



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 16 July 2017

Pentecost 6

Pre service music

*"How brightly beams the morning Star"
"Prelude"*

Max Reger (1873-1916)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Welcome

Call To Worship

(based on Psalm 33:1-5)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Rejoice in the Lord!

We rejoice in the Living God!

Sing a new song to God; play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

We will sing out loud!

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

We praise the work of the Holy One.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

We celebrate what God is: righteousness and love.

Let us worship God.

Hymn "*Bring many names*"

CH4 134 - Brian Wren

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory,
living, loving God:
Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving
till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna,
warm father God!

2 Strong mother God, working night and
day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation,
genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna,
strong mother God!

4 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna,
great, living God!

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.**

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*Lord your word abiding*"

(Ravenshaw) TiS 427 - Henry Williams Baker

1 Lord, your word abiding,
and our footsteps guiding,
gives us joy for ever,
binds us all together.

3 Word of mercy, giving
nourishment for living:
word of life, supplying
comfort for the dying.

2 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

4 O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you,
evermore be near you.

Reading Psalm 119:105-122

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

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Sermon 'Conversations in Leipzig'

Confession with words from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the church from the beginning of the world to the end.

The Church is one; the church is holy; the church is universal. It is the community of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity.

We celebrate God's victory in the cross of Christ over all the forces of division and bitterness.

This makes us a community of hope, working for peace and unity. Amen.

Hymn “A Sower came from ancient hills” (Amazing Grace) GtG 171 - H. G. Stumpfle, jr

1 A Sower came from ancient hills and cast
good seed abroad:

his field, ten thousand human hearts; his
seed, the word of God.

And some who listened would not hear, and
some who heard forgot.

But some received in fertile soil the truth
the Sower taught.

2 A Sower walked throughout the land and,
everywhere he trod,

he sowed his life because he was himself
the Seed of God.

But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a
darkening sky,

they threw God’s Seed on stony ground and
left it there to die.

3 The Seed was buried deep in death
beneath a blood-red sky,

and deeper still was buried hope for those
who watched him die.

But then, in Joseph’s garden fair, as dawn
broke o’er the land,

the Seed, from three days’ silent sleep,
awoke at God’s command!

4 O Christ, you come among us still, the
Sower and the Seed.

As once you sowed the truth of God in
glowing word and deed,

implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let
it there take hold,

until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest
hundredfold.

Prayer for others

Let us pray, trusting that God will listen.

For those who can no longer bear the pain, the fear,
the destruction caused by conflict and
war between people and nations; we pray:

Shelter them, God of Life.

For those who are reduced to silence
and lack basic human rights, who are persecuted
because they are different, we pray:

Shelter them, God of Life.

For those who are driven away from their home,
their place of land, their roots, because others rob
what are common goods, we pray:

Shelter them, God of Life.

For those who are used and sold and thrown away
like objects while their torturers make profit
in our scandalous world, we pray:

Shelter them, God of Life.

For ourselves who are often too hesitant,
too indifferent, too complacent to intervene
and to follow your call, we pray:

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

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"Aria"*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*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 *"Give thanks for life"*

(Sine Nomine) CH4 736 - Shirley Murray

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our
days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our
praise:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Give thanks for all, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or
dread:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those whose lives shone
with a light
caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming
through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what
is right:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of
grain
lying in darkness, does its life retain
to rise in glory, growing green again:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Benediction, then Postlude

"Fanfare"

William Mathias (1934-92)

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