



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Advent – Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans –
100th Anniversary of Studholme College

10am – 29 November 2015

Pre service

Welcome

The Procession of the Tartans and Blessing

Introit *“As a watchman waits for day”* (May it be)

music Howard Shaw
text alt. Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650) and Enya

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will fulfil my promise to my people.

Justice and right relating will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Almighty God, come and revive us.

Shine upon us and we shall be saved.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Veni Emmanuel) CH4 273

words based on *Advent Antiphons*, trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) ©2005 Church Hymnary
Plainsong melody, 15th C France

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe: [*Refrain*]

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and
cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
[*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

Anthem “Tomorrow shall be my dancing day”

English traditional carol arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Tanara Stedman/ soloist

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

... Today we light a candle for hope

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

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!*

With young members

Hymn “*The Days are Surely Coming*” GtG 357

words © David Gambrell (b. 1929)

1 The days are surely coming,
says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise:
salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty
hand.

3 The days are surely coming
when we will know at last
the fullness of God’s presence,
God’s promise, come to pass.
The righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God’s almighty
hand.

2 The days are surely coming,
says Christ, the promised one
when you will read my warning
in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble,
stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing
near.

Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel Luke 21:25-36
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon “Standing up and raising heads”

Hymn *"God, You Alone Know What You've Planned"* (Noel)

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CH4 303 Welsh melody, adptd Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

1 God, you alone know what you've
planned
for earth and sky and sea.
Creation waits your loving hand
to bring in what will be.
When things we trust in shift and shake
and sorrows multiply,
we hear you calling,
"Keep awake! Redemption is close by!"

2 O Christ, you taught us,
"Watch the trees as seasons change each
year,
for when they bud and grow new leaves
you know that summer's near."
May we look round this changing earth
and see with faith-filled eyes
your signs of newness, life and birth
that witness to the wise.

3 So by your Spirit may we share
the life you're bringing forth:
may we seek justice, end despair,
and work to heal the earth.
For there's a new day coming near with no
more death or pain;
till then, we'll seek to serve you here and
welcome in your reign.

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 “No Small wonder”

Paul Edwards (b.1955)

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 “When out of poverty is born” (Kingsfold) CH4 291

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1 When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it’s then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
‘The Lord is coming; don’t lose heart.
Be blest: prepare the way!’

3 When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman’s faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call,
‘Be blest: prepare the way!’

2 When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
And so God’s prophets echo still
‘Be blest: prepare the way!’

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude “Sleepers wake” (A voice is calling)

Miles I’A Martin (1888-1949)

You are invited to morning tea in the Gathering Area

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