 31

**Amazing grace – how sweet the
sound –**

that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated

at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 2 CH4 796

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24

Commitment of Congregation

We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, encourage one another in service.

Hymn 3 MP 225

He's got the whole wide world in His hands,

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He's got you and me brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me brother, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me sister, in His hands,
He's got you and me sister, in His hands,
He's got you and me sister, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got little baby Eilidh, in His hands,
He's got little baby Eilidh, in His hands,
He's got little baby Eilidh, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here, in His hands,
He's got everybody here, in His hands,
He's got everybody here, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Anon

Hymn 4 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-blessèd 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-blessèd 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, holy 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 5

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 6

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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