



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Pre service music *"Veni Veni Emmanuel"*
"Lo how a rose is blooming"

Flor Peeters (1903-86)

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Welcome

Introit *"As a watchman waits for day- Look for light"*

music Howard Shaw

Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

In Advent we watch and wait, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship,
and watch faithfully for signs of God's light breaking into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

As we wait, dear One, we watch for signs of your action in the world,
Actions of compassion and grace breaking in.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Holy God, we recognise that we do not know the day or the hour,
but we know that the day is near.

Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *"Great ring of light"*

(Halley) CH4 452 - Colin Alexander Gibson

1 Great ring of light, true circle with no
ending;
clear beam so bright, whose purpose knows
no bending;
O Word of God, in darkness always shining
out.

2 A man who cried, upon a cross at Calvary;
for him who died an empty tomb, a mystery;
O risen Christ, all pain and loss transcending.

3 Immortal fire of love forever yearning;
flame of desire for our salvation burning;
Spirit divine, our friend, and present
comforter.

4 The light shines still, the eternal Word has
spoken;
on Calvary's hill the power of death is broken;
and I receive the life, the joy, the loving.

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.**

Anthem "*Magnificat- Song of Mary*"

Thomas Attwood Walmsley (1814-56)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

For those whose dreams are squashed,

For those whose life is very hard,

For those who despair for the future,

We light the candle of hope.

You, Lord Jesus, are our hope, and the hope for our world.

May this light signal a breakthrough, a brighter future,

A new order and a better way.

The Early Word

Hymn "*The days are surely coming*"

(7.6.7.6.D) 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.

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.

3 The days are surely coming
when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence,
God's promise, come to pass.
The righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered
by God's almighty hand.

Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

Launch of the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal –

Pauline McKay, CEO of Christian World Service

“The Days are Coming, Said the Lord”

(Noel CH4 303) - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1 "The days are coming," said the Lord to
people beaten down,
"The days are coming in this world when
justice will abound.
My people, you will sing and dance, and
hope will blossom forth,
For I will cause a righteous Branch to spring
up on the earth."

2 O God, you sent the prophets here to
people long oppressed;
You told your children, filled with fear, that
one day they'd be blessed.
You said to cities lost, destroyed by violence,
sin or war,
That they would soon receive the joy that
they were longing for.

3 You promised justice in the land to those
who were enslaved;
You said that one day, by your hand, your
cities would be saved.
As sure as dawn would turn to day and as
the sun would set,
Your children there could trust your way;
you were not finished yet.

4 The days are coming, loving Lord, to sing
of Jesus' birth;
Yet cries for justice still are heard
throughout this sinful earth.
In Advent, may we work and wait, do
justice, share and pray,
And so prepare to celebrate your joyful,
coming day.

Prayer for others and Lord's Prayer

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, then Offering and Dedication

“People look east the time is near”

music Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

*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 “*The voice of God*”

(Woodlands) CH4 283 - Luke Connaughton

1 The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King’s herald cries from star to
star:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

2 The Lord has said: ‘Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made
flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light’:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

3 The broken reed he will not trample
down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and heals with his
strong hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

4 Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the
weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

Benediction

Postlude “*Magnificat tertii toni (Magnificat on the Third Tone)*” from ‘*Ars Magna Consoni et Dissoni*’

Johann Speth (1664-1719)