



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 8 October 2017

The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the season of Pentecost

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Pre service music *“Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren”*

(Praise to the Lord the Almighty King of Creation)

*“Gott des Himmels und der Erden”* (God of Heaven and of Earth)

Johann Walther (1684-1748)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

## Welcome

## Call To Worship

(adapted from Ps 19)

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

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

The heavens proclaim the glory of God:

**and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.**

The law of God refreshes the soul:

**The instruction of God is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

The precepts of God are right and rejoice the heart:

**The commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Respect for God is clean and endures forever;

**the judgements of God are true and righteous.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”*

(Lobe den Herren) CH4 124 -Joachim Neander

trans. 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, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn "*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*"

(Spirit) GtG 291 - James Manley

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.*

*Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.*

1 You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons, you called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." [Refrain]

2 You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [Refrain]

3 You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]

4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. [Refrain]

## Hebrew Scripture Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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

### The Ten Commandments

*(from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Hear the commandments which God's people were given through Moses.

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make yourself idols; you shall not worship them or serve them.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

## Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

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

### Sermon 'Hostile Takeover'

### Hymn "*Lord, we have come at your own invitation*"

*(Epiphany) CH4 638*

*Frederick Pratt Green*

1 Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication,  
ours a commitment we know never ends.

2 Here at your table, confirm our intention,  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

3 When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

4 So, in the world, where each duty assigned us  
gives us the chance to create or destroy,  
help us to make those decisions that bind us,  
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

## 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 *“An Old Man’s Tale”* from ‘*Stories of the Young*’ Op. 1

Enrique Granados (1867-1916), arr. Colin Hand

*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 *“O God who gives us life”*

(Noel) GtG 53 – C P Daw, jr.

1 Oh God, who gives us light and breath,  
who shapes us in the womb,  
who guards our lives from birth to death,  
then leads us from the tomb:  
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have  
from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all  
things new.

3 O God of covenant and law, revealed in  
cloud and flame,  
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare  
not speak your name.  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will  
your people prove,  
as on our hearts you write anew the  
covenant of love.

2 O God, who calls your people out  
to venture and to dare,  
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt  
and find you even there:  
when we despair in wandering through  
wastes of empty lies,  
refresh us with the living spring of hope that  
never dies.

### Benediction, then Postlude *“War March of the Priests”* from ‘*Athalie*’ Op. 74

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), arr. Frank E. Brown.

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