



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 24 April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Pre service music *"In Memoriam"*

*"Pavane"* (pour une infante defunte)  
*"Elegy"*

Dom Andrew Moore (b. 1954)

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), arr Bryan Hesford  
George Thalben-Ball (1896 –1987)

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

(from Ps 148)

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

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

Praise God from the heavens, in the heights.

**Praise God, sun and moon, all you shining stars, you highest heavens.**

Let them praise God, for God spoke and they were created. God set them in place and fixed their bounds.

**Praise God, sea monsters and fathomless deeps, fire and hail, snow and ice.**

Praise God, mountains and hills, orchards and forests.

**Praise God, wild beasts and herds of cattle, creeping things and birds of flight.**

Praise God, rulers and people, leaders and important ones, men and women, old and young together.

**Let us praise the name of God. Let all Israel's people praise.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn *"O God of earth and space"*

(Leoni – CH4 99) PH 274 - Jane Parker Huber

1 O God of earth and space,  
of sea and fire and air,  
your providence surrounds us here  
and everywhere.

In fruit and grain and tree,  
in shelter from the cold,  
in cooling breezes, flowing wells,  
now as of old.

2 Where faithfulness is shown,  
where love and truth abound,  
where beauty graces human life,  
there You are found.  
Inspirer of all thought!  
Creative force of art!  
The melody on every tongue,  
in every heart!

3 Wherever freedom reigns,  
where sin is overthrown,  
where justice fused with mercy rules,  
there you are known.  
Give us the courage clear  
to make the earth a home  
for all to live in harmony  
in Christ's shalom.

4 Your word commands response  
and summons us to life.  
We follow, strengthened by Your grace,  
in calm or strife.  
Our ever-present help,  
our challenge and our prod,  
we praise You now and to life's end,  
Eternal God.

## Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

## Passing the Peace

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"Help us accept each other"*

(Aurelia – CH4) TiS 648 - Frederik Herman Kaan

1 Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Christ, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted  
and meant to love and live.

3 Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practise your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness  
and laughter's healing art.

2 Teach us, O Christ, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all – not just for some,  
to love them as we find them  
or as they may become.

4 Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us, make us one!

## Reading Acts 11:1-18

O give thanks to our God who is good:  
**whose love endures forever.**

You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,  
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses and ferns

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab, coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs,  
kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

## Reading      Revelation 21:1-6

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

## Sermon      “Crossing borders”

### Hymn “*Let us build a house*”

(Two Oaks) CH4 198 - Marty Haugen

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

4 Let us build a house where hands will  
reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

## 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.**

## Notices

### Offering and Dedication *"Nimrod"*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*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 *"Filled with the Spirit's power"*

(Woodlands – CH4 286) TiS 411 - J.R. Peacey

1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one  
accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care all those of every race:  
like wind and fire with life among us move  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians  
prove.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire:  
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your  
call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

### Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*"The Trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised"*

K Knudson (1993)

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