



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 12 December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent - Nativity service

preservice music "Hymn" Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

played by Alexa Choie

"God rest ye merry gentlemen" Wilbur Held (1915-2015)

Hymn

Once in Royal David's city - text C Alexander, music H Gauntlett arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

1 Solo (please remain seated)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly
cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger
for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ
her little child.

3 All

And our eyes at last shall see him, through
his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our
Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place
where he is gone.

2 All (please stand and sing while masked)

He came down to earth from heaven who
is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle
was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly lived
on earth our Saviour holy.

Greeting and waiata

Ka waiata ki a Maria - Richard Puanaki

Ka waiata ki a Maria

Hine i whakaae

Whakameatia mai

he whare tāngata

Hine purotu

Hine ngākau

Hine rangimārie

Ko te Whaea

Ko te Whaea

O Te Ao

I sing to Mary

the woman who agreed

to bring forth life

from her womb

Woman who acquiesced

Woman of great heart

Woman of peace

She is the mother

She is the mother

of the world

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

Ma Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Lighting of the Joy Candle

Prayer *The prayer will be interspersed with the following refrain:*

O tidings of comfort and joy, and joy

O tiding of comfort and joy.

Hymn *(please remain seated as we sing)*

(God rest you merry) - Traditional English, arr. David Willcocks

1 God rest you merry, gentlefolk, let
nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born
upon this day,
To save us from temptation's power when
we were gone astray:

O tidings of comfort and joy, and joy

O tiding of comfort and joy.

2 Now to our God sing praises, all you
within this place,
And with true love and fellowship each
other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas, an overflow of
grace.

O tidings of comfort and joy, and joy

O tiding of comfort and joy.

Declaration of peace

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

Thanks be to God.

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Scripture reading: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. ***Praise to Christ the Word***

Christmas is cancelled! Part one

Anthem *"Star carol"* words and music John Rutter (b. 1945)

(See his star, shining bright! Follow me, joyfully

Hurry to Bethlehem to see the son of Mary)

Christmas is cancelled! Part two

Intercession

Hymn *(please stand and sing while masked)*

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 Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and
give victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CH4 273 - melody 15th century French, arr. David Willcocks

3 O come, thou Key of David, come, and
open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high and
close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Christmas is cancelled! Part three

Offertory: "I saw three ships"

English traditional carol, arr. David Willcocks

Notices and dedication of offering

Anthem: "How far is it to Bethlehem?"

text Frances Chesterton, English traditional
melody arr. Sara Brown

Hymn *(please stand and sing while masked)*

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]

(Adeste Fideles) CH4 306 - John Francis Wade
music 18th cent melody, arr. David Willcocks

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

Blessing and threefold amen

postlude "God rest ye merry gentlemen" John Rutter (b. 1945)

The online worship resource is continuing. It is accessible on the Knox Church YouTube channel.

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Reader - David Skegg

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