



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 2 October 2016

20th Sunday of Pentecost - World Communion

Pre service music *"Prelude"*

"Fugue sur la Trompette - Kyrie"
"Fuge"

George Thalban Ball (1896-1987) - Australia

François Couperin (1668-1733) - France

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) - Germany

Welcome

Call to worship

(adapted from Psalm 137)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

We live in a strange land, sensing that the world is out of balance economically, spiritually and ecologically.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

We've been washed, but we are not yet clean.

We've been baptised but we're not yet free.

We are in a strange land today.

We live in the land as aliens and strangers, as followers of Jesus.

We get lost in it; we forget our story.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Let us worship God.

Hymn *"Great is thy faithfulness"*

(Faithfulness) CH4 153 - Thomas Chisholm

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they
fail not,
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2 Summer and winter, and seed-time and
harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside. *[Refrain]*

Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Passing the Peace

Notices

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*Now the green blade riseth*" (Noel Nouvelet) CH4 417 - John Macleod Campbell Crum

1 Now the green blade riseth from the
buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days had
lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has
been:

*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom
men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps
unseen: [*Refrain*]

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen
grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
[*Refrain*]

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in
pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have
been: [*Refrain*]

Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

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

Sermon 'A mustard seed of faith'

Hymn “*Now to your table spread*”

(Love Unknown) AA 100 - Elizabeth Smith

1 Now to your table spread we come, each
one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and
death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.

3 Here is our common wealth in sharing
what is good,
as though all humankind around one table
stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste –
one people in the name of Christ.

2 Hands of the world stretch out, your
mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our
reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

Offering and Dedication “*Lamento*”

Felix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1982) - France

*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.*

Communion

Distribution “*Procession*”

Alan Ridout (1934-66) - UK

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.**

Hymn “*There's a Spirit in the air*”

(Lauds) CH4 616 – Brian Wren

1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world!'

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

4 When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

5 May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

6 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Sending

We can't do everything, **but we can love.**

We can't speak the final word, **but we can love.**

We don't quite feel like we belong, **but we can love.**

When we don't have the answers, **still, we can love.**

When we can't agree, **still, we can love.**

When we feel awkward and restless, **still, we can love.**

We're frustrated with the constraints of youth and aging, **but we can love now.**

We are weary of waiting for the land of promise, **but we can love now.**

We may let petty irritations trip us, **but still, we can love.**

We may choke on our faith songs, **but still, we can love.**

We may limp in our worship and service, **but still, we can love.**

We will be embarrassed at how messy our lives are, **but still, we can love.**

Benediction

Postlude "*Toccata Primi Toni*" Sark Op 11

Einar Traerup (1837-1924) - Denmark

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