



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 17 September 2017

The 15th Sunday in the season of Pentecost

Pre service music “O God our help in ages past”

C S Laing (NZ composer)

“Rockingham - When I survey the wondrous cross”

George Thalban- Ball (Australian composer)

Welcome

Introit “Kyrie - Lord have mercy”

David Hamilton (NZ composer)

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

No one is an island.

We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

Who else is like you, loving God?

Beautiful in holiness, awesome in love.

No one lives by themselves, no one dies by themselves.

Whether we live or die we are the Lord’s.

God is my strength and my song.

God has become my wholeness.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “*Stand up and bless the Lord*”

(Carlisle) CH4 202 - James Montgomery

1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice:
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

4 God is our strength and song,
and God’s salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God’s holy name,
give thanks and glorify?

5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God’s glorious name,
both now and evermore.

3 O for the living flame
from God’s own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness, Passing the Peace

E te whanau, all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Anthem *"Rejoice in the Lord always"*

16th cent anon.

Conversation with young members

Choir promotion

Today we celebrate Grace Togneri being promoted to the adult choir and Kate Tofia becoming Head Girl Chorister

"Lead me Lord"

Soloists Kate Tofia & Grace Togneri

Solo: Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face.

Congregation: **Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face.**

Solo: For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only; that makest me dwell in safety.

Congregation: **For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only; that makest me dwell in safety.**

Hymn *"God of Nations"*

WOV 677 - John Joseph Woods

1 God of Nations at Thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

3 E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā Iwi Mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

2 Folk of every creed and race,
gather here before thy face,
asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land!
From dissension, envy, hate,
and corruption guard our state,
make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

4 Ōna mano tāngata
Kiri whero, kiri mā,
Iwi Māori, Pākehā,
Rūpeke katoa,
Nei ka tono ko ngā hē
Māu e whakaahu kē,
Kia ora mārire
Aotearoa

Reading Romans 14:1-12

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

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

Housing

Prayer

Criminal Justice

Prayer

Children

Prayer

Hymn “Inspired by love and anger”

(Salley Gardens) CH4 253 - John Bell & Graham Maule

1 Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God’s own bias,
we ponder once again:
‘How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?’

2 From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage
provokes the bitter cry,
‘Don’t query our position!
Don’t criticize our wealth!
Don’t mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!’

3 To God who through the prophets
proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth’s indifference,
its agony and rage:
‘When will the wrongs be righted?
When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous
to all instead of some?’

4 Amused in someone’s kitchen,
asleep in someone’s boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed,
proclaimed and wrote,
A saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

Social Hazards

Prayer

Notices

Offering and Dedication “Waltz”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*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 “Where mountains rise to open skies”

AA 155 - Shirley Murray

1 Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri’s reach,
in water’s light, in lake and star.

4 Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun shall be
our heritage and hope.

2 Your people’s heart, your people’s
part be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other’s mana stand.

5 Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

3 From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation’s energy.

Benediction, then Postlude

Grand Choeur in B flat major from 'Douze Pieces Pour Orgue'

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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

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