



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 9 July 2017

Pentecost 5

Pre service music

"Canzonetta" (Opus 78)
"Chaconne"
"Larghetto" from the 12th Concerto

William Mathias (1934-92)
Niccolò Jommelli (1714-74)
G F Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome

Introit *"The People that walked in darkness have seen a great light"*

G F Handel (1685-1759)
Tanara Stedman - bass soloist

Call To Worship

Hear the call of God to us in Psalm 29:1-4
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Let's pray:

**It's your voice we long for this morning,
Lord,
thundering into our lives, mighty and
powerful.
The voice of wisdom instructing us,
the voice of justice inspiring us,
the voice of hope encouraging us,
the voice of love calling us home.
Give us ears to hear this morning,
we pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn *"The God of Abraham praise"*

(Leoni) CH4 162 - Hebrew melody arr Thomas Olivers

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and power,
and him my only portion make,
my shield and tower.

3 He by himself has sworn,
I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face,
I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

4 There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace:
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! –
I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine,
through endless days.

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 *"Sanctus - Dreams are the language of my soul"*

(the pointer to the hidden place where agony is touched by grace)

text Peter Matheson, music Karen Knudson (2015)

Tanara Stedman - soloist

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"And can it be"*

1 And can it be, that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain –
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

(Sagina) CH4 396 - text based on Romans 7 14-25

2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
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let angel minds inquire no more.

3 He left his Father's throne above, –
so free, so infinite his grace –
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my
own.
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and claim the crown, through Christ, my
own.

Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-end
 Romans 7:15-25a

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

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to Christ the Word***

Sermon 'Who Are We? Really?'

Hymn "*The Hidden love of God*"

1 Thou hidden Love of God, whose height,
whose depth unfathomed, no one knows,
I see from far thy beauteous light,
inly I sigh for thy repose;
my heart is pained, nor can it be
at rest till it finds rest in thee.

2 Thy secret voice invites me still
the sweetness of thy yoke to prove;
and fain I would; but, though my will
seem fixed, yet wide my passions rove;
yet hindrances stew all the way;
I aim at thee, yet from thee stray.

(St Petersburg) CH4 188 - text based on Romans 7

3 'Tis mercy all, that thou hast brought
my mind to seek its peace in thee;
yet, while I seek but find thee not,
no peace my wandering soul shall see.
Oh, when shall all my wanderings end,
and all my steps to thee-ward tend?

4 Is there a thing beneath the sun
that strives with thee my heart to share?
Ah! tear it thence, and reign alone,
the Lord of every motion there;
then shall my heart from earth be free,
when it hath found repose in thee.

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 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 *"God's time is best"*

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 *"Lord of the Dance"*

CH4 404 - text based on Matthew 11 16-19

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 where ever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

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

3 I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black –
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone –
but I am the dance
and I still go on. [Refrain]

4 They cut me down
and I leapt up high –
I am the life
that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Benediction, then Postlude

"Passacaglia"

Bryan Kelly (b. 1934)

This morning's worship is led by Bishop Kelvin Wright

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