



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 12 March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent - Quarterly Communion

Pre service music *“Herr Jesu Christ, ich weiss gar wohl!”* (Lord Jesu Christ, I Know Full Well) BuxWV 193

“Soft Voluntary”

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Harry Alfred Harding (1855-1930)

Welcome

Introit *“Agnus Dei - O Lamb of God”*

Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Call to worship and Greeting

from psalm 121

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from God, maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved, and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold the One who keeps watch over you shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Womb of life and source of being”

(Ladue Chapel) CH4 118 - Ruth Duck

1 Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

3 Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labour with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of status and division,
free for love and unity.

2 Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.

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.**

Notices

Anthem *"Set me as a seal- for Love is strong as death"* text from *Song of Solomon*, music K Knudson (2015)

Conversation with young members

Hymn "I to the hills will lift mine eyes"

(Dundee) CH4 81 -

Psalm 121, *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes.
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

2 Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

3 The Lord thee keeps; the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.

4 The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

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

Gospel John 3:1-17

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

Sermon 'Breaking open'

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,**

(The United Church of Canada)

**the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God

Hymn "*Jesus calls us*"

1 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

2 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Notices

Offering and Dedication

"When I survey the wondrous cross - Prelude on Rockingham"

George Thalban-Ball (1896-1987)

*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.*

(Lewis Folk Melody) CH4 510 - Graham Maule and John Bell

3 Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God... In our joy, we sing to your glory with all the choirs of angels:

Holy, holy, O holy God. Spirit of Love and God of Peace. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O God! ... that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with the women and men he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He blessed and broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he poured a final cup of wine, and blessed you, God of all creation: He passed the cup among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Ever gentle God, we commemorate Jesus, your son... and we shall join in singing your praise through Jesus Christ, Eternal Word.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, All-Loving God, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Distribution *"God so loved the world"*

text John 3: 16, music John Stainer (1840-1901)

Prayer

Hymn *"We sing a love"*

1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like
scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts
today.

(Woodlands) CH4 622 - June Boyce-Tillman

3 We sing a love that, wandering, will not
rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on
refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

4 We sing, a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
that seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
transfiguring these, as Christ in every heart:
come, joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Prelude in C Minor"

J S Bach (1685-1750)