

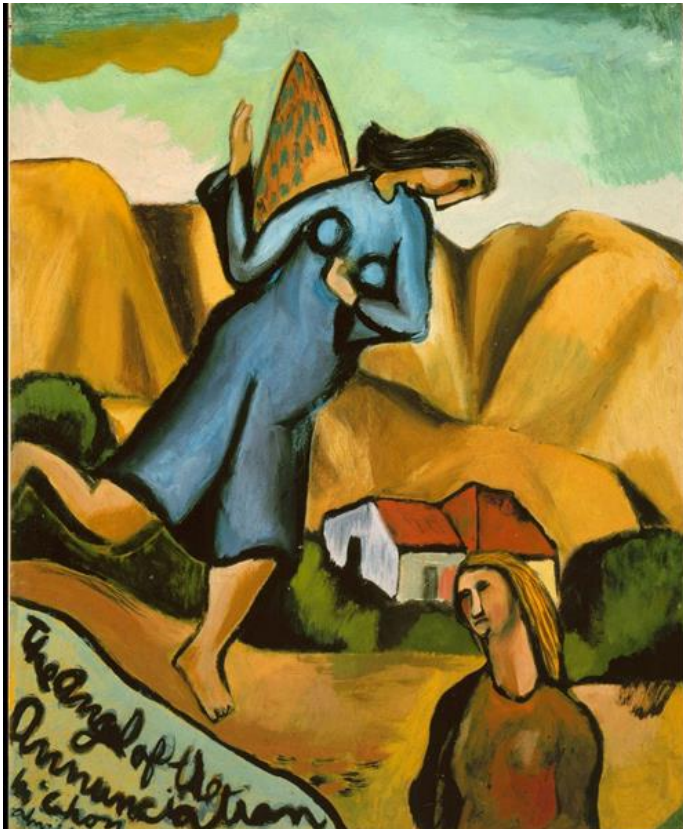


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## Waikanae 10am HC 8 December 2024 Advent 2

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*Angel of the Annunciation by Colin McCahon*

# Welcome and notices

## Introduction

### Call to worship

Among the hungry, among the homeless,  
Among the friendless,  
**Come to make things new.**

Among the powerful, among the spoilt,  
Among the crooked,  
**Come to make things new.**

In halls for fame, in corridors of power,  
In forgotten places,  
**Come to make things new.**

With all-seeing eyes, with tender touch  
With cleansing love  
**Come to make things new.**

Carol: Come now, Lord Jesus AA23

**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.**

Candle Lighting prayer  
Rangimarie

***Response: in Advent we give thanks for the peace we  
have found in family and community, in creativity  
and beauty, within us and in the world around us.  
Amen!***

*As we gather before God we acknowledge our turning  
away from God: from all that is good, that is loving, that  
is true. In this time of Advent, let us focus in particular on  
the times we turn away from peace, accepting also  
God's unconditional forgiveness of us.  
God of peace,  
we come before You tired and weary.*

Worn out from a hard week of tasks; weary from a short night of rest,

fragile as dew on a blade of grass.

Yet You set before us a fresh morning,  
a window of opportunity, an offer of a new start.

For this we praise You.

God of peace,

we come before You doubting and confused,  
senses dulled by relentless worry, minds restless with niggles and cares,

fragile as frost on a winter's morning.

Yet You set before us an anchor of openness,  
the wide arms of questions and acceptance  
that know nothing of right or wrong.

For this we praise You.

God of peace,

we come before You often judging,  
living on the breath of assumptions,  
fragile as a half-heard whisper.

Yet You draw us in to Your unconditional love,  
embracing us in our diversity and uniqueness.

For this we praise You.

God of peace,

forgive us our fickleness,  
release us from our inner critic,  
lead us gently by Your living, constant flame  
to the glory of Your love and peace in which we are  
welcomed, renewed, made whole.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
Amen.

