



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*alive to God's Spirit*

10am – Sunday 30 December 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

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Pre service music *"What child is this"*  
*"Infant Holy"*

Paul Manz (b. 1919)  
Polish carol, arr. Keith Chapman

## Welcome and Introduction

## Call to Worship

### Hymn *"Carol our Christmas"*

(AA 9) Shirley Murray

1 Carol our Christmas, an upside down  
Christmas;  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ  
Child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

3 Shepherds and musterers move over  
hillsides,  
finding, not angels but sheep to be shorn;  
wise ones make journeys whatever the  
season,  
searching for signs of the truth to be born.

2 Sing of the gold and the green and the  
sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach!

4 Right side up Christmas belongs to the  
universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

## 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 “*Child of Christmas*”

(AA 12) Shirley Murray

1 Child of Christmas story,  
stable, straw and star,  
small and sweet and gentle:  
tell us who you are.

2 Child whose baby finger  
round our own is curled,  
come to melt our hearts,  
and come to change the world.

3 Child of Jew and Gentile,  
child of white and black –  
teach us how to love you,  
teach us what we lack.

4 Child of Mary’s courage,  
birthed in human pain,  
tell us what your name is –  
be our hope again.

Reading      1st Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
                  Colossians 3:12-15

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

Gospel            Luke 2: 41-52

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

## Sermon

## Hymn “*Where the road runs out*”

(AA 156) Colin Gibson

1 Where the road runs out and the  
signposts end,  
where we come to the edge of today,  
be the God of Abraham for us;  
send us out upon our way.

2 Lord you were our beginning,  
the faith that gave us birth  
we look to you, our ending,  
our hope for heaven and earth.

3 When the coast is left and we journey on  
to the rim of the sky and the sea,  
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ  
lead us on to eternity.

4 When the clouds are low and the wind is  
strong,  
when tomorrow's storm draws near,  
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead  
who will take away our fear.

## 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 *"In dulci Jubilo"*

Johann Walther (1684-1748)

*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 God our help in ages past"*

(St Anne) CH3 611 - 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!

2 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

4 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all of us away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

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

## Benediction

## Postlude *"Rhapsodie sur des Noels"*

Eugene Gigout