



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

## Third Sunday of Advent

10am – Sunday 13 December 2020

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Music to prepare us for worship Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, a Voice is Calling Us) from Op. 135a  
Max Reger (1873-1916); *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, Op. 100 - Flor Peeters (1903-1986); *In Dulci Jubilo*,  
BuxWV 197 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707); *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her* (From Heaven High, I  
Come to Here) - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712) played by Peter Stockwell

**Music of approach** “Still, still, still” German carol, arr. Andrew Gant

Grace Togneri and Jack Hanan/ soloists

### Call to worship

(Psalm 126, the MSG)

It was a dream, too good to be true, when G OD brought us home.

**We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune.**

We were the talk of everyone — “G OD was wonderful to them!” people said.

**G OD was wonderful to us; we are one happy people.**

And now, G OD, do it again — bring rains to our dry and thirsty lives

So those who planted their crops in sadness will shout hurray at the harvest

**So those who went off with heavy hearts**

**will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.**

### Hymn

*O Come All Ye Faithful* arr. David Willcocks

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the king of  
angels;

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let  
us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2 God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created;  
[refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exaltation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God in the highest.':  
[refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh  
appearing;  
[refrain]

**Carol** “The 12 Days of Christmas” English traditional carol, arr. John Rutter

## Lighting the candle of joy

(Isaiah 35)

We light these candles of hope and peace, and today the candle of joy, as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As God has promised, in days to come - The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

**It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.**

## The Advent Calendar and Advent Prayer

### Prayer of approach

Dear God,

Thank you that you are with us. You are always with us.

You have been with us and our ancestors for generations.

We remember how you have rescued us again and again and again.

Praise to you. You give us hope when we have none.

Sorry that we do not always trust you. Sometimes it is so hard to trust.

But we want to trust you. Help us to trust you. Amen.

### Assurance of forgiveness

E te whanau, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

### Music *"Aue, Maria!"*

Knox junior choir

### Hymn

(tune: Woodlands) CH4 286 - Timothy Dudley-Smith

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of our Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm in his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of our Lord

to children's children and for evermore!

## Hymn

1 While shepherds watched their flocks  
by night  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

2 Fear not, said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled minds.  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to all of humankind.

3 To you, in David's town this day,  
is born of David's line,  
the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign.

## Prayers for Others

### Hymn *seated*

He hōnore, he korōria  
Maungārongo ki te whenua  
Whakaaro pai e

### Carol

1 Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

## Notices and thanks

(tune: Winchester Old CH4 296) - Nahum Tate

4 The heavenly babe you there shall  
find  
to human view displayed,  
All wrapped around in swaddling bands  
and in a manger laid.

5 All glory be to God on high  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will is shown by heaven to all  
and never more shall cease.

derived from a Ringatu prayer, based on Luke 2:14

Ki ngā tangata katoa  
Ake ake, ake ake  
Āmine  
Te Atua, te piringa,  
Toku oranga.

Fr Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber, trans. Emily Elliott

2 Marie te pō, tapu te pō  
Marino, marama  
Ko te Whaea, me te Tama  
Tama tino tapu ra  
Moe mai i te aio  
Moe mai i te aio.

## Hymn

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 us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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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.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen

Music for our leaving "*The Power of Life*" Mons Leidvin Takle

played by Grace Togneri, Knox Organ Scholar

### Serving

Minister - Kerry Enright  
Associate Minister - Jordan Redding  
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson  
Welcoming team - Patsy Mason's team  
Counting team - Paul Crack's team  
Sound - Lincoln Coe

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