



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 26 March 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pre service music *“Introduction – Choral: Prière à Notre-Dame”*  
*“With Jesus I will travel”*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)  
Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)

## Welcome

Introit *“Open thou mine eyes, and I will see”*

text Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), music John Rutter (b.1945)  
Kate Tofia/soloist

## Call to worship and Greeting

(inspired by Psalm 23)

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

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

In the darkest valley,

**at the banquet table;**

in the hard work of life,

**in moments of rest;**

in our day-to-day living,

**at times set aside –**

in this time –

**for worship, for encounter, being sent;**

with every step we take:

**goodness and mercy follow us;**

**our cups overflow.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn *“Sing to the Lord”*

(Gonfalon Royal) CH4 184 - John Bewley Monsell

1 Sing to the Lord a joyful song,  
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;  
to us God's gracious gifts belong,  
to God our songs of love and praise.

2 For life and love, for rest and food,  
for daily help and nightly care,  
sing to the Lord, for God is good,  
and praise God's name, for it is fair.

3 For strength to those who on God wait  
God's truth to prove, God's will to do,  
sing to our God, for God is great,  
trust in God's name, for it is true.

4 For joys untold, that from above  
cheer those who love God's sweet employ,  
sing to our God, for God is love;  
exalt God's name, for it is joy.

5 Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
whom angels serve and saints adore,  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

## 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** *"Blessed are those...they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright"*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## Gospel John 9:1-41

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ* **Lord, we believe**

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"I danced in the morning"*

(Lord of the Dance) CH4 404 - Sydney Bertram Carter

1 I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth –  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2 I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John –  
they came with me  
and the Dance went on. [*Refrain*]

3 I danced on the Sabbath  
when I cured the lame,  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a Cross to die. [*Refrain*]

# Sermon 'Open our eyes to behold love's face'

## Hymn "*He healed the darkness in my mind*"

(Tallis's Canon) - Fred Pratt Green

1 He healed the darkness of my mind  
the day he gave my sight to me:  
it was not sin that made me blind;  
it was no sinner made me see.

3 Ask me not how! But I know who  
has opened up new worlds to me:  
this Jesus does what none can do-  
I once was blind, and now I see.

2 Let others call my faith a lie,  
or try to stir up doubt in me:  
look at me now! None can deny  
I once was blind and now I see!

## 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 i 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**

## Notices

## Offering and Dedication

*"Oculi Omnium"* (All our eyes are on you, O Lord)

Charles Wood ( 1866-1926)

*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 *“Be thou my vision”*

(Slane) CH4 465 -Mary Byrne

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true  
Word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the  
fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high  
tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my  
power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*“Toccata from Suite Gothique”*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)

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