



WELCOME



Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church

**Christmas Morning
25th. December 2020**

ORDER OF SERVICE



Voluntary *Noël Suisse* – L. C. Daquin

**Call to
Worship** Arise, shine, for your light has come; and over you the glory of the Lord has
dawned. **(Isaiah 60:1)**

Praise 306 O Come all ye faithful

1 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.*

2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;

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

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Prayers (sung Kyrie) - Merbecke

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

**Prayer of
the Day**

God Most High, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become your children; your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen **(Book of Common Worship PC, USA)**

READINGS

New Testament St Luke 2:1-20

(p. 55)

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. **2** This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. **7** And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. **8** And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. **10** And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; **11** for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" **15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; **18** and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Praise 322 Good Christians all rejoice

1 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now give heed to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today:
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door,
and all are blessed for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you need not fear the grave,
Jesus Christ was born to save,
calls you one, and calls you all,
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Gospel St Matthew 2 1-12

(p.1)

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, **2** "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: **6** 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" **7** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; **8** and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." **9** When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; **11** and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Christmas Reflection

Praise 309 Still the night, holy the night

1 Still the night, holy the night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the child beloved and fair,
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

2 Still the night, holy the 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!'

3 Still the night, holy the night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from thy face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since thou art born!
Saviour, since thou art born!

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and
Intercession for the Church and world**

Praise 301 Hark the herald angels sing

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King'.*

2 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!

3 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:

BLESSING

Closing Andante maestoso (founded on an old Irish melody) – C. V. Stanford
Voluntary (from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes*, Op. 101/5)



WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE

Could we ask, if you, or anyone in your household, is feeling unwell you please refrain from entering the building and follow the Scottish Government guidelines issued during the pandemic.

Please adhere to the instructions given by the people on duty today, at the doors, as we must observe the instructions given for the opening of places of public worship.

Hand sanitisers must be used and you must follow the one-way system and leave by the ramp door at the St Gilbert's Chapel side of the building.

Please take your seat as guided and remain in it. This is a requirement of our being permitted to open for worship. We must also remind you of the need to maintain social distancing, again, a requirement if we are to remain open.

Our pattern of worship follows roughly what has been the norm in this kirk but there are some changes due to the current circumstances.

We cannot sing: the words of the hymns are printed for you to follow. There is a soloist (as permitted by the government guidance)

The Readings are printed

There is no Young Church Talk (this is still online) Messy Church is also online. Check church website.

Our Offerings can be given as you enter the sanctuary in the dish provided, or as you leave after the Service.

Life and Work: Subscriptions for next year's Life and Work are now due. The cost for an annual subscription (12 issues) is **£30**. Please pass your cash/cheques (made payable to the Church) to the office.

25th. December: - Christmas Morning 10.30 am

There will be no mid-week Services until Thursday 14th. January.

