



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 20 August 2017

The 11th Sunday in the season of Pentecost –  
Presbyterian Support Otago Sunday

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Pre service music "*Prelude and Fugue in A minor*"  
"Adagio" J S Bach (1685-1750)

J S Bach (1685-1750)  
played by Carolyn Schmid

Welcome

Introit "*Give Almes of thy goods*" Christopher Tye (1508- 72)

played by Tegen Baldwin

Call To Worship

(Psalm 133 from The Message A Pilgrim Song of David - A Song of Ascent)

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
when brothers and sisters get along!

**It's like costly anointing oil  
flowing down head and beard,  
Flowing down Aaron's beard,  
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.**

It's like the dew on Mount Herman  
flowing down the slopes of Zion.

**Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,  
and ordains eternal life.**

So let us worship God.

## Hymn “*God the Father of creation*”

(Cwm Rhondda) - Iain D Cunningham

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

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

3 Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Father 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.’

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.

## 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 “*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*”

(This fruit doth make my soul to thrive)

music by Elizabeth Poston (b. 1905)

## Conversation with young members - Stephen Dewdney of YouthGrow Garden Centre, Presbyterian Support Otago

## Hymn “*Healing river of the Spirit*”

(Ode to Joy) - Ruth Duck

1 Healing river of the Spirit,  
bathe the wounds of living brings.  
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness  
deep beneath your sacred springs.  
Weary from the restless searching  
that has lured us from your side,  
we discover in your presence  
peace the world cannot provide.

2 Wellspring of the healing Spirit,  
stream that flows to bring release,  
as we gain our selves, our senses,  
may our lives reflect your peace.  
Grateful for the flood that heals us,  
may your Church live out your grace.  
As we meet both friend and stranger  
may we see our Saviour’s face.

3 Living stream that heals the nations,  
make us channels of your power.  
All the world is torn by conflict:  
wars are raging at this hour.  
Saving Spirit, move among us,  
guide our winding human course,  
till we find our way together  
flowing homeward to our Source.

## Reading      Genesis 45: 1-15

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

## Gospel          Matthew 15: 21-28

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

## Sermon

### 'Partnering in mercy'



## Hymn "*She came to Jesus*"

1 She came to Jesus from outside the fold –  
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see  
One who would help her and set her child  
free.

2 Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's  
grace,  
she knew God's love was not bounded by  
place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated – then healed –  
for in her asking, her faith was revealed.

(Slane "Be Thou My Vision") - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

3 God, you still bless those who seek you in  
prayer.  
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:  
those on the outside are welcomed as  
friends.

## Prayer for others, then ...

(Central American)

**Our Father, who is in us here on earth,  
holy is your name in the hungry who share their bread and their song.  
Your kingdom come,  
which is a generous land flowing with milk and honey.**

**Let us do your will, standing up when all are sitting down,  
and raising our voice when all are silent.**

**You are giving us our daily bread  
in the song of the bird and the miracle of the seed.  
Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice,  
and for burying our dreams,  
for not sharing bread and wine, love and the land, among us, now.**

**Don't let us fall into the temptation of shutting the door through fear;  
of resigning ourselves to hunger and injustice;  
of taking up the same arms as the enemy.  
But deliver us from evil.**

**Give us the perseverance and the solidarity to look for love,  
even if the path has not yet been trodden, even if we fall;  
so shall we know your kingdom which is being built for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Notices

### Offering *"Cool"*

Stephen J Wood (b. 1960)  
played by Grace Togneri

*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.*

## Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn *"God gives us a Future"*

(Camberwell) – E J Smith

1 God gives us a future, daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers on a path  
unknown.  
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.

3 Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge of our troubled  
times.  
Love us into action, stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life,  
and find our future there.

2 We must leave behind us sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us  
back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.

**Benediction, then Postlude** *Grand Choeur in G major from '10 Pieces for Organ' / Pedal Piano No. 2*  
Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

This morning's service was led by Rev'd Carol Grant