



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

## 10am – Sunday 5 December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Pre service "*Fugue in D minor*" J S Bach (1685-1750), "*In Dulci Jubilo*" Johann Walther (1496-1570)  
"*In Dulci Jubilo*" Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Choir prelude "*I sing of a maiden*"

15th century text, music by Richard Madden (NZ composer)  
Carolyn Schmid/ organ

### Greeting and call to worship

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

**Ma lhowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.**

Let us worship God.

### Waiata (*we will stand and sing while masked*)

He hōnora, he korōria

Maungārongo ki te whenua

Whakaaro pai e

Ki ngā tangata katoa

Ake ake, ake ake

Āmine

Te Atua, te piringa,

Toku oranga

*Honour, glory and  
peace to the land*

*May good thoughts  
come to humankind*

*For ever and ever*

*Amen*

*The Lord is my refuge  
and my life*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers

**For they will be called children of God.**

### Prayer of Approach & Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Passing the peace

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.**

*Please stand and make a gesture of peace towards people around you.*

#### Anthem "*In Dulci Jubilo*"

Old German tune, arr. Reginald Jacques and R L Pearson

## Hymn *(Please stand)*

(tune: Forest Green (CH3 157)) - M Perry, based on the Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79

1 O bless the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us  
with love for all see.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of rescue and release:  
God shall fulfil the promise  
and bring the people peace.

3 Where once were fear and darkness,  
the sun begins to rise –  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Saviour,  
with songs that never cease.

2 He comes! The Child of David,  
the Son whom God has given;  
he comes to live among us  
and raise us up to heaven;  
before him goes his servant –  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the herald of the Day.

## The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

## Sermon "Two words for a broken world"

### Hymn *(Please stand)*

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh:  
Prepare the way, repent, behold,  
for now His story must be told.

2 Let every heart be cleansed from sin,  
make straight the way for God within,  
and so prepare to be the home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

(tune: Winchester New (CH4 334)) - J Chandler (modified)

3 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand,  
and make the fallen sinner stand;  
shine out, and let your light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

4 To you, O Christ, all praises be,  
whose advent sets your people free  
to strive for justice, mend our ways,  
to love and serve you all our days.

## **Invitation to the Table**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy upon us.**

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**Grant us peace.**

We who would behold this great mystery  
enter the presence of the One who said:

**“I am the bread of life:**

**Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”**

So, come ... you who hunger and thirst for righteousness ...  
*riro te taro o te ora*, receive the bread of life.

**Amen.**

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.**

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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*Including prayers for others, and a sung version of the Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven**

**Holy be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

**On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**As we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not put us to the test,**

**But deliver us from evil,**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**Are yours now and for ever.**

***Amen*** (8 times)

# Communion

## The Distribution *"Comfort Ye"* music G F Handel (1685-1759)

Jesse Hanan/soloist

### Hymn *(please stand)*

(tune: Sine Nomine (CH4 736)) - Shirley Murray

1 Give thanks for life,  
the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through  
beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope,  
our love, our praise,  
*Alleluia!*

3 And for our own,  
our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love by  
which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time  
or death or dread,  
*Alleluia!*

2 Give thanks for those  
who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame,  
bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth,  
who burned for what is right,  
*Alleluia!*

4 Give thanks for hope,  
that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness  
does its life retain,  
in resurrection  
to grow green again,  
*Alleluia!*

### Benediction *(followed by threefold sung Amen)*

Organ postlude *Magnificat tertii toni (Magnificat on the third tone)* from 'Ars Magna Consoni et Dissoni'

Johann Speth (1664-1719)

played by Peter Stockwell

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

#### Serving today

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Reader - Beulah Leitch

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