

Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 22nd December 2019
Rev. Dave Sutherland
4th Sunday of Advent

Hymn 1 MP 83

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.
Come and join...

Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star,
kneel in homage,
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so
Come and join...

'God is with us,'
'round the world the message bring;
He is with us,
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are
pealing.
Come and join...

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Hymn 2 CH4 323

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay:
in fields where they lay a-keeping their
sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of
naught,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

English traditional carol

Hymn 3 MP 451

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Hymn 4 MP 597

Silent night, holy night!

Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the Child belovèd and fair
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near the angel-song:
'Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here.'

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from Your face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since You are born,
Saviour, since You are born.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
tr. Stopford Augustus Brooke (1832-1916)

Hymn 5 CH4 306

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;
O come...

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
in the highest':
O come...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born for our salvation;
Jesus, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come...

Latin, 18th century, possibly by
John Francis Wade (c. 1711-1786) and
others

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