



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 18 December 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Pre service music *“Child in a manger”*

Keith Chapman (1945-89)

played by Tegan & Darcy Baldwin, Grace Togneri

Welcome

Introit *“Nativity Carol”*

words and music John Rutter (b. 1945)

Call to worship

(Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

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

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

O Shepherd of Israel,

**leading Joseph like a flock, listen;**

Stir up your strength

**and come to our rescue.**

Let your face shine that we may be saved.

**How long will you fume at your people’s prayers?**

O God, restore the life you meant for us,

**let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**O LORD, God of hosts, restore the life we once knew,**

**let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Let us worship God.

Carol *“The first Nowell”*

(CH4 323) English traditional carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as  
they lay:  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
*born is the King of Israel*

2 They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
[Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise ones came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
[Refrain]

4 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath brought.  
[Refrain]

# Lighting of the Candle of Love

... It is a symbol of God's love, which is alive in each of us today.

**O God of Love,  
your love is present everywhere,  
and your purpose is revealed in love.  
We are called to be your people of love.  
Help us to love one another.  
Help us to show love to all the world.**

## 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.

## Passing the Peace

### Anthem "*Zither Carol*"

Czech Carol, arr. Malcolm Sargent

### "*Hey Mary*"

Sam and Malcolm Gordon

1 Hey Mary, there's an angel in your house!  
Said, 'Mary have I got some news for you.  
You seem to think you're nothing much,  
but, Heaven's coming close enough to  
touch, yeah!  
Hey Mary, God is coming here through you.'  
There is no such thing as ordinary now  
God is here  
Every life and breath is blessed  
you never know when God might appear.

2 Hey \_\_\_\_\_, there's an angel in your  
house!  
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## Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

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

## Christmas trees

## Carol "Come and join the celebration"

*Come and Join the celebration,  
it's a very special day;  
come and Join the celebration,  
there's a new King born today!*

1 See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem;  
gaze in wonder  
at the son of God who lay before them.  
[Refrain]

2 Wise men journey  
led to worship by a star.  
Kneel in homage  
bringing precious gifts from lands afar,  
so... [Refrain]

3 'God is with us'  
'round the world the message bring;  
He is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are  
pealing. [Refrain]

Kids Friendly - Cheryl Harray, Kids Friendly Advisor Synod of Otago & Southland

Offering *during which we sing...*

## Carol "Away in a manger"

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 look down where  
he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

(Cradle Song) CH4 312 – Author unknown, *Little children's book*

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

## Carol "And did you see him little star"

(Starsight) AA4 - Helen Clyde

1 And did you see him little star, long, long  
ago?  
And was it you, I wonder, shone on manger  
low?  
And did you see the shepherd men, when  
angels sang?  
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,' the  
message rang.

2 And did you guide the three wise kings  
with shining light?  
And bring them to the holy Child on that  
great night?  
And will you still shine down on earth,  
though from afar,  
and lead us back to Bethlehem, O little star?

## Dedication "In Dulci Jubilo"

Johann Walther (1496-1570)

*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.*

## Sunday School and Youth Group presents ...

### Prayer for others, then ...

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.**

### Notices

#### Carol "*Child in the manger*"

1 Child in the manger,  
infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all!  
Child who inherits  
all our transgressions,  
all our demerits  
on him fall.

2 Once the most holy  
child of salvation  
gently and lowly  
lived below;  
now, as our glorious  
mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious  
o'er each foe.

(Bunessan) CH4 314 – Mary MacDonald, trans Lachlan Macbean

3 Prophets foretold him  
infant of wonder;  
angels behold him  
on his throne;  
worthy our Saviour  
of all their praises;  
happy forever  
are his own.

#### Blessing "*We wish you a Merry Christmas*"

Traditional, arr. Arthur Warrell

#### Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"*Magnificat tertii toni*" (Magnificat on the third tone) from '*Ars Magna Consoni et Dissoni*'

Johann Speth (1664-after 1719)  
played by Peter Stockwell

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

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