Glasgow Cathedral
(St Mungo’s or High)
Church of Scotland

Morning Worship
Sunday 9th January 2022
11am
Today’s service is led by The Rev’d Mark Johnstone. The Director of Music is Andrew Forbes, the organ is played by Professor Malcolm Sim. We welcome the choir back today.

This service is broadcast each week by our Elders Jane and Glen Collie, of Collie Productions, and is available on glasgowcathedral.org and the Cathedral “Official YouTube” channel. We would be delighted if you would mention the broadcast to friends or on social media.

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES
All guidelines will be implemented with respect to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the service. We would recommend:-
1. You take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) the evening before the service.
2. You wear a mask during the service unless you are under 12 or are exempt from doing so.
3. You seek to maintain one metre social distancing whilst in the Cathedral.
Track and Trace measures will be available in the Cathedral

For the St Mungo Festival this year everything is online. Please check the website: stmungofestival.co.uk.
ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Gigue Fugue* - D Buxtehude

PRAYER: The Congregation will be invited to stand for our ‘gathering prayer’

INTROIT: *Ecce advenit* – H Isaac

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: CH3 199

1. Bethlehem, of noblest cities
   None can once with thee compare;
   Thou alone the Lord from heaven
   Didst for us incarnate bear.

2. Fairer than the sun at morning
   Was the star that told his birth;
   To the world its God announcing,
   Seen in fleshly form on earth.

3. Eastern sages at his cradle
   Make oblations rich and rare;
   See them give, in deep devotion,
   Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
   Incense doth their God disclose,
   Gold the King of Kings proclaimeth,
   Myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

5. *Holy Jesu, in thy brightness*
   *To the Gentile world displayed,*
   *With the Father, and the Spirit,*
   *Endless praise to thee be paid.*

CALL TO PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.
Lessons are read by Brandon Williams & Rev Ian Black

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

PSALM: Psalm 29

SECOND READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: CH3 178

1. In the bleak mid-winter
   Frosty wind made moan,
   Earth stood hard as iron,
   Water like a stone;
   Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
   Snow on snow,
   In the bleak mid-winter
   Long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
   Nor earth sustain:
   Heaven and earth shall flee away
   When he comes to reign:
   In the bleak mid-winter
   A stable-place sufficed
   The Lord God Almighty,
   Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels
   May have gathered there,
   Cherubim and seraphim
   Throngèd the air;
   But only his mother
   In her maiden bliss,
   Worshipped the Belovèd
   With a kiss.

4. What can I give him,
   Poor as I am?
   If I were a shepherd
   I would bring a lamb;
   If I were a wise man,
   I would do my part;
   Yet what I can I give him—
   Give my heart.
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND CONCERN

ANTHEM: O radiant dawn

O radiant dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied,
The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.
Amen.

Setting: James MacMillan (b.1959)

Text: O Antiphons, Roman Breviary

HYMN: CH3 189

1. From east to west, from shore to shore, the holy Child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting King.
   He lay within the manger bed, And he, whose bounty feedeth all, At Mary’s breast himself was fed.

2. Behold, the world’s Creator wears The form and fashion of a slave; Our very flesh our Maker shares, His fallen creature, man, to save.

3. For this how wondrously he wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place, Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of his grace.

4. He shrank not from the oxen’s stall, He lay within the manger bed, And he, whose bounty feedeth all, At Mary’s breast himself was fed.

5. And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field, To shepherds poor the Lord most high, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

6. All glory for this blessèd morn To God the Father ever be; All praise to thee, O Virgin-born, All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee. Amen.

SERMON

OFFERTORY: Bethlehem Down – P Warlock

DOXOLOGY, DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING & CHORAL AMEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
HYMN: CH3 202

1. How brightly beams the morning star!
   What sudden radiance from afar
   Doth glad us with its shining?
   Brightness of God, that breaks our night
   And fills the darkened souls with light
   Who long for truth were pining!
   They word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
   Rightly leads us,
   Life bestowing.
   Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

2. O praise to him who came to save,
   Who conquer'd death and burst the grave;
   Each day new praise resoundeth
   To him the Lamb who once was slain,
   The friend whom none shall trust in vain,
   Whose grace for aye aboundeth;
   Sing, ye heavens, tell the story
   Of his glory,
   Till his praises
   Flood with light earth's darkest places!

BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Chaconne – J Pachelbel
A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
I thank you that you are with me, that you are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Open my ears this year, so that I can hear you and enjoy you at every junction, when you tell me to turn right or left. Amen.

— Pete Briscoe