



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 1 October 2017

Refugee and World Communion Sunday

Pre service music “Sonatina” Weber; “Intercity Stomp” Christopher Norton played by Darcy Baldwin
“Waltz” C Weber played by Grace Togneri
“Minuet” Handel; “Tarentella” Thompson played by Tegen Baldwin

Welcome – Worship today is led by Ahi Kaa, the Knox Church Youth Group

Rachel Tombs

Introit “Prayer of the children”

words and music by Kurt Bestor

Call To Worship

(Christian World Service)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Welcoming God, we come together,

We come knowing that you are with us,

We come rejoicing in the comfort of this community.

We come in worship and praise,

mindful of the needs of those who have are far from home,

clear in our concern for each other and confident

of the love that unites us with your creation.

Hymn “God is love”

(Abbot's Leigh) CH4 123 - Timothy Rees

1 God is love: let heaven adore him;

God is love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,

God who spread the heavens above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is love, eternal love.

2 God is love, and is enfolding

all the world in one embrace;

with unfailing grasp is holding

every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then they find that selfsame aching

deep within the heart of God.

3 God is love: and, though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Prayers and assurance of forgiveness

Jesse Hanan and Rachel Tombs
(adapted from *WSCF Europe*)

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. All are God's beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with those around you. On this World Communion Sunday we invite you to extend peace in different languages. Shout some of those out....

Anthem *"O for the wings of a dove"* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Jesse Hanan - soloist

"Christ, Refugee"

Sara M Brown

1 Mary and Joseph were just seeking shelter.
Mary and Joseph tried to care for their
child.

So they travelled far away from their
homeland.

On foot, on a donkey, is it different today?

No ID, no passport, no permit to travel.

They were hunted by a cruel regime.

So they walked for miles to cross the
border.

How far would they travel to find a home
today?

*Christ, refugee. Helpless, we see you
in each child fleeing war in their land.*

*Christ refugee. Homeless we greet you with
hearts that are ready. Help us understand.*

2. Shelter, refuge, warmth, a welcome.

A home that's safe, our heart's desire
is to welcome Christ into our world now.

Does a barbed wire fence, stand in Your
way?

A barn, a cave, a cellar, a stable.

A bomb might fall, a gun could fire.

So they walked for miles to find a refuge.

How far must they travel to find a home
today?

*Christ, refugee. Helpless, we see you
in each child fleeing war in their land.*

*Christ refugee. Homeless we greet you with
hearts that are ready. Help us understand.*

Conversation with young members

Reading Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Sarah Hubbard

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

Reflections

Refugees – Grace Togneri

Stories from Dunedin Churches Welcome Refugees/Red Cross Day Camp –

Sarah Hubbard, Jack and Jesse Hanan

Affirmation of Faith

(From *Prayers on Parade*)

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**We believe in God, who has freely given the Holy Spirit
to bind us together as a community of grace.**

**We believe that the Spirit can lead us in the discovery of truth,
in the pursuit of justice, and in the practice of caring for one another.**

**In our homes, in the church and in the community
the Spirit offers us inspiration and courage.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Hymn “*When I needed a neighbour*”

(Neighbour) Ch4 544 - Sydney Carter

1 When I needed a neighbour were you there,
were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name
won't matter, were you there?*

2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
[Refrain]

3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
[Refrain]

4 When I needed a shelter were you there,
were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there?
[Refrain]

Prayer for others, then ...

(from *Anglican prayer book*)

**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.**

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"May the road rise to meet you"* David Hamilton Carolyn Schmid - organ

*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

Why have we gathered here?

We come because we have been called to live out a story.

What story shall we live?

The story of saving love.

Where did this story begin?

It was whispered before time began; it was sung in the melody of Creation.

Whose story is this?

This story is God's alone to tell. It hums in the stream of Leith and the trees of Pine Hill. It whispers in the skies and the waters of Otago Harbour. It calls to the people of all places.

Why then should we speak of this story?

This story calls our name in Creation. This story claims our lives through the Cross. This story shapes our future through the Spirit. We are its telling in this time and this place.

Hear the storytellers of all ages whisper with us.

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

So tell me the story of this night, of this table.

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it.

Tell me what he said and did.

This is my body which is broken for you. Do this and remember me.

Tell me what he said and did.

In the same way, he took the cup and said, this is a new covenant in my blood. Drink it and remember me.

This is our common story, our deep memory, our true destiny; so let it also be our storytelling, our testimony. Let's celebrate the way that grace has shaped our lives. I invite you to pray a prayer of thanks in your heart.

Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promises of Jesus, we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

What is our prayer on this day?

Shower us with your Spirit, here and now, so this common meal becomes a life-giving celebration. May our eating and drinking this day bind us to Christ, whose body and blood are given for us. May we know that you live in us and that we live in you, so that we live in your world, knowing it is indeed yours.

Living God, this is our prayer.

Amen.

This bread... this wine... the body and blood of Christ are for you, the people of Christ. Let us eat and drink together to the new creation.

Distribution *"Prelude"* Ralph Vaughan-Williams

played by Grace Togneri

We praise you for the reminders of your creative word in what we taste, see, smell, and touch. As we have taken this bread and wine, we accept the promise that your coming realm is being revealed and we offer our lives to be a place where its love is made real.

Amen.

Thanks to Rev Brendan McRae of Flagstaff Church for this liturgy

Hymn "God of freedom, God of Justice"

(Picardy) CH4 263 - Shirley Murray

1 God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
Christ who saw the dark of prison,
Christ who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

3 Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race or creed --
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

2 Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
to pursue the common good.

Sending out (adapted from WSCF Europe)

Grace Togneri and Sarah Hubbard

Threefold Amen

Postlude *"Praeludium"* Gordon Young

played by Grace Togneri

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

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