



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 28 May 2017

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pre service music

"Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir" (Lord God, We All Praise You: Old 100th)

Wilhelm Valentin Volckmar (1812-87)

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Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome

Introit *"Ascensiontide - Thou standest O Lord, high above all praise"*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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.

Christ Jesus lives on.

Christ Jesus lives on indeed.

No longer bound in Palestine,

Free for all people everywhere.

That we may know God

and experience God's transforming presence.

We seek to follow Jesus;

to be God's people.

We have been given to God;

Jesus is made known in us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *"All people that on earth do dwell"*

(Old Hundredth) CH4 63 - Psalm 100

The Scottish Psalter, 1929

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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 *"God is gone up with a merry noise"*

William Croft (1678-1727)

Organ Carolyn Schmid

Conversation with young members

Hymn "The Church is wherever"

(The Bard of Armagh) CH4 522 - Carol Ikeler

1 The Church is wherever God's people
are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by
their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers
are trying
to live and to share out the good news of
God.

3 The Church is wherever God's people
are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they
are –
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its
comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and
inspire.

2 The Church is wherever God's people
are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once
again,
where all are accepted, whatever their
background,
whatever their past and whatever their
pain.

4 The Church is wherever God's people
are praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our
Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's
followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of
God.

Reading Acts 1:6-14

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

Gospel John 17:1-11

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

Sermon 'The expanse of Christ'

Hymn “*Lift up your hearts, believers*”

(St Theodulph) CH4 446

1 Lift up your hearts, believers!
This is the holy day
when Jesus, our Redeemer,
completes salvation's way.
The forty days are over,
and clouds shine high and bright
as Christ, the overcomer,
is lifted from our sight.

2 Lift up your hearts, believers!
Ye gates, lift up your heads!
Though minds be full of wonder,
though souls be filled with dread.
The Spirit has been promised,
and, though we are alone,
we wait until the moment
when fire and wind are known.

3 Lift up your hearts believers!
And do not be downcast,
for Jesus, our Redeemer,
receives the crown at last.
The thorns of crucifixion
are changed to stars of light,
and Christ, the Lord of glory,
is named as God's delight.

4 Lift up your hearts, believers!
This is the holy day
when Jesus, our Redeemer,
completes salvation's way.

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 whakaoranga mātou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha me te
kororia
ake ake ake
Amine**

Notices

Offering and Dedication

“Christ is risen”

Heinrich Bach (16th cent.)

*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 *“Filled with the Spirit's power”*

(Woodlands) TiS 411 - John Peacey

1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one
accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians
prove.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your
call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Grand Choeur in G major”

Theodore Salome (1834-96)

You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.

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