

St. Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church
Sunday 18th December, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Order of Service

Preparing for Worship

*Please take a moment to read over the Order of Service printed below.
Hymn books are available in each seat. As we prepare to worship Almighty God,
read through the hymns, particularly any which may be unfamiliar to you. They have
been carefully chosen to help us to experience the glory and majesty of God and to
reflect upon the theme of the service.*

*You are invited to join in saying in unison the items printed in **bold italics**.
If you are comfortable doing so,
please stand for the items marked with an asterisk (*).*

GATHERING

Organ prelude

**The Bible is carried into Church.*

***Greeting**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

*** Lighting of the Advent Candles and Call to Worship**

Let us worship God.

***Praise:** Hymn 315 Once in royal David's city

(Tune: Irby)

Welcome

APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Call to Prayer

Prayers

*of Approach;
of Confession;
Assurance of Forgiveness;
Prayer for the Day*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 (p.)

***Praise:** Hymn 290 The race that long in darkness pined
(Tune: St Magnus (Nottingham))

The Second Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 (p.)

Meditation: Mary, mother of Jesus – Why me?

***Praise:** Hymn 285 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
(Tune: Gabriel's Message)

The Third Reading: Luke 2: 1-7 (p.)

***Praise:** Hymn 304 O little town of Bethlehem
(Tune: Forest Green)

The Fourth Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 (p.)

Meditation: The Shepherds – It was just an ordinary day.

***Praise:** Hymn 303 It came upon the midnight clear
(*Tune: Noel*)

The Fifth Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (p.)

Meditation: The Magi – We knew it would be worth it.

***Praise:** Hymn 326 As with gladness men of old
(*Tune: Dix*)

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Intimations

Prayers

*of Thanksgiving
of Intercession
remembering those who have died*

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

*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, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

The Sixth Reading: John 1: 1-14 (p.)

SENDING

***Praise:** Hymn 301 Hark the herald angels sing
(*Tune: Mendelssohn (Bethlehem)*)

***Benediction**

Threefold Sung *Amen (*unison*)

Organ Voluntary

If you have found this service meaningful, encouraging or enjoyable, tell someone about it and invite them to come with you to the Christingle Service on Saturday 16 6.00 p.m. and the Christmas Day Service next Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Intimations

There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid taken after the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and after the Christmas Day Service next Sunday.

Christingle Service

Please come to the Hall a few minutes before the service to make a Christingle.

Christmas Day Service

Please bring along a present to show during this service.