



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 29 January 2017

The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

Pre service music

"Pastorale" Op 19
"Flute of grace"

Cesar Franck (1822-90)
Mons Takle (b. 1942)

Welcome

Introit *"Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God"*

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

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.

What does the Lord require of us?

To do Justice;

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

To love kindness;

Blessed are the meek and humble, for they will inherit the earth.

To walk humbly with our God;

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

We come to praise, to pray, to learn;

We come to worship our God.

Hymn *"God you spin the whirling planets"*

(Austria) GtG 23 - Jane Parker Huber

1 God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.

2 You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

3 God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Passing the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Anthem *"Beati Quorum Via"* (Blessed are the blameless)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Hymn *"O for a world"*

(CM) GtG 372 - Miriam T Winter

1 O for a world where everyone respects
each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with
justice and with praise.

4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who
perishes will rise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

5 O for a world preparing for God's
glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and
all but love will cease.

3 We welcome one world family and
struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision
voice.

Reading Micah 6:1-8

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

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon 'Blessed are the ... who?'

Hymn "Let justice roll down like river"

AA 85 - Colin Gibson

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice roll down like a sea,
let justice roll down like a river,
let justice begin through me.*

1 Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

[Refrain]

2 Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of warfare or need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

[Refrain]

3 Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered, and robbed of their birthright
silently bearing their pain.

[Refrain]

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

"Arioso"

J S 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 "Behold! The mountain of the Lord"

(Glasgow) CH4 715 -

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781

1 Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.

2 Among the nations God shall judge;
God judgements truth shall guide;
God sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.

3 No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men shall beat their
swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.

4 No longer hosts, encountering hosts,
shall crowds of slain deplore:
they hang the trumpet in the hall,
and study war no more.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Toccata"

Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

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

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