

Welcome to Saint Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Banchory.

09 December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son: that, in his coming, we might serve you with our hearts made pure; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years

In response to the reader's concluding lines,

the People say: Thanks be to God.

People: Amen.

Source of the readings: Malachi 3: 1-4. Luke 3: 1-6.

The Gospel

When the Gospel is read in a communion service, in response to the reader's introduction, the People say:

(8am) Glory be to thee, O Lord. or (11am) Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

In our own parish prayers, we remember: the work of Father Christopher and the Nadaikavoo School in South India; we pray for Tom and his family; Heather, Robin, Ron and Patsy, Barbara, Cora, Hilda, Kitty, Kate, Oliver and his parents, Julie and Graham, Tish and Jim, Tim, Helen, Sue, David & Carol, Joan, Sheila, Beryl, Rachel, Wilfred, Peter, Mac and Linda, Owen, Jill, Tony, Don and for all those we hold quietly in our hearts and all who need our prayers.

(8am) Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy Glorious Gospel or (11am) Praise to Christ our Lord.

Table with 3 columns: THIS WEEK (09 December, Advent 2), NEXT WEEK (16 December, Advent 3), and Readers (Ryan Bond, Rosalind Eames).

Faithful God, we thank you for sending us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to welcome hearts to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

3rd Sunday – two options, both at 11.00 am:

Choral Matins in the Church / **All Age Contemporary Eucharist** Service in the Church Hall
Coffee will be served for in the hall after all the 11 am services.

6.30 pm - First Sundays- Traditional Evensong

All ages are welcome to participate in our worship.

The 1st Sunday of the month is ALL SORTS SUNDAY

when, during the service we offer:

pre-school children **Diddy-Disciples**,

primary aged children **Godly Play**

and our young people meet in **Tease** for discussion.

On the 3rd Sunday of the month we have a service of **All Age Worship**, which takes place in the Church Hall.

On the other Sundays we offer **Sunday School** during the service as well as having toys and activities available in Church.

All are welcome at this communion table.

Gluten-free wafers available; please tell one of the Welcomers if you prefer
that form of the consecrated bread, and they will alert the leader / priest.

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Saint Ternan's Church is open every day for quiet reflection.

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