



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 6 August 2017

Pentecost 9

Pre service music “Wir glauben all einen Gott” (We All Believe in One God)

BWV 1098 from the 'Newmeister Manuscript' Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Kommt her zu mir, sprich Gottes Sohn” (Come here to me, says God's Son) BuxWV 201
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Introit “All my trials Lord, soon be over”

Spiritual arr. Norman Luboff

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Formed in our mother’s womb, created in God’s image,

we give thanks to God of the living, maker of heaven and earth.

Baptised and adopted as God’s children,

we are given new life through Jesus Christ, God’s living word.

Called to follow God’s guidance and to be a blessing,

we are inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the living water.

Woven as a community of love, united in faith and hope,

we worship and glorify the Blessed Trinity.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Here in this place”

(Gather us in) CH4 623 - Marty Haugen

1 Here in this place, new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away,

see in this space our fears and our
dreamings,

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,

gather us in – the blind and the lame:

call to us now, and we shall awaken,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young – our lives are a
mystery,

we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of

history,

called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,

gather us in – the proud and the strong;

give us a heart so meek and so lowly,

give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is
shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 *"Earth Song"* This dark stormy hour... the torn heart cries out in pain. Peace.

Frank Tichelli (b. 1958)

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"A place at the table"*

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.
[Refrain]

(A place at the table) CH4 685 - Shirley Murray

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are
wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
[Refrain]

4 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and
worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
[Refrain]

Reading Romans 9:1-5

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

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

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

Sermon 'A Palestinian Christian view'

Hymn "Longing for light"

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. [*Refrain*]

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.**

Notices

Offering and Dedication "O You who sleep"

text Moina Michael (1915), music K Knudson (2015)

*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.*

(Christ be our light) CH4 543 - Ruth Duck

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. [*Refrain*]

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. [*Refrain*]

**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**

Hymn “*Love Divine*”

(Hyfrydol) CH4 519 - Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Benediction, then Postlude “*Fantasia in G minor*”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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