



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

9:30am – Tuesday 25 December 2018

Christmas Day

Pre service music *"Angels Toccata"* K Knudson
"In Dulci Jubilo"
"God rest ye"

played by Tegen Baldwin
J S Bach (1685-1750)
Wilbur Held (1970)

Welcome

Introit *"Torches"*

John Joubert, translated from Gaelic by J B Trend

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 60

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Though darkness covers the earth and dark night the nations,

the Lord shall shine upon you and over you shall his glory appear.

The Lord shall be your everlasting light,

your God shall be your glory.

Let us worship God.

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 field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks 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. **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 *"Quem Pastores- Shepherds in the fields abiding"*

German carol, arr. John Rutter

Lighting the Christ Candle

For those who are dismissive of babies and children and pregnant women, for those who look for a saviour in all the wrong places, for those who sit in darkness, longing for light, we light the Christ candle.

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

The Early Word

Hymn *"Come and join the celebration"*

(Iris) CH4 321 - Valerie Collison

*Come and Join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and Join the celebration
There's a new King born today*

2 God is with us
round the world the message bring
he is with us
welcome all the bells on earth are peeling.
[Refrain]

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

Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

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 place for each one

"See in yonder manger low"

(Oxford) CH4 313 - Edward Caswall

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 Lo! within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

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

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

"I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day" English traditional carol, arr. David Willcocks
Grace Togneri, Jesse Hanan, Darcy Baldwin soloists

*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 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

(Adeste Fideles) CH4 306 - John Francis Wade

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2 God from God,
Light of Light
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created; [*Refrain*]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
in the highest': [*Refrain*]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: [*Refrain*]

Sending

Benediction

Postlude "The Power of Life" Mons Leidvin Takle

played by Grace Togneri, Knox organ Scholar

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