



The Church of Scotland

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The Church of Scotland

Third Sunday of Advent

Auditoire de Calvin, December 14 2025

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

There are no announcements during the service

Call to worship

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

**more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

CH4 315 *Once in royal David's city*

(verse 1: Sunday school. Verses 2, 3, all)

Opening prayer

Third Advent candle. Love

Love is the wick at the centre of the candle.

**Love is the flame that burns without
ceasing.**

Love is the flame given by God that burns in
the world.

Love is the flame given by God that burns in
our hearts.

(The candle is lit.)

**Source of light, shine in our lives
and in your world with your unending love.
Through Jesus in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

CH4 284 *Hope is a candle, once lit by the
prophets (verses 1-3)*

Collect (We say together)

*God of life, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing
worth:*

*send your Holy Spirit upon us
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,*

without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Choir *This is the truth sent from above*

*Genesis 3.8–15, 17–19 Freda Craeye
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

CH4 303 *It came upon the midnight clear
(verses 1-3)*

*Genesis 22.15–18 Alex Craeye
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

CH4 305 *In the bleak midwinter*

*Isaiah 9.2, 6–7 Antonia Chapman Nyaho
The prophet foretells the coming of the saviour.*

*Isaiah 11.1–4a, 6–9 Amy Leger
The prophet foreshows the peace that Christ will bring.*

Entr'acte between the testaments

*Luke 1.26–35, 38 George Hodge
The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed virgin Mary.*

CH4 285 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

*Luke 2.1–7 Mary Quément
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

CH4 301 *Hark! the herald-angels sing*

*Luke 2.8–16 Jean Murray
The shepherds go to the manger.*

Choir *Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle*

*Matthew 2.1–12 Arthur Askew
The wise men follow the star to Jesus.*

Choir *The Shepherds Farewell*

Hector Berlioz (1803–1869)

CH4 328 *Wise men, they came to look for wisdom*

John 1.1–14 Páraic Réamonn

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Choir: *Tollite Hostias*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

Offering

Music Flute and bassoon

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of dedication

CH4 281 *People, look East. The time is near*

Prayer of the world and its people

The Lord's Prayer

CH4 306 *O come, all ye faithful (verses 1–3)*

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *Noel I*

Louis Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

Warm thanks to our nine readers, our instrumentalists Judith and Kathryn, and the whole choir: both the “regulars” and those who stepped up from our congregation to swell our numbers. For the first time in a while, we did this all by ourselves!

Special thanks to Rebecca for playing and to Peter for conducting, in what he threatens may be his final and farewell appearance.

(But see under: Frank Sinatra.)

Now for the mince pies!

Worship leader Chris Levison
Welcoming elder Jane Broere
Ushers Arthur Griffith, Georgina Cofie
Organist Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Flute Judith Peacock
Bassoon Kathryn Watson
Choir Peter Tulloch
Refreshments Rosaleen & Robert Walker

Notices

Wednesday December 24

Christmas Eve service, 23h30, on Zoom only.
Led by Rev Christine Colliar

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day service, 11h, in the Auditoire.
Led by Rev Páraic Réamonn

*Join us afterwards in the Salle Théodore
de Bèze for mince pies and Christmas
cake!*



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