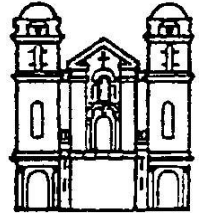


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NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

31st December, 2017

HYMN AM33 Of the Father's love begotten (vv1-3 & 6)

Sit INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYERS

THANKSGIVING FOR THE PAST

PSALM 103 verses 1 – 14

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

Some thoughts and Prayers

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN NH163 Lord for the years

SORROW FOR SIN

READING: Philippians 4. 4 – 9

Some thoughts and prayers

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

HYMN AM40 O little town of Bethlehem

COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE

READING Luke 12. 22 – 34

Some thoughts and prayers

HYMN NH24 Be still my soul

Remain standing

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love, you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you. We are no longer our own but yours.

**I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all that I have and am,
to serve you, as and when you choose.
Glorious and blessed God, Father Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
Let this Covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen**

OFFERTORY HYMN: NH122 I the Lord of sea and sky

Remain standing; candles are lit and lights dimmed.

Words by Minnie Louise Haskins:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year; 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:

**'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be better to you than light and safer than a known way'.**

Now praise our God:

Our God is good, his mercy lasts for ever.

Step with confidence through the gate of the year.

We will seek to love and serve our God on each and every day. Amen

BLESSING

God keep you in all your days.

Christ shield you in all your ways.

The Spirit bring you healing and peace.

The Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the name of the Lord, renewed in love and service;

Thanks be to God.