



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

9:30am – 25 December 2017

Christmas Day

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Pre service music *"Pastorale"*

*"Quem Pastores"*  
*"In Dulci Jubilo"*

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

15<sup>th</sup> cent German carol, arr. Keith Chapman  
Johann Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome

Introit *"Noel Nouvelet"*

French carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1948)

Call To Worship

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

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

We are here

because we have heard a promise of peace

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a rumour of justice

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a whisper of hope

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a hint of love

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child

**and we have faith his day is here.**

Welcome to Christmas

Welcome to worship

Hymn *"Angels from the realms of glory"*

(Iris) CH4 324 - James Montgomery

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:

*Come and worship,*

*Christ the new-born king*

*Come and worship,*

*worship Christ, the new-born king.*

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flock by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light: [*Refrain*]

3 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One: [*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.**

## Hymn "*Come and join the celebration*"

(Celebrations) CH4 321 - Valerie Collison

*Come and Join the celebration,  
it's a very special day;  
come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!*

2 'God is with us',  
round the world the message sing;  
he is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are  
pealing. [*Refrain*]

1 See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem;  
gaze in wonder  
at the son of God who lay before them.  
[*Refrain*]

## Opening the Advent box

### Anthem "*Dancing Day*"

English traditional carol, arr. David Willcocks

Soloists: Calla Knudson-Hollebon and Tanara Stedman

## Hymn "*Good Christians all*"

(In Dulci Jubilo) CH4 322 - John Neale

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!

## Reading Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-3a

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

# Gospel John 1:1-14

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

## Sermon 'A surprising gift'

### Hymn "Joy to the world"

(Antioch) CH4 320 - Isaac Watts

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## Notices

### Offering and Dedication "Deck the hall"

English traditional carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1948)

*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 “See in yonder manger low”

(Oxford) CH4 313 - Edward Caswell

1 See! in yonder manger low,  
born for us on earth below,  
see! the tender Lamb appears  
promised from eternal years.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!*  
*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*  
*Sing through all Jerusalem,*  
*'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

2 Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
what your joyful news to-day;  
wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep? [*Refrain*]

3 'As we watched at dead of night,  
lo! we saw a wondrous light:  
angels, singing peace on earth,  
told us of the Saviour's birth.' [*Refrain*]

## Benediction, then Postlude “Toccata” from ‘Suite Gothique’

Leon Boelmann (1862-97)

## Events

Sunday 31	10am	Christmas 1 – led by Rev Dr Peter Matheson
	7pm	Worship – led by Warren Jowett
Sunday 7 January	10am	Epiphany 1 – led by Rev Dr Peter Matheson
	7pm	Worship – led by John Elder and Janet Sim Elder
Sunday 14	10am	Epiphany 2 – led by Rev Jordan Redding
	7pm	Worship – led by Sara Brown

- **CWS Christmas appeal**



In Lebanon, Syrian refugee students relish the opportunity to learn at the Sabra Centre. With their families, they have fled from war. Falling funding for refugee services and

rising costs is making life harder. School is a welcome opportunity to learn skills that they can take with them no matter what the future. Older students can train in electronics and computer maintenance so that one day they can return home to bring hope to their shattered homeland.

Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story! Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story!



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