

# Morningside United Church

Epiphany 5 - 7 February 2010

Ministers: Rev John R Smith  
Rev Fran Ruthven  
Director of Music: Dr Alberto Massimo  
Lector: Dr Tom Taylor

Music today is by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)  
From "Dix Pièces pour orgue"  
Before the Service: Offertoire in E maj

## CHURCH NOTICES

## WE APPROACH GOD

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We call on the power of God, who is our rock,  
to meet us in our helplessness:

**God be in our thinking, God be in our speaking.**

We call on the clarity of God, who rolled away the stone,  
to meet us in our confusion:

**Christ be in our acting, Christ be in our stillness.**

We call on the mercy of God, who melts the stones within,  
to meet us in our grief:

**The Holy Spirit be in our groaning,  
the Holy Spirit be in our praying.**

We call on the love of God, who tears down the walls,  
to meet us in our division:

**The Triune God be in our meeting and in our parting.**

## GREETINGS

Hymn 44 Praise waits for thee in Zion, Lord

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, Source of Light, we confess that we have often been in love with darkness – through the wrong we have done. We have been selfish and mean, and failed to look for the things that are true and just and pure. For the sake of your son Jesus, forgive us our sins, and help us to live in the light of your truth and love. Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



**Shrove  
Candlemas  
Sunday after  
Epiphany**

## ALL AGE TIME

HYMN 336            Christ is our light!

65            Jubilate, everybody  
              Serve the Lord in all your ways,  
              And come before his presence singing,  
              Enter now his courts with praise.  
              For the Lord our God is gracious,  
              And his mercy everlasting.  
              Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate, Deo! (twice)

## THE WORD

Malachi 3:1-12            (p.796)

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION “Elévation in D maj”            Dubois**

Luke 2:22-40            (p.49)

GLORIA (CH4 – 762)

HYMN 333            Now, Lord! according to thy word

THE SERMON

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 552            Oh, for a closer walk with God

(the offering is received)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

WE EXTINGUISH THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS

Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
**For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

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Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

**Help us, who now extinguish these candles,  
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

### **ALL STAND for the Blessing**

*- The Christ Candle and the Nativity Candle are extinguished*

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Amen**

HYMN 352      O for a thousand tongues to sing

After the service: "Sortie in A major"      Dubois



Andrea Mantegna (c. 1431 – September 13, 1506) was a North Italian Renaissance painter, a student of Roman archeology, and son in law of Jacopo Bellini.

Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the first-born in obedience to the Law of

Moses.

Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that *"he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord."* (Luke 2:26) Simeon prayed the prayer that would become known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus.



## BEGINS - Wednesday 17 February

PLEASE JOIN US for **COFFEE AND TEA** after the Service which will be served here in church.

**LINK** magazine is available today.

**ECUMENICAL FRIENDS** meet in St Cuthbert's on Thursdays at 12.15 pm, bringing their own sandwiches for lunch. The programme this week: "How the gospels came to be written" Dr Helen Bond

**MORNINGSIDE PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP** meets in The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, on Wednesdays at 10.30. This week: "Turning around the lives of African children with cerebral palsy" Archie Hinchcliffe: Physiotherapist and Development Worker.

The newly-established **PRAYER GROUP** meets regularly in the Upper Room and all enquiries to Judith Aitken

The **KIRK SESSION** meets on Wednesday evening - 7 pm for Holy Communion.

The Service next Sunday - the **TRANSFIGURATION** - is at 11.00 am and includes handing over our donation to 500 miles!

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