



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Pre service music *“Walking on the Air”*

“Come, Redeemer of our Race”

“O Come, O come Emmanuel”

Howard Blake (b. 1938), played by Carolyn Schmid

D Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)

We are prepared for worship, led by our choir

“As a watchman waits for day”

(Look for light, and look again, believe and you will find a way. Wait for the Lord)

music Howard Shaw

text from Psalm 130

We are called to worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

God has promised a new creation

Where right-relating will be our home.

Blessed is the Holy One our God,

Who has sent Christ for creation’s sake.

Let us worship God.

We sing

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

(Winchester New) CH4 334 - Charles Coffin, trans. John Chandler (*alt.*)

4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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 Peace

Gracious God

For division, disunity, discouragement and despair. **We turn to you to overcome.**

For those who seek justice and safety. **We look to you to protect.**

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

Our choir leads us with an anthem

"And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed" from 'The Messiah'

G F Handel (1685-1759)

We sing

(St Columba) CH4 659 - Fred Kaan

1 Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

4 And at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

2 Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

5 Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

3 Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

We listen for God's Word

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

Matthew 3:1-12

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

'When wilderness is home'

We affirm our faith

The Uniting Church in Australia

We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love, maker of all things.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the firstborn of a new creation.

**We believe in God's eternal Spirit, pledge and foretaste of the future,
given that we may not lose the way, who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.**

We are a pilgrim people on the way to the promised goal.

**On this way, we are called to live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**In this unity, we offer our worship, witness and service
and receive one another in love and joy.**

**We are being led to the free obedience of the children of God, and so we look with yearning
and hope to the final reconciliation of humanity with God, and the renewal of all creation.**

Alleluia. Amen.

We sing

(Kilmarnock) CH4 656 - Brian Wren

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

We share news and offer ourselves to God

"In a field as I lay" text Medieval, music Russel Cowley, (former Organist and Choir Director Knox Church Dunedin)
organ/Carolyn Schmid

*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.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord ... raising the dead to life.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, Lord ... forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Communion *"Comfort Ye" from 'The Messiah* *"Prelude on What Child is this"*

G F Handel (1685-1759) Jesse Hanan/ tenor, John Elder/ piano
Richard Purvis (b. 1915).www.organschmid.org/Carolyn Schmid

Prayer

We respond to God's call

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
[Refrain]

We are sent

Postlude *"Sleepers Wake!"*

Miles l'A Martin (1888-1949)

(Veni Emmanuel) CH4 273 - John Brownlow Geyer

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
[Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
[Refrain]