



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 15 January 2017

The Second Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

Pre service music *Wie schon leuchtet uns der Morgenstern* (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)

from *Op.135a*

An Wasserflüssen Babylon (By the Waters of Babylon)

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome

Call to worship and Greeting

Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Hymn “*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*” (Aberystwyth) CH4 133 - Thomas Troeger

1 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life all endowed:

*May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth and feeds
them all is the God whom we proclaim.*

2 Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Saviour, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
way who leads us to the I AM:

[Refrain]

3 Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Counsellor, Presence Love,
Energies that never tire.

[Refrain]

Opening Prayers

We will conclude this time of prayer with the following sung refrain (CH4 790), which we will sing three times:

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

Last time only:

**Grant us, grant us,
grant us your peace.**

AGNUS DEI (St Bride)

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the
world; O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin — of the world; have mer - - cy, have
(Last time) grant — us, —
mer - - cy, have mer - - cy on us.
grant — us, — grant — us your peace.

Passing the Peace

Hymn “*Make me a channel of your peace*”

CH4 528 - Sebastian Temple

1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring
hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
[Refrain]

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

A responsive psalm

(based on Psalm 40:1-11)

We wait patiently on the One
whose steadfast love and faithfulness invites trust and confidence,
and who draws us out of the quicksand and mire
to set our feet on solid ground.

***In the strivings and rejoicings of faith, O God,
may our search and our trust give you praise.***

We wait patiently on the One
whose favour cannot be bought with bribes and acts of sacrifice,
but who keeps a record of us in Life's book,
multiplying in return what little we give.

***In the strivings and rejoicings of faith, O God,
may our search and our trust give you praise.***

We wait patiently on the One
whose Law is a gift,
and whose Word is life.

***O God of truth and mercy,
whose voice we often miss amidst the distractions and noise of our lives,
open our ears to listen for your voice in the words of Scripture,
open our eyes to behold your glory,
and lift us all to newness of song and heart.
In the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.***

Reading 1 John 1:5-2:2

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

Gospel John 1:29-42

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

Sermon “Behold the Lamb of God”

Hymn “*Just as I am, without one plea*”

(Saffron Walden) CH4 553 - Charlotte Elliott

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, 'Come to me',
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Prayer for others, then ...

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 for ever. Amen.

Offering and Dedication, then Notices

"Christ, der du bist der helle Tag" (Christ, You are the Light of Day) BWV 1120, from the 'Neumeister Collection'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church's account.*

Hymn *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"* (St Denio) CH4 132 - Walter Chalmers Smith

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring
above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth
thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

Grand Choeur in B flat from 'Douze Pieces pour Orgue'

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

This morning's service was led by the Very Rev Dr Graham Redding

You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.

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