



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 1 December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Pre service music

"Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (Now Come You Great Redeemer) BWV 599 from 'Orgelbuchlein' - J S Bach (1685-1750)
"O Come, O Come Emanuel" Op. 100

piece played by Grace Togneri

Flor Peeters (1903-86)

We are prepared for worship, led by our choir

"Sleepers Wake" from 'St. Paul'

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

We are invited to worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. May God be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

The day is near.

And so we wait.

We wait with hope,

for the brokenhearted to be healed,

for the downtrodden to be lifted up.

We wait for the coming of the Christ child.

In this meantime, we will sing into the silence.

We will light a candle against the darkness.

Let us worship God.

We sing

(Laudes Domini) TIS 227 - German, early 19th Cent., trans. Edward Caswell

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer

I know that God is there:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Let earth's wide circle round

in joyful notes resound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky,

from depth to height, reply:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Be this, when day is past,

of all my thoughts the last,

may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,

when from the heart we say:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this while life is mine

my song of praise divine,

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song

through all the ages long,

may Jesus Christ be praised!

We pray and are assured of God's great love

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

We share the peace of Christ

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou; The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Gracious God

For those, like Farazia, who dare to hope for a better way. **We give you thanks**

For those who are the bringers of light. **We praise you**

For the relentless pursuit of this hope. **We light this candle. Amen.**

Our choir leads us with an anthem

"People Look East" text: Eleanor Fargeon (1881-1965), music: Besancon ancient carol - arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1941)

We are introduced to the theme of the day

We sing

(Stuttgart) CH4 472 - Charles Wesley

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

We listen for God's Word

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14

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

Matthew 24:36-44

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

'Keeping awake'

We sing

(Suantrai) CH4 678 - Shirley Murray

1 Here is the place, now is the time:
an inner voice has bid me come –
here in the company where Christ is known
he claims my life, he speaks my name.

3 I seek the real and face the cost,
I give away my lack of trust,
in joyful hope I take the Spirit's lead –
I go with all who follow Christ.

2 Here I declare a seed of faith,
a will to learn, a gleam of truth,
and ask for singleness of heart to speak
what God has put into my mouth.

The Sacrament of baptism - Izzie Priest Forsyth is baptised

Let us confess the faith into which we are baptised.

Do you believe in God who made you and loves you?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The baptism service continues...

We sing

(The Aaronic blessing) CH4 796

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

We pray for others

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.

We share news and offer ourselves to God

"I Sing of a Maiden"

text: 15thCent. English carol, music: Richard Madden (b. 1953)

*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.*

We respond to God's call

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no
more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful
hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

(Engleberg) CH4 635 - John Brownlow Geyer

3 The God of splendour clothes the Son with
life.
The spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptised, we live with God the Three in
One.
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and
blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Alleluia!

We are sent

Postlude

Praeludium und Fuga in A major BuxWV 151

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)