



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 4 December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent - Kirking of the Tartan

Pre service music *"Ave Maris Stella"* Op 18 no 6
"Ave Maria d'Arcadelt"

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Franz Liszt (1811-86)

Welcome

Processing the tartan – led by the piper

Introducing the tartans

Presenting the tartans

Introit *"I look from afar"*

music Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-94)

Call to worship

Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

God prepares the way and clears the path;

The way for Christ –

the very presence of God bringing hope, peace, life –

to enter our world,

to enter our church,

to enter our hearts.

We cry out in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven comes near.

We come to live in the light –

the light that shines in the darkness.

Let us worship God

Hymn *"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"*

(Winchester New) CH4 334 -

Charles Coffin, translated John Chandler

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

... This candle is a symbol of God's promise of peace, and comfort and strength.

God of Peace,

you are at work in many places, making life better for many people.

Peace means people have a chance to fully live.

Help us to be peacemakers, so that the world may know your Peace.

Hymn "*While we are waiting come*"

(Waiting) GtG 92 - Claire Cloninger

1 While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

3 Come, Saviour, quickly come;
come, Saviour, quickly come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

2 With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Anthem "*Blessed be that Maid Mary*"

English Traditional carol, arr. David Willcocks

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*Longing for light*"

(Christ be our Light) CH4 543 - Bernadette Farrell

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. [*Refrain*]

3 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. [*Refrain*]

Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God***

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to Christ the Word***

Sermon ‘Cutting through the crepe’

Hymn *“Wild and lone the prophet’s voice”*

(Aberystwyth) GtG 163 - Carl P. Daw

1 Wild and lone the prophet's voice
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptised;
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control.

3 With such preaching, stark and bold,
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John
to behold the Lamb of God.

2 "Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

Offering and Dedication *“Infant Holy, Infant lowly”*

Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church’s account.*

Notices

We process out to the park – please bring your bulletins with you

Prayer – led by Knox Youth Group

Hymn “*Christ is our light*”

(Highland Cathedral) CH4 336 - Leith Fisher

1 Christ is our light! the bright and morning
star
covering with radiance all from near and
far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we
pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

2 Christ is our love! baptised that we may
know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven’s
embrace.

3 Christ is our joy! transforming wedding
guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast
was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Blessing

Postlude “*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm’ ich her- From heaven above to earth I come*” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.

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