



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 5 January 2020
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

A warm welcome

We are called to worship (from John 1)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fulness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

It is God the only Son who has made God known.

We sing

(CH4 212 Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965)

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing,
fresh from the Word!

3 Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.

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.

We sing

(O waly waly – John Bell 1985)

1 The God of all eternity,
unbound by space yet always near,
is present where his people meet
to celebrate the coming year.

3 God does not share our doubts and fears,
nor shrinks from the unknown or strange:
the one who fashioned heav'n and earth
makes all things new and ushers change.

2 What shall we offer God today -
our dreams of what we cannot see,
or, with eyes fastened to the past,
our dread of what is yet to be?

4 God grant that we, in this new year,
may show the world the Kingdom's face,
and let our work and worship thrive
as signs of hope and means of grace.

We listen for God's Word

An introduction to Jeremiah, and a prayer for illumination.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

John 1:1-18

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

A sermon – “In and out of time”

We sing

(Hyfrodol - Brian Wren 1999)

1 Hidden Christ, alive for ever,
Saviour, Servant, Friend and Lord,
year by year, unseen, you offer
life undying, love outpoured.
Day by day, you walk among us,
known and honoured, yet concealed,
freeing, chiding, leading, guiding,
till your glory is revealed.

2. Endless orbits by our planet
spinning round its speeding star
cannot trace creation's secret:
why we live, and whose we are.
Jesus, you alone uncover
nature's rhythm, reason, rhyme,
so your birthday is our centre:
hinge of history and time.

3 Still your life and way of living,
God-revealing, Spirit-blown,
teaching, healing, sins forgiving,
measure and inspire our own;
loving earth's despised, rejected,
till with them you hang in pain,
broken, buried, resurrected,
life laid down, our life to gain.

4 Christ our hope, alive among us,
take our love, our work, our prayer.
We will trust and tell your purpose,
braving evil and despair;
in your name befriending, mending,
making peace and setting free,
showing, giving and acclaiming
signs of joy and jubilee.

We pray for others

**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 forever. Amen.**

Anglican prayer book

**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 give

*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 sing

(Repton – Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926 -) - First line is from Albert Schwietzer

1 He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred. (repeat last line)

3 He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name
for every child of earth. (repeat last line)

2 He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart,
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart. (repeat last line)

4 He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour, and our Lord (repeat last line)

We are sent in the name of Christ.