



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 31 December 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

Pre service music *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Old Year is Past)* BWV 1091 from the 'Neumeister Collection'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star) Op. 135A No. 29 Max Reger (1873-1916)

Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star) Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

Welcome

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

The Word became flesh

and dwelt among us

my eyes have seen our salvation

a light to lighten the Gentiles

God is with us

we will be instruments of your peace, day by day.

Hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" (Old 100th) CH4 63 - Psalm 100, *Scottish Psalter*

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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.

Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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

Hymn “Come to our land”

AA 26 - Shirley Murray

1 Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the
green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God.*

2 Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.
[Refrain]

3 Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your Word.
[Refrain]

Sermon

Hymn “Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose”

AA55 - Marnie Barrell

1 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
Nature bursts with joyful promise, ripe with
what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention, still the work
of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly, what God’s
great salvation holds.

2 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God’s creation grasps new
meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us your new
work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open, teach us
what to do and say.

3 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose:
all God’s children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil every
corner of the earth,
and a million million voices speak with joy
the Saviour’s name;
every face reflects Christ’s image, never any
two the same.

4 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united in the everlasting
dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected, each uniquely
loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined once for all
receives God’s own.

Notices

Offering and Dedication *Puer Nobis Nascitur (A Boy is Born to Us)* Jean Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

*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 “O God our help in ages past”

CH4 161 - Isaac Watts

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

5 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Benediction, then Postlude 1st Noel ‘Votre bonte grand dieu’ (Your Goodness Great God)

from ‘Deuxieme Suite de Noels’ - Claude Balbastre (1724-99)

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

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

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
Sunday 21	10am	Epiphany 3
	7pm	Worship



Action	31 December	7 January	14 January
Welcoming	David Richardson's team	David Richardson's team	David Richardson's team
Counting	Donald Shand's team	Donald Shand's team	Donald Shand's team
Flower arranging			
Reading (am)	Benjamin Thew	Melville Carr	Don Shaw
Prayers	Benjamin Thew	Keren Skegg	Benjamin Thew
Reading (pm)	John Elder	Chris Bloore	John Elder
Worship Support	Benjamin Thew		Benjamin Thew
Notices			
Morning tea	Liz & Lindsay Miller	Errol Holland & Sandra Goodchild	Janice & David Crerar
Supper			

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