



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Advent Three
10am – 13 December 2015

Pre service

played by Peter Stockwell

Welcome

Introit *“I saw three ships come sailing in”*

English traditional carol arr. David Willcocks

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

Come, sing to the Lord!

Praise God’s holy Name!

Come sing and praise our God!

For God is our strength and Saviour!

Come and be refreshed,

as fresh water brings joy to the thirsty!

Let us worship God.

Hymn “*Creator of the Stars of night*” (Tallis Canon) CH4 288/223

Latin hymn 9th C, trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)
Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85), Ravenscroft’s *Psalmes*, 1621

1 Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.

2 When earth drew on to darkest night,
you came, but not in splendour bright,
not as a king, but as the child
of Mary, Virgin mother mild.

3 At your great name, majestic now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord
join those in heaven to call you Lord.

4 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

... Today we light a candle for Joy

May this light shine on our way as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child

1 Star-Child, earth-Child,
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightning rod,

*this year, this year,
let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

2 Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child
no one wants to know,
[Refrain]

3 Grown child, old child, memory full of
years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!
[Refrain]

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Prayer of Praise and Confession

The Great Manger Mystery Part 1 - Sunday School

15 animals in the barn find a baby in their manger

Hymn “*Away in a manger*” (Cradle Song) CH4 312

words © *Little children's book*, Philadelphia, 1885
music William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921) © Church Hymnary Trust

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender
care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the
sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Conversations in the Staff Lounge - Youth Group

Angels and Shepherds

Hymn “*See him lying on a bed of straw*” (Calypso Carol) CH4 310

Michael Arnold Perry (1942-96) © Mrs B. Perry/ Jubilate Hymns

1 See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore –
the Prince of glory is his name.

3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

*Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when he came.*

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world! [*Refrain*]

The Great Manger Mystery Part 2 - Sunday School

Animals talking about who the baby is/was

Video *Hey Mary*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others concluding with...

**Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever:
AMEN**

Offering and Dedication *"Zither Carol"* (Girls and boys leave your toys)

Czech carol arr. John Rutter

Notices

Hymn *"The race that long in darkness pined"* (St Magnus) CH4 290/61

words *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781

Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707) from John Rippon's *Selection of Psalms and Hymn Tunes*, 1796

1 The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

2 To us a Child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored:
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

4 His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *"Toccata: Angel's from the realms of Glory"*

K Knudson

played by Grace Togneri

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