



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 26 February 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

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**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

**Call to worship and Greeting**

Adapted from Roddy Hamilton

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

**Ma lhowa 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)

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)  
anthem for Transfiguration

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn "*Shine Jesus Shine*"

CH4 448 - Graham Kendrick

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,  
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish;  
Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent,  
turning from the summit's rise  
downward toward the shadowed valley  
where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation,  
they shall gain and keep its truth,  
not by building on the mountain  
any shrine or sacred booth,  
but by following the Saviour  
through the valley to the cross  
and by testing faith's resilience  
through betrayal, pain, and loss.

3 Lord, transfigure our perception  
with the purest light that shines,  
and recast our life's intentions  
to the shape of your designs,  
till we seek no other glory  
than what lies past Calvary's hill  
and our living and our dying  
and our rising by your will.

## 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.  
E to mātou Matua i te rangi.  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa:**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga:  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te  
whenua  
kia rite ano ki tō te rangi.  
Homai ki a mātou āiane he taro mā  
mātou mō tēnei ra.  
Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e  
muru nei  
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.  
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha me te  
kororia  
ake ake ake  
Amine**

## Offering and Dedication, then Notices

*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.

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.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never 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.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*“Fanfare”*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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