

# Welcome to the



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## **A Meditation at the start of the year**

May the silence speak to you.

May hopefulness lead you.

May forgiveness drive you.

May compassion fill you.

May love compel you: to overcome hate, whatever the cost,  
to welcome the lost and the suffering, to celebrate difference,

to stand up for justice, to work for peace,

to believe change is possible, that good will prevail.

May this coming year be all you wish it to be:

for yourself, for those whom you love,

for neighbours and strangers, for those with whom you disagree,

and for those who choose to see themselves as your enemy.

Go well ...

Ewan Aitken

from 'We bring you everything' (Wild Goose Publications)

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**Order of Service for Sunday 7 January 2018**

**Today is a Communion Sunday -**

**and so we invite you to come to the Lord's Table  
and share in his feast.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Call to Worship - (the congregation's responses are printed in **bold**.)

Mountains and rivers, islands and oceans,	<b>GIVE GOD GLORY.</b>
Children and lovers, rulers and nations,	<b>GIVE GOD GLORY.</b>
All who live, all who breathe,	<b>GIVE GOD GLORY.</b>
Exciting God, glorious God,	<b>BAPTISE US WITH WONDER.</b>
Wise God, righteous God,	<b>BAPTISE US WITH JUSTICE.</b>
Holy God, covenant God,	<b>BAPTISE US WITH LOVE.</b>

Introit: **Another year is dawning**

(Choir)

1. Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee.

2. Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness In the shining of Thy face.

3. Another year of progress, Another year of praise;  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

4. Another year of service, Of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training For holier work above.

5. Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be,  
On earth, or else in heaven, Another year for Thee!

Welcome & Prayer of Adoration.

**Praise: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning** (MP 65)

1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;

low lies His head with the beasts of the stall:  
angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,  
maker and monarch, and Saviour of all.

- 3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine;  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation;  
vainly with gifts would His favour secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

**Baptism of Keano Eghosa Asemota Kamara,**  
infant son of Sunny Kamara and Michelle Pique  
in which we say **The Apostles' Creed** (words at CH4 628)

## The **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.

and sing **The Lord bless you and keep you** (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.

**Praise: Child of blessing, child of promise** (CH4  
633)

1. Child of blessing, child of promise,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
In this sacrament God claims you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.

2. Child of God, you bear God's image,  
learn to listen for God's call;  
grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession    Elder    ending with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,

your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

Epiphany Reading: **Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

(p. 966)

### **The Magi Visit the Messiah**

**1** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

**2** and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

**3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

**4** When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

**5** “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

**6** “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

**7** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

**8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

**9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

**10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

**11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## Epiphany Reflection

### **Praise: As with gladness men of old**

(MP 39)

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious God, may we  
led by You for ever be.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to Your lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
You whom heaven and earth adore,  
so may we with one accord,  
seek forgiveness from our Lord.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh,  
so may we, cleansed from our sin,  
lives of service now begin,  
as in love our treasures bring,  
Christ, to You our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds Your glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
You its light, its joy, its crown,  
You its sun which goes not down.  
There for ever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

OT Reading: **Genesis 1: 1 5**

(p. 3)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Reflection: Truth in this world is provisional

**Praise: Thou whose almighty word**

(MP 699)

1 Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

2 Thou, who didst come to bring,  
on Thy redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind

let there be light!

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
Lifegiving, holy Dove,  
speed forth Thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
- 4 Blessèd and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide  
let there be light!

NT Reading: **Mark 1: 4 – 11**

(p. 1002)

**4** And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**5** The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

**6** John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

**7** And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

**8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**9** At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

**10** Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.



11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection on John the Baptist and our Baptism

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: **All the way my Saviour leads me** (Choir)

1.All the way my Saviour leads me;  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.

2.All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see!

3.All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
"Jesus led me all the way!"

## Church News

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### **Praise: The Son of God proclaim Carlisle)**

(Tune:

1. The Son of God proclaim!  
The Lord of time and space;  
the God who bade the light break forth  
now shines in Jesus' face.
2. He, God's creative Word,  
the church's Lord and head,  
here bids us gather as his friends,  
and share his wine and bread.
3. The Lord of life and death  
  
with wondering praise we sing;  
we break the bread at his command,  
and name him God and King.
4. We take this cup in hope;  
for he who gladly bore  
the shameful cross, is risen again,  
and reigns for ever more.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

*In the Prayer of Thanksgiving, after the words, "Thank you, God", please respond: "Thank you, God."*

*Later, after the words, "... to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:" say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are fully of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Later we say together the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

**Praise: God is working his purpose out**  
189)

(MP)

- 1 God is working His purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working His purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 From utmost east to utmost west  
wherever man has trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
rings out the voice of God:  
listen to me, you continents,  
you islands, look to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,

as the waters cover the sea.

3 We shall march in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
we shall fight with sorrow and sin  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

4 All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvesttime  
till God gives life to the seed:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

Benediction and Threefold Amen  
followed by the sung Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid ...**

Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

*Pudding Lunch*

**Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister,  
contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Irene Bom, Florence FoyabBergner, and Mildred AsareAwuku on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

**Today's Mission Offering: Mamre**

### **What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 14 January 10h30 Worship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, including Adult Baptism and Public Professions of Faith.

### **Who's who Today:**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: Pam Russell & John Essel

Crèche: Chidinma Chukwu & Maaïke v.d. Eerden

DeaconsCounting: Raneë Damanik & Evelyn Koomson

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Graham & Irene Jardine

Flowers: Jean & Denis Galloway

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### ***A Scottish New Year Greeting***

*A guid new year tae ane an' a' an' mony may ye see,*

*An' during a' the years tae come, O happy may ye be.*

*An' may ye ne'er hae cause tae mourn, tae sigh or shed a tear:*

*To ane an'a baith great an' sma', a hearty guid New year.*

## For the beamer

### Summary 24.12.17

Open plate	400.45
Envelopes	424.45
Coffee money (TBA)	7.25
Sunday School (n.a.)	0.00
Bank (weekly avg.)	282.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00
Additional rental avg	<u>322.00</u>
	<b>€ 1,804.15</b>
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	+ 10 £
Average weekly expenditure	<b>€ 1,972.00</b>

## Church News of 07.01.2018 announced by the Elder

- Today's Holy Communion & Worship Service falls on **the first Sunday of the New Year.**

Therefore on behalf of the Consistory, the Council of this Church and on my own behalf I **wish you Happy and Blessed New Year.** Use this opportunity to wish those sitting around you a Happy New Year too.

- The **Young Adults Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.

- **The Ladies Bible Study** restarts this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's, after a 3week break. All ladies are welcome, also if you can only come every now and then.

- There is a **new list for this year's Bible reading & bringing Flowers.** Please put your name and email on the notice board.

- **Our AGM Annual General Meeting** reviewing 2017 will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February almost immediately after the Service. All Teams, Groups and projects are requested to send a brief, half A4, report to The Consistory Clerk before 15<sup>th</sup> February.

- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.

- If you did not hear these announcements properly, find them on the **Notice Board** downstairs, with a copy to take away.

- Please note: the spoken word counts!