



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 15 December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Before and after the service, people are invited to go on a reflective walk around the outer aisles.

Pre service music

“Prelude on – O Little town of Bethlehem”

“Ave Maria d’Arcaldelt”

Gordon Phillips (1908-91)

Franz Liszt (1811-86)

Carolyn Schmid and Grace Togneri/ organ

Greeting and introduction to theme

We are prepared for worship, led by our choir

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”

16th cent French carol, arr. Charles Wood

We are invited to worship

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

Ma lhowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

E te whānau, in this season of preparation,

we come together to worship the giver of life.

God’s joy be with you.

And also with you.

We come as people loved by God.

Open to the Spirit of Life in this place.

Let us worship God.

We sing

(Antioch) CH4 320 - Isaac Watts

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

We pray and are assured of God's great love

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Gracious God

For foundations of joy and delight in the Lord **We give you thanks and praise**

For situations where it is painful to rejoice **We ask for your wisdom**

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

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.

Our choir leads us with an anthem

"Children's song of the Nativity"

arr. Sara Brown

We listen for God's Word

Matthew 11:2-11

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

'Preparing the way'

We sing

(Cradle Song) CH4 312 - Unknown, *Little children's book*, 1885

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked 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 you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

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

"Nativity Carol"

words and music John Rutter (b. 1945)

*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

(The First Nowell) CH4 323 - English traditional carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

2 They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [*Refrain*]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [*Refrain*]

Benediction

Postlude "*God rest ye merry Gentlemen*"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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