Carol No use knocking on the window WOV 559

**No use knocking on the window,  
there is nothing we can do, sir,  
All the beds are booked already,  
there is nothing left for you, sir:**

***Standing in the rain, knocking on the window,  
knocking on the window on a Christmas Day.  
There he is again, knocking on the window,  
knocking on the window in the same old way.***

**No use knocking on the window,  
some are lucky, some are not, sir,  
we are Christian men and women,  
and we're keeping what we've got, sir:**

***Standing in the rain...***

**No, we haven't got a manger,  
no, we haven't got a stable,  
we are Christian men and women,  
always willing, never able:**

***Standing in the rain...***

**Jesus Christ has gone to heaven,  
one day he'll be coming back, sir,  
in our house he will be welcome,  
but we hope he won't be black, sir:**

***Standing in the rain...***

**Wishing you a merry Christmas,  
we will all go back to bed, sir,**

till you woke us with your knocking,  
we were sleeping like the dead, sir:  
*Standing in the rain...*

Sydney Carter

## Readings

Baruch 5:1-9

Luke 1:68-79

## Reflection

Carol: O Come O Come Emmanuel WOV193

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear**

***Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice, Rejoice! ...***

**O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice, Rejoice! ...***

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice, Rejoice! ...***

Prayer of Dedication for our offering

Prayers for the World

Communion Carol: Come thou long expected Jesus  
WOV200

**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 Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

*Charles Wesley*

## Communion Liturgy

Call to Communion

Let us give thanks!  
**God has come to feed us**

Like a mother, God has held us;  
**God has calmed and quieted our fear.**

Like a father, God has forgiven us;  
**And removed our sins from us.**

Bless God's holy name!  
**And forget not all God's benefits.**

We thank you for the promise of this meal:  
Your presence to break the bonds of isolation,  
Your power to overcome our powerlessness.  
We thank you for the promise of this day:  
New life for tired spirits, accomplishment for the faithful.  
Help us to reach out to each other in community  
And be agents of renewal.  
May your coming happen in and through us.

God in Christ breaks down the walls



That make us strangers to ourselves  
And divide us from one another.  
We are the body of Christ.  
As we enact our faith  
The body broken is restored to wholeness;  
Life poured out brings healing to our world.

At this table we receive God's love made flesh.  
What we receive, we now share.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

We dream, O God, of community,  
But in our daily lives we forget such hopes.  
Our dreams recede,  
Sister and brother we call "stranger."  
**Yet this Advent we remember with thanksgiving  
Your promise of new life in Christ.**

We thank you that you have given us to one  
another  
Even as you have given yourself to us.  
**With arms outstretched, as a child reaching to  
be held  
Christ calls us to himself,  
And names us as his family.**

So with our arms outstretched  
We reach out to one another.  
**Be born again in us, O God,  
That we may receive this mystery**

## Of Christ, the Living Bread.

The Words of Institution

We remember all the meals we have taken with Jesus,  
And we recall the last meal he shared in Jerusalem,

*“This is my body, broken for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way, we remember that Jesus took the cup,  
saying

*“This is the cup of the new covenant.  
Do this as often as you drink it  
In remembrance of me.”*

Eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that Christ may be within us as we share this meal, that our eyes may be opened and that we may recognize him.

**Bless this bread and cup and bless your church that in the fullness of time every cup will be filled to overflowing, every table will be one of welcome, and every life will be filled with abundant love.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation,  
You are the bread of life.

Blessed are you, God of all creation,  
You are the cup of blessing.

Prayer after Receiving  
Let us pray.

**Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in the simplicity and peace of this holy Advent meal. In the joy of this season unite us with all whom Christ welcomes, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray.**

**Carol: Look towards Christmas**

**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...***

**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 ...***

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Advent Blessing

**At this time of Advent,  
fire our imaginations  
with the sweep of Your salvation.  
Catch us up  
in the cause of Your kingdom,  
already breaking through into this world  
yet waiting for its final fulfilment  
when Christ shall come again.  
And let Your Spirit,  
wild as the wind,  
gentle as the dove,  
move within us and among us,  
to enliven our worship  
and strengthen our faith,  
sending us out  
with anticipation and joy.  
Amen.**

We say the Grace together.