



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 5 March 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Pre service music *“O Sacred head”* Johannes Brahms (1833-97), *“Lamento”* Felix Guilmant (1837-92)

Welcome

Introit *“Surely, surely, he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows”*

G F Handel (1685-1759)

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.

Ashes have been smeared and brokenness has been confessed...

We follow our faithful God.

These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

We follow our faithful God.

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

We follow our faithful God.

In God is our trust, our protection from harm...

We follow our faithful God.

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

We follow our faithful God.

Hymn *“God the Lover of Creation”*

(Cwm Rhondda) CH4 113 - Ian Cunningham

1 God the Lover of Creation,
source of life and energy,
your creative love so shapes us
that we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom
loving children all to be.
loving children all to be.

2 Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,
in your cross we see the way
to be servants for each other,
caring, suffering every day.
Teach us patience and obedience
never from your path to stray.
never from your path to stray.

3 Holy Spirit, love that binds us
to the Lover and the Son,
giver of the joy that fills us,
yours the peace that makes us one,
teach our hearts to be more open
as we pray ‘God’s will be done.’
as we pray ‘God’s will be done.’

4 Members of our Saviour’s body,
here on earth his life to be,
though we stand as different people,
may we share the unity
of the Father, Son and Spirit,
perfect love in Trinity.
perfect love in Trinity.

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 *"All my trials Lord, soon be over"*

Spiritual, arr. Norman Luboff

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"Jesus' hands were kind hands"*

(For Children's Day)

(Au clair de la lune) CH4 351 – Margaret Cropper

1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing
good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing
children small;
washing tired feet, and saving those who
fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good
to all.

2 Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them
work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I
do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to
work for you.

Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

"In God Alone"

GtG 814 - Taizé

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sermon 'When we are tested ...'

Hymn “*When we are tested*”

(Slane) GtG 783 - Ruth Duck

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers
stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your
way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched
through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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 äiane 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

“He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*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 still, my soul”*

(Finlandia) CH4 691 - Katharina von Schlegel, trans. Jane Laurie Borthwich

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly
Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
know
his voice, who ruled them while he lived
below.

3 Be still, my soul: when dearest friends
depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his
heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm
your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

4 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are
past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

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Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-97)

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