



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 27 November 2016

First Sunday of Advent

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Pre service music *"Prelude on an Irish Tune"* (Gartan 'Love Came Down at Christmas') Op. 101 No. 5

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*"The Star proclaims the King is here"*

Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Welcome

Introit *"People look east"*

Basque Carol

Call to worship

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

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

We wait here expectantly, eager to enter into this new church year

**We gather with hope into the presence of God**

There is much anticipation about what is ahead for us

**We look to God to lead and guide us**

The waiting is not easy

**We ask God to give us patience and endurance**

Our dreams are filled with hope and excitement

Let us worship God

Hymn *"Come thou long expected Jesus"*

(Stuttgart) CH4 472 - Charles Wesley

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a King,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## Lighting of the Candle of Hope

... This candle is a symbol of our own longing for God's presence, as we wait in hope for God to break anew into our lives.

**May the God of Hope be present with us.  
May Christ the light of the world inspire us to worship,  
May the Spirit of new life fill us and lead us,  
so that we might give hope to the world.**

*(Remain seated)*

### 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.

## Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

## Passing the Peace, then Anthem *"Dixit Maria- then said Mary"* Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Organ - Tegen Baldwin

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"From heaven you came"*

(The Servant King) CH4 374 - Graham Kendrick

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

Reading      Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14

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

Gospel      Matthew 24:36-44

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

Sermon      ‘Intention and Attention’

Hymn “*Soon and very soon, we are*”

(Soon and Very Soon) GtG 384 - Andraé Crouch

1 Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah hallelujah,  
we're going to see the King!

2 No more crying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah hallelujah,  
we're going to see the King.

3 No more dying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there:  
we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah hallelujah,  
we're going to see the King.

4 Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah hallelujah,  
we're going to see the King!

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.**

Offering and Dedication “*Sleepers wake*”

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*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

## Hymn *“Tell out my soul”*

(Woodlands) CH4 286 - Timothy Dudley-Smith

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm  
has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

Praeludium und Fuga in G minor BuxWV 148

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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