

We remain standing and sing:

**Look toward Christmas, Advent is here,
Welcome December, changing the year.
Whistle up, Shepherds, saddle up, Kings,
Chorus up, Angels, flexing your wings.**

**Sing, sing Alleluia, sing, sing Alleluia,
sing, sing out the story,
sing about hope and peace.**

**Set the world singing, make the world glad,
now is good reason not to feel sad.
Hear John the Baptist shout to prepare,
good news is coming, earth be aware.**

**Sing, sing Alleluia, sing, sing Alleluia,
sing, sing out the story,
sing about hope and peace.**

**Mary and Joseph, soon is the day.
Ready the Donkey, start on your way.
You are the chosen, willing to trust,
joyful your burden, carrying Christ.**

**Sing, sing Alleluia, sing, sing Alleluia,
sing, sing out the story, sing about hope and
peace.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.
Thank you for worshipping with us this
morning. You are welcome to stay and share
refreshments with us!**



'SIMPLE AS" - ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Our Regional theme this Advent and Christmas season is "Simple As." A preaching team comprising Jacqui Paterson, David Leask, Mike Hansen and

Wendy Harland have taken up the challenge of providing words of wisdom to titillate you with over the Advent period. Enjoy!

JACQUI'S INDUCTION AT WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL

This important occasion for Jacqui is be held on **Sunday, 11 December 2016**, at 7pm at the Waikato Diocesan School. It would be lovely for her to have the support of some of our Holy Trinity parishioners Please contact Don Young (757 8700) or Norma Benton (758 6783) if you would like to attend.

HOLY TRINITY CAROL SERVICE Sunday, 18 December 2016 at 9.45am

Sing Christmas 19th December at 6 pm at Holy Trinity. Carols from around the world with the Taranaki sounds Good! Singers and Steel Band

PARISH VACANCIES Church and Hall Cleaners

Have you ever thought that you could do a little cleaning for the church? Now is your opportunity, as we are very short of cleaners. Those over eighty wish to retire! Let Jillian Suthon (758 0776) have your names for the roster.

Vestry Minute Secretary

In the new year, we will require the services of a minute secretary. If you have the expertise, or know someone who would, please speak with one of the Wardens, Don Young or Norma Benton.

Overall Fund Raising Convenor

We would also like someone to look after the overall fundraising for our church next year - not to do all the work, as some fundraising is already being taken care of by volunteers, but to oversee. There again, please speak to one of the Wardens.

PRAYER CHAIN - Holy Trinity's Prayer Chain operates on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please contact Pam McAuliffe (7583272) with your prayer requests



Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy

Advent 2: Simple As

A Welcome

Grace and Peace to You from God.

God fill you with truth and joy

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We stand and sing as Gods Guys and The Humungous Love Club move to worship in the hall...

**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.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thy own eternal spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By thy all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

We remain standing for

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Today we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the candle for hope, and remember that God lights our path.

We wait in hope

Through the prophets, God tells us about a child who will lead the way into peace.

We wait in hope.

We remember John the Baptizer as a voice crying out in the wilderness to "Prepare the way of the Lord". And so we prepare our hearts and minds as we wait for the blessed gift of Christ's birth.

We wait in hope

We are seated and pray...

Almighty God, To whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us, in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness:

Hear the teaching of Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.

And a second is this:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.
God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.
Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Sentence:

You are the Holy One enthroned on the praises of your people. Our ancestors trusted in you and you delivered them; they put their trust in you and were not disappointed. *Psalms 22: 3-5*

NEXT WEEK: ADVENT THREE

PREACHER: Rev Mike Hansen

PRESIDER : Rev Mike Hansen

READINGS: ISAIAH 35: 1-10; PSALM 146: 5-10; JAMES 5:7-10; MATTHEW 11: 2-11

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The Collect:

**Creator God,
We praise you for your love in coming to us,
unworthy though we are.
Give us grace to accept the Christ
who comes in your name,
and the courage to be Christ for others.
Hear this prayer for Your love’s sake
Amen.**

The Proclamation

A reading from The Book of Isaiah chapter 11
beginning at verse 1 (-10)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from The Letter to the Romans chapter 15
beginning at verse 4 (-13)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing....

Everyone
**Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,**

Ladies
**Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,**

Men
**Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,**

Everyone
**Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,**

We remain standing for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew
Chapter 3 beginning at verse 1 (-12)

Praise and glory to God....

...This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

We are seated

The Sermon: David Leask

We remain seated for the Prayers of the People

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand for The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ

We remain standing and sing our Offertory Hymn:

**Who is the child that is to be born,
who is the child?
Less than a wisp of straw in a stable,
Brighter than sun, the light from his candle,
This is the Christ!
This is the Christ this is the Christ**

**Who is to sing the song of his birth,
Who is to sing?
All whom the story touches and changes,
Hopeful and healed, Whom love rearranges,
These know the song.
These know the song these know the song**

**Who is to dance the dance of his birth,
Who is to dance?
Limbs that are leased a life into freedom,
Hands that will hold the world In a welcome,
These know the dance.
These know the dance these know the dance**

**Who are to be the bearers of Christ?
Who are they now?
All who give birth to lively compassion,
carry peace as dearest possession,
these bear the Christ.**

These bear the Christ these bear the Christ

Our offerings are presented.

Blessed are you, God of all creation...
... and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

We remain standing or are seated for
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God’s Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.
It is right indeed...
...for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;..
...do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,...
...We worship you, O God, in songs of
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

We sing the Lords Prayer together
**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**We who are many are one body, for we all share
the one bread.**

Draw near, and receive the precious body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he
died for us. let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith
with thanksgiving.

The Communion

We remain seated and sing:

**Come now, Lord Jesus,
Enter our Christmas,**

**Be to us no stranger
In this new-made manger.**

**Come, small and human,
Born of a woman,
Yet a Son much greater
Of our own Creator.**

**Come, cold and crying,
Comfort denying,
No place to receive you,
Few yet to believe you**

**Come poor and simple,
Our flesh your temple
In your body feeling
Hurt as well as healing.**

**Come gift and token,
Bread to be broken
Star and sign still point you,
Myrrh will yet anoint you.**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, giver of all good things...
...of all faithful people.

**Therefore, ever living God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves,
all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community

We stand for The Blessing

