



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Youth and Children's Service

Pre service music "Joy to the World" arr Bastien; "Flight of Angels" Thompson Darcy Baldwin/ organ
"Angels Toccata" Knudson Tegen Baldwin/ organ

Welcome

Introit "God rest ye merry gentlemen" English traditional carol, arr David Willcocks Carolyn Schmid/ organ

Call to Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Come, sing to God!

Praise God's holy Name!

Come sing and praise our God!

For God is our strength!

Come and be refreshed,

as fresh water brings joy to the thirsty!

The sun shines brightly on our 'journey to Bethlehem'.

The days are long and filled with light.

We feel the joy of journeying.

Let us rejoice!

Hymn "Christ be our light"

CH4 543 - Bernadette Farrell

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
longing for truth, we turn to You.

Make us Your own, Your holy people
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled
longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. [*Refrain*]

3 Longing for food, many are hungry
longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed. [*Refrain*]

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless
longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others
walls made of living stone. [*Refrain*]

A Christ to Believe in: Act I

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.**

Anthem *"Coventry Carol- Lullay, lullay, My little tiny child"*

English traditional carol, arr Martin Shaw

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

For those who have no joy in their hearts, for those whose lives are full of difficulty, for those who are anxious and have no peace, we light the candle of joy. We remember the voice of God's messengers calling us to be bearers of joy in a troubled world.

You, Lord Jesus, are our joy, bring joy to the world. May this light signal a breakthrough, a brighter future, a new order and a better way.

"While Shepherds watch"

(Winchester Old)

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

2 Fear not, said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled minds.
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all of humankind.

3 To you, in David's town this day,
is born of David's line,
the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign.

4 The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
All wrapped around in swaddling bands
and in a manger laid.

5 All glory be to God on high
and to the earth be peace;
good will is shown by heaven to all
and never more shall cease.

A Christ to Believe in: Act II

"Away in a manger"

(Cradle Song)

Verse 1 – sung by Sunday School children

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 thee, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee 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 thee
there.

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"Children's song of the Nativity"* English traditional carol, arr Sara Brown

*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.*

A Christ to Believe in: Act III

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Charles Wesley alt.

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Christ-child bring;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinner reconciled!"
Joyful, all you saints arise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angel host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

3 Hail the Bearer of God's peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness,
light and life our Saviour brings,
risen with radiant, healing wings.
Mildly laying glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us all from earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time the Saviour comes,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

Blessing

Benediction

Postlude *"Flourish for an occasion"* Noel Rawsthorne

Grace Togneri/ organ - Knox Organ Scholar