



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Pre service music “Minuet” Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); “Arabesque” Friedrich Burgmüller (1806-74)
“Rondella” Enrique Granados (1867-1916) played by Darcy Baldwin

Welcome

Introit “Star Carol” words and music John Rutter (b. 1945)

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,
but will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,
the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

as we worship you in this place,

as we light these candles in hope, peace, and joy.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “O come all ye faithful”

(Adeste Fideles) CH4 306 - Latin, 18th century

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of
angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2 God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
very God, begotten not created; [*Refrain*]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exaltation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
‘Glory to God in the highest’: [*Refrain*]

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.**

Opening the Advent box

Hymn "*Away in a manger*"

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head;
the stars in the bright sky look down
where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

(Cradle Song) CH4 312 - *Little children's book*, Philadelphia, 1885

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender
care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you
there.

Reading Isaiah 61:1-4

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

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Sunday School play

Encouragement of our children to keep growing in faith

Anthem - sung during play - "*Gabriel's message*"

Basque carol, arr. David Willcocks

Hymn “*Carol our Christmas*”

AA9 - Shirley Murray

1 Carol our Christmas, an upside down
Christmas;
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ
Child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of
air.

2 Sing of the gold and the green and the
sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach!

3 Shepherds and musterers move over
hillsides,
finding, not angels but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the
season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.

4 Right side up Christmas belongs to the
universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

Notices

Offering and Dedication “*Ding, dong, merrily on high*” English traditional carol, arr Charles Woodward

*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 “*The first Nowell*”

CH4 323 - English traditional carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay:

in fields where they lay a-keeping their
sheep

on a cold winter’s night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel*

2 They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;

and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

[*Refrain*]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

[*Refrain*]

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord
that hath made heaven and earth of
naught
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

[*Refrain*]

Benediction, then Postlude “*Angel’s Toccata*” K Knudson

played by Tegen Baldwin

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

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