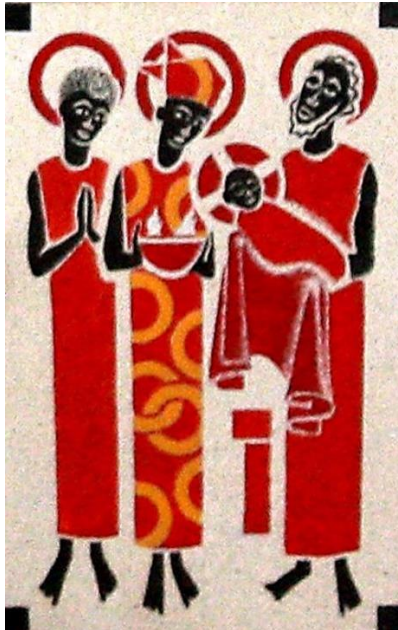


North Leith Parish Church  
Sunday 27 December 2020



*Presentation in the Temple*

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[Welcome, Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach](#)

**Call to Worship**

*(from Psalm 148)*

Praise the Lord,  
**Praise the Lord from the heavens,**  
Praise him in the heights,  
**Praise him, all his angels,**  
Praise him, all his host!  
**Praise him, sun and moon;**  
Praise him, all you shining stars,  
**Praise the Lord.**

**Prayer of Approach ending with the Lord's Prayer**

**Lord God,**

Creator of all things,  
Your voice is heard in heaven and earth.  
You sent us your Son,

The Word of life,  
You sent us your Holy Spirit and  
You welcome us as your children,  
You save us Lord  
and we call you Father.

Lord, we rest now in your presence and your power.  
We trust in your love and care for us,  
May we hear your Word today,  
Bless us to wonder about it and to keep it close,  
Bless us to treasure it and live it,  
Bless us to be witnesses to the peace and comfort you bring to the world.

God of Mercy  
We bring to you the things we are sorry for,  
The unkind things done and good things undone,  
We bring to you the times when we have walked past, kept silent, shut our minds and  
hardened our hearts to others.  
Help us to be truly sorry,  
Help us to make amends when we can,  
and to pray for those we have wronged  
and to do differently next time.

Lord God, we trust in Your mercy and Your forgiveness.

Loving God, in grateful thanks for your care and love, we pray together the words which  
Jesus taught us to pray:-

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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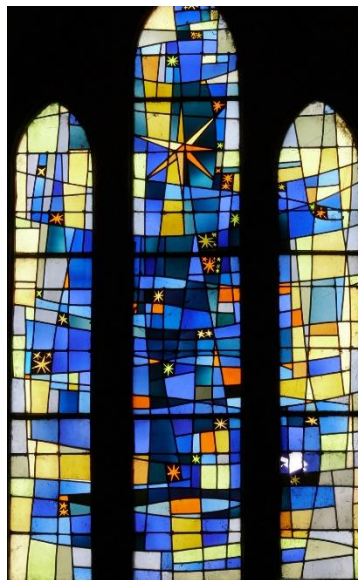
[Hymn 319 Of the Father's love begotten](#)



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### **Scriptures**

[Galatians 4: 4 – 7 and Luke 2: 22 – 40](#)



*Heavenly Window*

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[Reflection](#)

*Patience and Peace*

*Katherine Taylor*

**Music for Reflection**



[Hymn 754 Be Still](#)

Be still and know that I am God,  
and there is none beside me.  
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and there is none beside me

**Prayers for the World**

*From the Church of Scotland Worship Website  
with space for our own prayers ....*

**God with us,**

You know Your world,  
and we open our hearts and minds to You,  
sharing our concerns  
and listening to Your concerns and Your calls to act.

With a baby laid in a manger,  
we pray for all mothers and babies  
and those who support them...

With a father learning a new role,  
we pray for all at new beginnings  
and living with uncertainty...

With Simeon and Anna,  
we pray for all who wait  
in hope or fear, for life or death...

With seekers and worshippers,  
we pray for Your Spirit to work in hearts, minds and faith communities...

With those who speak up,  
we pray for Your will to be done  
and Your kingdom to come on earth...

With those in poverty,  
we pray for transformation of systems  
and an end to exploitation...

With all of creation,  
we pray for climate justice  
and an awakening to our responsibilities..

God with us, send Your Spirit to transform and guide us  
And so change Your world in Your ways.

Amen

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[Hymn 303 It came upon the midnight clear](#)



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[Blessing](#)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and  
may the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for  
evermore.

Amen

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**Closing Voluntary**

[And the Glory of the Lord. Handel's Messiah](#)

## **INTIMATIONS**

### **Sunday Services**

Services continue at 11am each Sunday. You are welcome, but please note that currently we are limited to 20 people. If you are going to attend you must book by contacting the church office, by email ([nlpc-office@btconnect.com](mailto:nlpc-office@btconnect.com)) or by phone (553 7378), by the Friday before to allow us to manage the numbers, and please arrive by 10:55 at the latest.

The online version of the service is available on our new website

<https://northleithparishchurch.co.uk/online-worship>

### **Church Open for Prayer**

The church building is open for us all on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10am until 12 noon, except for New Year's Day.

### **Christmas Appeal**

The appeal, for Christian Aid's work in Ethiopia, is open till early January. Please put donations in an envelope marked 'Christmas' and put it in the collection plate or the box on the way out of the church. If you can give by Gift Aid please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes. Alternatively, if you use online banking, you can give by bank transfer to the church's bank account putting 'Christmas' in the reference field (in this case gift aid will be applied if you already give to the church by gift aid)

### **Fresh Start**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the congregation's collection for the Fresh Start Cookers for Christmas appeal - the grand total of £470 was raised.

## Pictures

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Nativity scene by Tim Chalk, on display outdoors on the Mound for the last year, Christmas 2020