



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 21 May 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pre service music

"Love divine, or loves excellling" chorale prelude on Hyfrydol
"The dream of love"

Henry Ley (1887-1962)
Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)

Welcome

Introit *"Deep peace of the running wave to you"* Gaelic Blessing

music John Rutter (b. 1945)

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.

We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

we need only listen to the music of life,

the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *"For the beauty of the earth"*

(Mosley) CH4 181 - Folliot Sandford Pierpoint

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

[Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
[Refrain]

5 For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
[Refrain]

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 *"If ye love me"*

text John 14: 15-17, music Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"Eternal Spirit of the living Christ"*

(Eventide) AA 33

1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask, or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
and only you can teach me how to pray.

2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this
day;
help me to see your purpose and your will -
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.

3 Come with the vision and the strength I
need
to serve my God, and all humanity;
fulfilment of my life in love outpoured -
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

Reading Acts 17:22-31

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

Gospel John 14:15-21

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

Sermon 'Participating in the mystery of Love'

Hymn "Come down, O Love Divine"

(Down Ampney) CH4 489 - Bianco da Siena

1 Come down, O Love Divine,
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

3 Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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 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

"Love divine, or loves excelling" chorale prelude on Hyfrdol

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.*

Hymn *“Moved by the Gospel”*

(Ellacombe) CH4 247 - Ruth Duck

1 Moved by the Gospel, let us move
with every gift and art.
The image of creative love
indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls creation good,
so let us now express
with sound and colour, stone and wood,
the shape of holiness.

2 Let weavers form from broken strands
a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skilful hands
their joy, lament and care.
Then mime the story: Christ has come.
With reverence dance the word.
With flute and organ, gong and drum
God’s praise be ever heard.

3 O Spirit, breathe among us here;
inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear
attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife
create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life
according to your will.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Prelude and fugue in C minor”

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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