



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 26 December 2021

First Sunday after Christmas / Ratapu tuatahi i muri i te Kirihimete

Pre service music

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise to You, Jesus Christ) - Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654), *Puer Nobis Nascitur (A Boy is Born for Us)* - Jean Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738), *In Dulci Jubilo, BuxWV 197* - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Greeting and call to worship

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

Ma Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Whakamoemititia, whakakorōria,

whakamoemititia to tātou atua.

Sing praises, all you heavens, sing praises to the Lord,

Sing praises, hosts of angels, sing praises to our God.

Whakamoemititia, whakakorōria,

whakamoemititia to tātou atua.

Sing praises, from the rich earth, that gives life to the world,

Sing praises, from the oceans, sing praises to the Lord.

Whakamoemititia, whakakorōria,

whakamoemititia to tātou atua.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord,

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to our God.

Whakamoemititia, whakakorōria,

whakamoemititia to tātou atua.

Hymn *(we will stand and sing while masked)*

(Joy to the world) 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 nature sing,
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.

Prayer of approach

Declaration of peace

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ, we are forgiven. **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.**

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

Hymn *(we will stand and sing while masked)*

(tune: Martyrdom (CH4 32)) CH4 333

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781

1 Now, Lord! according to thy word,
let me in my peace depart;
mine eyes have thy salvation seen,
and gladness fills my heart.

3 This great salvation, long prepared,
and now disclosed to view,
hath proved thy love was constant still,
and promises were true.

2 That Sun I now behold, whose light
shall heathen darkness chase,
and rays of brightest glory pour
around thy chosen race.

First reading: Exodus 13:11-16

‘When the Lord has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord’s. But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. When in the future your child asks you, “What does this mean?” you shall answer, “By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.” It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.’

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

Gospel reading: Luke 2:22-38

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were

amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

Sermon

Musical reflection *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin (In Peace and Joy I Now Depart: Nunc Dimittis)*

Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

Prayer for others followed by the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Notices and dedication of offering *(please stand)*

Hymn *(we will stand and sing while masked)*

(tune: Nun Danket (CH4 182)) CH4 456 - George Wallace Briggs

1 Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every man and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where people own his sway:
from bondage freedom breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
we shall forsake our fear,
to ploughshare bear the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone you;
the world has waited long,
has traivailed long in pain:
come, heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Blessing

Post service music *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her (From Heaven High I Come to Here)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Serving today

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Prayers for Others - Graham Redding

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