

**Church of Scotland  
Viewpark Parish Church  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



**Morning Worship – Second Sunday in Advent**

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***Welcome & Intimations***

***Preparatory silence before worship***

**Gathering song**

Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ, the Saviour of the world  
He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the highest name of all  
Alleluia! (*repeat*)

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**Prayer**

**Hymn: It was on a starry night**

It was on a starry night when the hills were bright,  
earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still;  
then in a cattle shed, in a manger bed,  
a boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him;  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him,  
for a boy was born, King of all he world.

Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,  
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side,  
and their hearts believed again for the peace of men,  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.

**Children's Talk**

## **Hymn: Come and join the celebrations**

*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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## **Prayer**

### **Hymn: Come with me tonight**

Come with me tonight  
To a place in time  
Where prophets once foretold  
In Israel of old  
Of a king to come  
But as the years passed by  
Hope was cast aside  
When would this promised king  
Come to the earth and reign?  
When would be the time?

Come with me tonight  
Through a stable door  
Where Jesus Christ was born  
Upon that early morn  
In a cattle stall  
Now the promised one  
The Father's only Son  
Had been born to the earth  
To bring life and rebirth to everyone

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Let his praise resound  
Heaven and nature sing  
With a joyful sound  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Lift your voice and sing  
To the child foretold,  
Christ the new born king.*

Many years have gone  
But still the light shines on  
The message of His love  
That came down from above  
Shall last the ages long  
And now at Christmas time  
As lights and tinsel shine  
Help me to crown Him king  
The one that came for me  
At Christmas time.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah . . .*

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## **Sermon**

### **Hymn: Who would think that what was needed**

Who would think that what was needed  
To transform and save the earth  
Might not be a plan or army  
Proud in purpose, proved in worth?  
Who would think, despite derision,  
That a child should lead the way?  
God surprises earth with Heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder  
Monarchs scorn and angels sing,  
Such a place as none would reckon  
Hosts a holy helpless thing;  
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers  
Watch a baby laid in hay:  
God surprises earth with heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science  
Span the past from which we move  
Yet experience questions whether,  
With such progress, we improve.  
While the human lot we ponder,  
Lest our hopes and humour fray,  
God surprises earth with heaven  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

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## Prayer

### Hymn: Adore

You stepped down from heaven  
Humbly you came  
God of all creation, Here with us  
In a star lit manger, Emmanuel  
Light of the world, Here to save.  
*Adore, Come let us Adore, Come let us Adore Him,  
the Lord Worship Christ, the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore.*

Wise men bring their treasures  
Shepherds bow low  
Angel voices sing of peace on earth  
What have I to offer to heaven's king?  
I will bring my life, my love, my all. *Adore, Come let us . . .*

Angels Sing, Praises Ring  
To the newborn king  
Peace on earth, here with us  
Joy awakening  
At your feet we fall. *(repeat verse) Adore, Come let us . . .*

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## Benediction

### Sung Blessing

The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King!  
O night divine forever more Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ, the Saviour of the world  
He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the highest name of all Alleluia!

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# Daily Bible Readings



Sun	Dec-06	Mark 1:1-8
Mon	Dec-07	Nehemiah 8:1-18
Tue	Dec-08	Isaiah 61:1-11
Wed	Dec-09	Psalms 126:1–127:5
Thu	Dec-10	Psalms 128:1–129:8
Fri	Dec-11	John 1:1-14
Sat	Dec-12	John 1:15-28
Sun	Dec-13	Isaiah 40:1-17