



Johnsonville Uniting Church
Morning Worship – Advent Two
Sunday 6 December 2020



Welcome to our Service

An audio of the sermon will be online later today.

Advent 2: PEACE

Words to Ponder

Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work.

It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.



Order of Service:

Good morning and welcome

Say hello to those around you

Moment of silence

Let's sing: **Christians Awake Salute the Happy Morn** (WOV 231: Vv1-3)

Call to worship:

L: We gather today to celebrate that the Lord came to us that day in Bethlehem and

JUC: We gather to make ready our hearts to receive Him.

L: We gather here today to equip ourselves for the waiting we are in until the Lord comes again

JUC: We gather to make ready our hearts to receive Him.

L: We are caught up in the rush of the season.
Calm us down, Lord.

JUC: The Lord is bringing peace to us.

L: We get caught up in the darkness of the world

JUC: The Lord is bringing peace to us.

ALL: Praise be to God who brings peace to a hectic world. AMEN.

We sing: **Once in Royal David's City:**

(CH4 315; Vv1-3)

Notices and community time:

Birthday's and celebrations

Advent time is waiting time

Tamariki song: **Little Donkey, Little Donkey**

Tamariki time

Prayer

Reading: Psalm 85:1-2 and 8-13

Sandra Gaelic

Reflection on Mark 1:1-8

Sing in response to reflection:

Now Thank We All Our God

(WOV 14; Vv1-3)

Communion

SING: **Take our Bread:**

(WOV 656; Vv 1 and 2)

Serve communion

Prayer for others

Offering

Benediction

Sing: **Lord give us hope this Advent time**

(Vv 1 and 2)



This Week's People (6 Dec 2020)

Advent 2

Worship Leader Rev Leanie Lemmer
Organist: Sharmala David
Bible Reader Sandra Gaelic
Prayers for Others Karen Billings-Jensen
Welcome/Notices Andrew Donovan
Communion Contact Karen Parminter

Tech Desk (Sound) Georgina Lafoa'i
Tech Desk (PPT) Andrew Donovan
Stewards { Luisa Viliamu, Janet McFadden
Val Elmev, Rob Wilkinson
Children's Prog Leaders { Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
and Matt Lange
Morning Tea Mary Mason / Diane Ryan
Flowers Christmas Decorations



Next Week's People (13 Dec 2020)

Advent 3 - ALL AGES Service

Worship Leader Rev Leanie Lemmer
Organist: Heather Lange
Bible Reader: Graham Cochrane
Welcome/Notices Karen Parminter
Tech Desk (Sound) Meg Lange
Tech Desk (Ppt) Andrew Donovan

Stewards { Sandra Gaelic, Karen Parminter
Anne Henderson
Children's Prog Leaders { Naima Soa-Lafoa'i
and Matt Lange
Morning Tea
Flowers Christmas Decorations



Notices for 6th December

Concert on Sat 12th – with the Malvina Major Choir

Linden Loader music students, together with the Malvina Major Choir, will present a Christmas concert at JUC on **Saturday 12th December at 3pm**. Everyone is most welcome. A gold coin donation would also be most welcome.

Sunday 13th December is going to be a special ALL AGE SERVICE.

To help make it even more special, Christmas cake will be served with tea/coffee.

Christmas Music Cantate Choir:

On **Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm** the Cantate Choir will be singing Christmas music. This will be followed by afternoon tea.

Please RSVP to Judith Dunlop ph 478 5252 or dunlop-bjf@xtra.co.nz

Carol Service including the JUC Choir on Sunday 20th Dec

It will be a feast of music for choir and congregation celebrating Christmas.

Invitation to Join ACK on Christmas Day

For the past few years, the Afrikaans Uniting Church has held a Christmas Day Service in JUC at 8am. They have invited us all to join them. (Our own Christmas Day Service starts at 10am).

We need to borrow a small CD player

If you or someone you know has a spare small CD player please contact Alison Craig 027 4785213. This is for temporary use by a congregation member. Thank you'

Lectionary after Lunch Group is now on Wednesday 1:30 pm in Leanie's office.

