KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN  
growing in courage to live the Jesus way  
10am – Sunday 26 February 2017  
Transfiguration Sunday

Pre service music  “Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” from ‘Solomon’  
G F Handel (1685-1759)  
“A solis ortus cardine” (From whence the sun rises, Unto the end of the Earth, Let us praise Christ, our Lord ) Op 38.  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1901)

Welcome

Introit  “Hail Gladdening light!”  
Charles Wood (1866-1926) for Transfiguration  
Adapted from Roddy Hamilton

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.  
Behind all things, behind the surface  
there is a glory born of God  
Heaven breaking in  
A light that shines  
a more profound way of seeing things  
that transfigures our world  
that glows with hope  
that sees the glory in the cross of Christ  
and life through death.  
It is a glory that meets us on a mountain  
where Jesus, covered in the dust of the world,  
is caught up in the glory of God.  
Welcome to the mountain.

Hymn “We have come at Christ's own bidding”  
(8.7.8.7.D) GtG 191 - Carl Daw, jr.  
1 We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.  
2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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 **“O Nata Lux de lumine”** (O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world) by Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943) anthem for Transfiguration

Conversation with young members

**Hymn “Shine Jesus Shine”**

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining. Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father’s glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set out hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

[Refrain]

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

[Refrain]

Reading **Exodus 24:12-18**

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

Gospel **Matthew 17:1-9**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to Christ the Word**
Sermon ‘Threshold’

Hymn “Swiftly pass the clouds of glory” (Geneva 8.7.8.7.D) GtG190 - Thomas Troeger

1 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, 3 Lord, transfigure our perception
heaven's voice, the dazzling light, with the purest light that shines,
Moses and Elijah vanish; and recast our life's intentions
Christ alone commands the height! to the shape of your designs,
Peter, James, and John fall silent, till we seek no other glory
turning from the summit's rise than what lies past Calvary's hill
downward toward the shadowed valley and our living and our dying
where their Lord has fixed His eyes. and our rising by your will.

2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation, Prayer for others, then ...
they shall gain and keep its truth, Our Father in heaven,
not by building on the mountain hallowed be your name,
any shrine or sacred booth, your kingdom come,
but by following the Saviour your will be done,
through the valley to the cross and testing faith's resilience
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through the valley to the cross and by testing faith's resilience
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and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

3 Lord, transfigure our perception as we forgive those who sin against us.
with the purest light that shines, Forgive us our sins
and recast our life's intentions as we forgive those who sin against us.
till we seek no other glory as we forgive those who sin against us.
than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will. and our rising by your will.

Prayer for others, then ...

Our Father in heaven, Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga:
hallowed be your name, Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te
your kingdom come, whenua
your will be done, kia rite ano ki tō te rangi.
on earth as in heaven. Homai ki a mātou āianei he taro mā
Give us today our daily bread. mātou mō tēnei ra.
Forgive us our sins Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e
as we forgive those who sin against us. muru nei
Save us from the time of trial i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
and deliver us from evil. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia
For the kingdom, the power, and the Engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino.
glory are yours Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha me te
now and for ever. Amen. kororia
E to mātou Matua i te rangi. ake ake ake
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa: Amine

Offering and Dedication, then Notices

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, 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 “Love divine” (Hyfrydol) CH4 519 - Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
ever more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Fanfare”
William Mathias (1934-1992)

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