



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 7 January 2018

First Sunday of Epiphany

Pre service music

Welcome

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Arise, shine; for your light has come

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Jesus Christ, God revealed in human form

The baby visited by the shepherds

Baptized by John in water and in Spirit

Christ our teacher, Christ our healer.

Fill us with your wisdom and power

That your light may shine through us in the world.

Hymn “*Child of Christmas Story*”

AA 12 - Shirley Murray

1 Child of Christmas story,
stable, straw and star,
small and sweet and gentle:
tell us who you are.

3 Child of Jew and Gentile,
child of white and black –
teach us how to love you,
teach us what we lack.

2 Child whose baby finger
round our own is curled,
come to melt our hearts,
and come to change the world.

4 Child of Mary’s courage,
birthed in human pain,
tell us what your name is –
be our hope again.

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. All are God’s beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn "As with gladness men of old"

(Dix) CH4 326 - William Chatterton Dix

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onwards, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy homely cradle bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus! every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright,
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

Hymn "Loving Spirit"

AA94 - Shirley Murray

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

4 Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Sermon

Hymn “*Lord of Eternity*”

1 God of eternity, Lord of the ages,
Father and Spirit and Saviour of men!
Thine is the glory of time’s numbered pages;
thine is the power to revive us again.

2 Thankful, we come to thee, Lord of the
nations,
praising thy faithfulness, mercy, and grace
shown to our fathers in past generations,
pledge of thy love to our people and race.

3 Beauteous this land of ours, bountiful
giver!
Brightly the heavens thy glory declare;
streameth the sunlight on hill, plain, and
river,
shineth thy cross over fields rich and fair.

(Russia CH4 266) CH3 517 - E Northcroft Merrington

4 Pardon our sinfulness, God of all pity,
call to remembrance thy mercies of old;
strengthen thy Church to abide as a city
set on a hill for a light to thy fold.

5 Head of the Church on earth, risen,
ascended!
Thine is the honour that dwells in this place:
As thou hast blessed us through years that
have ended,
Still lift upon us the light of thy face.

Notices

Offering and Dedication

*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.*

Prayer for others, then ...

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.**

Hymn “*Love Divine*”

(Hyfrydol) CH4 161 - Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Benediction, then Postlude

This morning's service is led by Rev Dr Peter Matheson

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