



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 6 January 2019

Epiphany

Pre service music

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn "*What child is this*"

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and donkeys are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the Son of Mary!

(Greensleeves) GtG 145 - William Chatterton Dix

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
come, one and all, to own him
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the Son of Mary.

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. **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.**

The Early Word

Hymn “*We three kings of Orient are*”

GtG 151 - John Henry Hopkins

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain.
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. [*Refrain*]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshipping God most high.

[*Refrain*]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes of life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

[*Refrain*]

Reading

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

Gospel

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

Sermon

Hymn “*Will you come and see the light from the stable door*”

Kelvingrove (CH4 533) - Brian Wren

1 Will you come and see the light from the
stable door?

It is shining newly bright, though it shone
before.

It will be your guiding star, it will show you
who you are.

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

2 Will you step into the light that can free
the slave?

It will stand for what is right, it will heal and
save.

By the pyramids of greed there's a longing
to be freed.

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

4 Will you join the hope, alight in a young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Prayer for others

**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.**

5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the cradle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Anglican prayer book

**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 and Offering

*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 "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.

Benediction

Postlude

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

Events

Sunday 6 January 7pm Worship – ‘Giants’ - led by Rev Andrew Scott
 Sunday 13 10am Epiphany 1
 7pm Worship
 Sunday 20 10am Epiphany 2
 7pm Worship

Action	6 January	13 January	20 January
Welcoming	Helen Thew's team	Patsy Mason's team	Patsy Mason's team
Counting	Roy Somerville's team	Paul Crack's team	Paul Crack's team
Flower arranging	Liz Miller	Liz Miller	Linda Holloway
Reading (am)	Geoff Swift	Don Shaw	Grace Togneri
Prayers	Dennis Povey	Rachel Tombs	Linda Holloway
Reading (pm)	Chris Bloore	John Elder	Geoff Swift
Worship support			
Notices	Chris Bloore (am) John Elder/Janet Sim Elder (pm)	Rachel Tombs (am) Kerry Enright (pm)	Alison Tait (am) Rachel Tombs (pm)
Morning tea	Sandra Goodchild & Errol Holland	Lee Somerville & Marita Jowett	David & Carolyn Richardson
Supper	Helen Thew	Phillipa Crack	Patsy Mason

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