

Church News

A warm welcome for this service of worship in the Cathedral.

Team Meetings in January:

Education and Mission - Monday **11th January** at 7.30pm in the Office;
Pastoral Co-ordinating Group - Wednesday **20th January** at 2 pm in the Office;

Flowers donated by Mrs Aileen Easton.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER

10.30am: Short Christmas Day Service of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER

Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols with the Choir

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY (Cathedral Hall)

In the beginning 1 – Abraham, the migrant

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY (Cathedral Hall)

In the beginning 2 – Isaac, man of compromise

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY (Cathedral Hall)

In the beginning 3 – Jacob, the trickster

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY (Cathedral Hall)

United Service for Christian Unity

in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 11.00am

(no service in Cathedral this day)

WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY 11.15am (Cathedral Hall)

Wee Wednesday Services resume

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY (Brechin Cathedral)

HIV/AIDS Service with Brechin High School



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BRECHIN CATHEDRAL

Church of Scotland

Thursday 24th December 2015 11.20 pm

Christmas Eve

Would the Congregation please stand for the entrance and retreat of the Bible

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Welcome

Call to Worship

Minister: In towns and villages, in tower blocks and terraces

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS WAITING TO BE BORN.

Minister: In palaces and shanty towns, in high streets and back lanes

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS WAITING TO BE BORN

Minister: In the vastness of the universe and in the intimacy of each of our hearts

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS WAITING TO BE BORN

Minister: Come, Babe of Bethlehem, be born

PEOPLE: AND STAY WITH US, EMMANUEL.

Opening Carol : "O little town of Bethlehem"

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.

Yet in your dark streets shining
the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

2. O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,

While mortals sleep,
the angels keep

their watch of wondering love.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is given;

So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His Heaven.

No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Opening Prayers of Approach, Adoration & Confession

& THE LORD'S PRAYER

New Testament : Galatians 4 : 4 - 7

ADDRESS: “ His-story”

Carol : “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 heavenly rest,
Sleeping heavenly rest.

2. Still the night, holy the night,
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
Far and near, the Angels 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.



Gospel : Luke 2 : 1 - 7

Christmas offerings are for Alzheimer's (Angus)

Prayers for Others at Christmas

Minister : God made flesh

PEOPLE : BE WITH THEM TONIGHT

Carol “Once in Royal David's City”

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

3. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and helpless
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where His children gather round
bright like star, with glory crowned.

Closing Carol : “It come upon the midnight clear”

1. It come upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on earth, good will to you
from heaven's all- gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing

3. But with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long:
beneath the angels' hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the love-song which they bring;
oh, hush the noise and still the strife
to hear the angels sing.

4. And you, beneath life's crushing
load
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden
hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

5. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when, with the ever -rolling years,
still dawns the Age of Gold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Dismissal & Benediction

(Sung Threefold Amen)

Service conducted by Rev. Dr Roderick Grahame

Director of Music: Ian Robertson