



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent – Kirkin the tartan

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## Pre service music *“Resonet in Laudibus”*

*“The Star proclaims the king is here”*

Keith Chapman (1945-89)

Flor Peeters (1903-86)

*Please stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing until the banners are in place and visitors seated*

## Processional Hymn *“Christ is our light”* (Highland Cathedral) CH4 336 - Leith Fisher

1 Christ is our light!  
the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light,  
shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

3 Christ is our joy!  
transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was  
blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

2 Christ is our love!  
baptised that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you  
the light of heaven’s embrace.

## Welcome

## Introit *“People Look east”*

Besancon Carol, arr. Barry Ferguson

## Call To Worship

(adapted from Ps 80)

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

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

Eternal Listener, give heed to your people.

**You, who are our Guide and our Light.**

Shine forth into the heart of all nations.

**Enliven your people with compassion.**

Restore us, O Holy One.

**Let your face shine upon us and teach us to love.**

Let us worship God.

## Prayer of approach

## Opening the Advent box

## Passing the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;  
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Anthem *"E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly come"*

text from Revelation 22, music Paul Manz

## The tartans

Sheila Wall

## Psalm 23 – sung by the choir in Gaelic

## Blessing

## Hymn *"The days are surely coming"*

(CM) GtG 357 - David Gambrell

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.  
Then 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.

*The scriptures read in Gaelic can be followed in English on the screens*

## Reading      Isaiah 64:1-4; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

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

## Gospel      Mark 13:24 - 31

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

# Sermon 'Tear open the heavens and come down'

## Hymn "*View the present through the promise*" (Ar Hyd Y Nos, CH4 562) CH4 479

Thomas H. Troeger

1 View the present through the promise,  
Christ will come again.

Trust despite the deepening darkness,  
Christ will come again.

Lift the world above its grieving  
through your watching and believing  
in the hope past hope's conceiving:  
Christ will come again.

2 Probe the present with the promise,  
Christ will come again.

Let your daily actions witness,  
Christ will come again.

Let your loving and your giving  
and your justice and forgiving  
be a sign to all the living:  
Christ will come again.

3 Match the present to the promise,  
Christ will come again.

Make this hope your guiding premise,  
Christ will come again.

Pattern all your calculating  
and the world you are creating  
to the advent you are waiting:  
Christ will come again.

## Prayer for others, then ...

(from *Anglican prayer book*)

**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.**

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria, Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

## Notices

## Offering and Dedication *"May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back"*

Gaelic Blessing, music NZ composer David Childs

*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.*

## Hymn *"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"*

(Battle Hymn) GtG 354 - Julia Howe

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the  
coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the  
grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his  
terrible swift sword.  
God's truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
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*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*God's truth is marching on.*

2 God has sounded forth the trumpet that  
shall never call retreat  
and is sifting out all human hearts before the  
judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant,  
my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born  
across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures  
you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us live to  
make all free,  
while God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

## Threefold Amen, then Postlude Trumpet Tunes from 'King Arthur'

Henry Purcell (1659-95)  
arr. Christopher Dearnley

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

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