Two weeks of Small Groups left, Tuesdays 10 am and 7:30 pm at church.

COVID-19 Alert Level 1 Reminders – QR Codes, a gentle reminder to use the QR code when coming into our building and other buildings you visit during the week. Covid-19 still exists and we need to be vigilant in being prepared against it.

JUC Draft Vision Statement - as announced last Sunday, the Parish Council will be seeking parish endorsement of the draft vision statement at a **special meeting on Sunday 13 December**. The draft vision statement is, "**Christ is the focus and centre of everything we do**"

Morning Tea Duty

For current participants: Thank-you for your excellent work this year. Are you happy to continue for the 2021 roster? Or interested in joining the roster? There's plenty of room - we would love to have you. It's a great opportunity to chat while you pour. Please talk to, email, text, or phone: Sherryn Stuart 021 207 2589 sherrynjs@hotmail.com

Like to Sing Christmas Carols?

Come and join us on **Tuesday 15th December at Cashmere Home Helston Road** at 6pm. Then along to **Cashmere Heights**. This will probably be over by 7.30 pm. We normally leave a Christmas basket at each home from JUC, for the residents and staff. If you would like to provide something to be included in this, please see Bev Donovan 4780 944

The Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry team, (under Public Worship in our Mission Plan), has replaced the old Worship Forum. Janet McFadden is leading this ministry, and we welcome any questions or suggestions from within our church family: email those to Janet, at jmcf64@gmail.com.

Christmas Concerts and Festivals from all over.

Please see the Notice Board for flyers with more information

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Words for Hymns

Christians Awake Salute the Happy Morn (WOV 231)

Vv1-3

1. Christians, awake, salute the happy morn
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above;
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin's son.
2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
to you and all the nations upon earth;
this day has God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord".
3. He spoke; and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire.
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heaven's whole orb with hallelujahs rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace upon earth, and unto men good-will.

Words: John Byrom 1692 – 1763

Music: STOCKPORT; John Wainwright (1723-1764)

Once in Royal David's City:

(CH4 315)

Vv1-3

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms He lay.
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as He.

MHB 859; WOV 237; CH4 315
Cecil Frances Alexander 1818 – 1895
Music: IRBY; Henry John Gauntlett
Harmony by HJ Gauntlett & Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)
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Little Donkey, Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night
don't give up now, little donkey,
Bethlehem's in sight

Refrain

Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way
Little donkey, little donkey, journey's end is near
There are wisemen waiting for a sign to bring them here

Refrain

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way

Source: Musixmatch

Sing in response to reflection:

Now Thank We All Our God

(WOV 14; Vv1-3)

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
in whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
And keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven, -
the Father and the Son,,
and Spirit – now be given:
The one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

WOV 14; CH4 182
Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)
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Music: NUN DANKET

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
Translated Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), *alt.*

Take our Bread:

(WOV 656; Vv 1 and 2)

Refrain

*Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you
take our lives,*

O Father, we are yours.

*Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives,*

O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set,
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget;
we are the sign of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

2. Yours as we stand at the table you set,
yours as we drink the wine our hearts can't forget:
we are the sign of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

Words (V1) & Music: © 1967, Joseph Wise (1967-)
Music arr. Guy Jansen (1935-)

Verse 2: © Colin Gibson(1933-)

Lord Give Us Hope this Advent Time

(Vv 1 and 2)

1. Lord, give us HOPE this advent time,
that we may not despair
with tragedies and grief and pain
and sadness everywhere.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find HOPE as we begin
to celebrate his birth.
2. Lord, give us PEACE this advent time,
that we may know as friend
those of another culture, creed;
that wars may have an end.
As we await Christ's coming
to live upon this earth,
may we find PEACE as we begin
to celebrate his birth.

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Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem (traditional)

(Dates for this notice are 13th and 20th December please) On Sunday 10th January we are having members of Khandallah

Presbyterian, Ngaio Union and Wadestown Presbyterian Church worshipping at JUC. Could all those JUC members who will be attending this service please provide a small plate of finger food to share with our visitors over a cuppa. Many thanks.