



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 9 October 2016

21st Sunday of Pentecost - Sacrament of Baptism

Pre service music

Welcome

Call to worship

(from Psalm 66)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Be joyful in God, all people on earth:

Sing to the honour of God's name.

Speak of God's awesome deeds;

All the earth shall worship God.

Sing to God and praise God's name;

See what God has done.

God turned the sea to land so the people went through the water on foot.

In God we rejoice.

Hymn *"Praise to the Lord"*

(Lobe den Herren) CH4 124 - Joachim Neander,
translator: Catherine Winkworth

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your
health and salvation;
come all who hear,
into God's presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is
wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently yet
firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and
power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

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 "*Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn*"

(Ye Banks and Braes CH4 718)

GtG 179 – John Thornburg

1 Ten lepers facing constant scorn,
emboldened by their daily plight,
encountered One whose healing touch
was known to put disease to flight.
The ten outsiders sought relief:
"Have mercy, Master, hear our plea."
"Seek out the priests," the Healer said.
He knew the walk could set them free.

2 A name-less junction in the road
became a holy turnabout.
One awestruck convert spun around
and praising God, began to shout.
God gave the space to turn around
to all the others on the way,
but only one resolved to seize
the miracle of grace that day.

3 Would we have stopped, retraced our
steps, and then embraced the living Lord
whose word had banished all our sores?
What kind of thanks would we afford?
God, make of us your living tithes;
the first fruits, fit to work for you.
Let each be like that one in ten:
transformed and cleansed, restored, made
new.

Reading Psalm 66: 1-12

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

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

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

Sermon 'Practising gratitude'

Hymn *“Child of Blessing”*

(Stuttgart CH4 325) AA 11 - Ronald Cole-Turner

1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptised with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

2 Child of love, our love’s expression,
love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
unto joy and laughter lead.

3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ’s name.

4 Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to listen for God’s call,
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN

Commitment of Congregation

You who are gathered here represent the whole Church, the Church catholic. Word and Sacrament bring you the joy of Christ’s presence in your midst. They also bring you responsibilities as Christ’s people in this place. Do you welcome Isaac; and do you renew your commitment, with God’s help, to live before all God’s children in a kindly and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, encourage one another in service.

Sung Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

CH4 796

Prayer for others...

Leader: God, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our Prayer**

**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

*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.*

Notices

Hymn *"Now thank we all our God"*

(Nun Danket) CH4 182 -Martin Rinkart

translator: Catherine Winkworth

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
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to 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.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

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

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