



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Kotahi Hakihea
(1 December) 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Ko te Rātapu tuatahi o te taenga mai

Organ music (Waiata Ōkana) *“God rest ye Merry gentlemen”* Wilbur Held (1914-2015), played by Matthew Gordon
“Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel” Heathcote Statham (c 1956), *“The Star proclaims the King is here”*
Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Choir (Kaiwaiata) *“Matin Responsory for the First Sunday of Advent”* adapted from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94), text Early Medieval, translated from the Roman rite
Soloists: Geoff Swift, Jay Robinson, Grace Togneri, Alexa Choie

Greeting (Rāhiritanga)

Welcome, haere mai, talofa lava, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, mauri
The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Call to action: *Te Tiriti o Waitangi*

Rachel Tombs

Lighting the Advent Candle

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life;
Come, living Saviour come to your world which waits for you.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.

Call to Worship (Karanga ki te karakia)

God of light, shining strongly, focused on the deep darkness of despair,
flooding the inky blackness of isolation, blazing bright on the dark night of sin,
piercing the shade of the pains of injustice, bathing the world with the sun of renewal,
we eagerly wait for the coming once again of Jesus,
as a dawn of healing and hope and of judgement.

**God let the light of your presence burst in on our worship
making our ordinary offering burn
with the brilliance of your Spirit’s inspiration
In the name of the Light of the World we pray.**

Hymn (Hīmene)

(tune: *Stuttgart*) - Charles Wesley

1 Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Passing the Peace (Te tuku i te Rangimārie)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

May the Shalom of Jesus Christ be with you always.

Ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you

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

Choir (Kaiwaiata) "Ave Maria" Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

Anna High/ piano

First Focus (Kaupapa Tuatahi): Seeds of Hope

Hymn (Hīmene)

(tune: *Bunessan*) – Jan Chamberlin

1 God of all beauty,
God of creation;
giver of sunshine,
rain from above,
maker of mountains,
rivers and rainbows,
all of our bounty,
comes from your love.

2 I can't repay you
all that I owe you;
there's no accounting
these gifts are free
but I can listen
for your directions.
show everybody
that you love me.

3 I can love others,
help feed the hungry;
visit the lonely,
grieving and ill;
speak out for justice,
fight for true freedom;
show all my neighbours
what is your will.

4 Help me show mercy,
help me live freely;
help me be patient,
faithful and true;
help me to follow,
walk in your footsteps,
spend all my life time,
living for you.

1st Bible Reading (Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi): Jeremiah 33:14-16

Whakarongo ki te Wairua Tapu, Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Māuruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

2nd Bible Reading (Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarua): Luke 21:25-36

Whakarongo ki te Kupu a te Atua, Listen for the Word of God.

Māuruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

Second Focus (Kaupapa Tuarua): Signs of Hope

Hymn (Himene)

(tune: *The Ash Grove*) - Jan Chamberlin

At the conclusion of this Hymn, a basket of donated items for the Presbyterian Support foodbank will be brought forward and dedicated. If you wish to contribute financially to the work of Knox Church and you are not on our electronic giving system, please place your cash offering in one of the donation boxes at the back of the church as you leave. Thank you for your support.

1 In the world of darkness
stress filled and bad times
in tragic and sad times
our faith can take flight.
When life overcomes us
switch worries and tensions
of frightening dimensions
we need God's true light.
The light can do wonders
Its glory comes streaming,
enfolding us softly
the great and the small.
The candle and torchlight,
the lantern and spotlight,
the laser ray beaming;
he outclasses them all.

2 And if we receive it
this light can transform us
make over, reform us,
put us right with God.
Show us the way forward
Illuminate brightly
our path, as we lightly
tread where he has trod.

Each moment of living
in daytime or dreaming
his love-light is shining
on us from above.
No bright starlit crescent
no vapour fluorescent
not earthly light gleaming
can outshine his love.

3 O loving Lord Jesus,
the brightest of all lights
save us from our dark nights
and our selfish greed.
Show show how the Father
so loving and giving
can bless all our living
and fill all our need,
Help us to show your light
and your love abounding
reflecting your glory
and giving you praise.
Bless us in our labour
of serving our neighbour
Your love-light surrounding
us all of our days.

Dedication of the Offering (Te Whakatapunga o ngā Koha)

Choir (Kaiwaiata) *"The Holly and the Ivy"* English Traditional carol, arr. Walford Davies (1913)

Prayers of the people (Ngā karakia a te iwi)

The Lord's Prayer (Te Inoi a te Ariki)

Notices (Pānui)

Hymn (Hīmene)

(tune: *Cwm Rhondda*) – Bill Wallace

1 Past and present, with our dreaming,
Join to make us what we are:
Ancient wisdom, ancient follies
Shape the way we love and care
Give us reverence,
Give us wisdom,
From the past for life today.

3 We must face the future's challenge
To create a better earth:
Hand in hand with all who labour
Dream and suffer for its birth:
For through sharing
And through caring
We shall build community.

2 Make us mindful of the present
Ev'ry force, each strength, each flaw,
Free us from those selfish motives
Which consume us more and more:
Give us vision.
Give us courage,
For this modern age of change.

Benediction (Te Manaakitanga)

Threefold Amen

Organ music (Waiata Ōkana) "Sleepers, Wake" Miles l'A Martin (1888-1949) & Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Evening service – 7pm – Advent Processional – with the Choir, in the Church led by Margaret Garland

Serving today

Member – Carol Grant
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Jill Rutherford
Prayer – Janet Wishart
Welcoming team – David Mann's team
Counting team – team 4

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