



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 29 December 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

Pre service music

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.

I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,

the glory of God's people and a light to all.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

We sing

1 Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on him fall.

2 Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious
o'er each foe.

(Bunessan) CH4 314 - Mary MacDonald, trans. L Macbean

3 Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold him
on his throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
happy forever
are his own.

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 are introduced to the theme of the day

We sing

(LM) CH4 329 - Shirley Murray

1 O little Love, who comes again,
the Word made flesh to make God plain,
O Child who shines, the Jesus light,
disarm the world, this Christmas night!

3 As all the wise look for your star,
so I must follow where you are –
as you are light so must I be,
as you are peace, be peace in me.

2 No heart so hard it may not move,
no hate resist your open love;
defenceless in our hands you come
to Herod's power, to Mary's home.

We listen for God's Word

Isaiah 63:7-9

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

Matthew 2:13-23

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

'Faith amid horror'

We sing

(LM) GtG 153 - Rosamond Herklots

1 In Bethlehem a newborn boy
was hailed with songs of praise and joy.
Then warning came of danger near:
King Herod's troops would soon appear.

4 Lord Jesus, through our night of loss
shines out the wonder of your cross,
the love that cannot cease to bear
our human anguish everywhere.

2 The soldiers sought the child in vain:
not yet was he to share our pain;
but down the ages rings the cry
of those who saw their children die.

5 May that great love our lives control
and conquer hate in every soul,
till, pledged to build and not destroy,
we share your pain and find your joy.

3 Still rage the fires of hate today,
and innocents the price must pay,
while aching hearts in every land
cry out, 'We cannot understand!'

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

*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

(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.

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.

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.

We are sent

Postlude