



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

The Season of Christmas - One 10am – 27 December 2015

Pre service *“Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern”* (How brightly beams the
morning star)

Andreas Armsdorff, Georg Telemann (1681-1767)

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Welcome

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph, **God is there.**

When Jesus is presented at the temple, **God is there.**

When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms, **God is there.**

When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple, **God is there.**

This very morning, **God is here.**

In the future we cannot see, **God is there.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“Angels from the realms of glory”* (Iris) CH4 324

text James Montgomery (1771-1854), music Martin Edward Fallas Shaw (1875-1958) Harm. © 1928 Oxford University Press

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

2 Wise men, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [*Refrain*]

Come and worship

Christ, the new-born King.

Come and worship,

worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down: [*Refrain*]

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

With young members

Hymn "*Child in the manger*" (Bunessan) CH4 314

Mary MacDonald (1789-1872), trans. Lachlan Macbean (1853-1931)
Traditional Gaelic melody, arr. David Evans (1874-1948) arr. © Oxford University Press

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.

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.

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.

Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

A responsive reading from Psalm 148

Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens: O Praise God in the heights above.

Praise the Lord all you angels: O praise God all you heavenly host.

Praise the Lord sun and moon: praise God all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord you highest heavens: and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: who commanded, and they were created.

The Lord fixed them in their places forever: by a law which shall never be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth: you sea-monsters and ocean depths,

fire and hail, snow and ice: stormy wind obeying God's word,

all mountains and hills all fruit-bearing trees and cedars,

wild beasts and cattle: reptiles and birds on the wing,

kings of the earth and all peoples: princes and all rulers of the world,

young men and maidens: old people and children together.

Let them praise your name O Lord: for your name alone is exalted,

and your glory is above heaven and earth.

You have lifted up your people's head, with praise from all your servants:

from the people close to your heart. Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. Praise the Lord

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon "Lost in the house"

Hymn "*Born in the night, Mary's child*" (Mary's Child) GtG 158

1 Born in the night,
Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need,
Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

2 Clear shining light,
Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
Light of the world,
Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

words & music Geoffrey Ainger (b. 1925) © 1964 Stainer & Bell

3 Truth of our life,
Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true,
Mary's Child,
go to your cross of wood.

4 Hope of the world,
Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth,
Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

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 *"How brightly beams the morning star"*

Max Reger (1873-1916)

*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 *"Good Christians, all rejoice"* (In Dulci Jubilo) CH4 322

John Mason Neale (1818-66) *alt.*

music German, 14th century; source of harmonization untraced

1 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now give heed to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today:
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

3 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save,
calls you one and calls you all,
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

2 Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door,
and all are blessed for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude "*Vom Himmel hoch*" (From heaven above to earth I come)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

You are invited to morning tea in the Gathering Area

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