



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 24 September 2017

The 16th Sunday in the season of Pentecost

Pre service music *“Intercity Stomp”* Christopher Norton (NZ composer)
“Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam” (Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came) BuxWV 180
“An Wasserflüssen Babylon” (By the Waters of Babylon)

played by Darcy Baldwin
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome

Introit *“A New Created World”* from *‘The Creation’* Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Rhys Thorn- soloist

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

The earth is full of the presence of God.

We call the rivers and creatures from the rivers to join us in worship.

the Clutha, the Waitaki, and all the streams that flow to the sea.

We invite the wetlands and creeks to sing:

eel and salmon, trout streams and water falls.

We invite the fauna to praise God with us:

Heron, ducks and seagulls, dragonflies and sandflies.

We join with the waters in praising God:

Trickles that become torrents and waves dancing at the river mouth.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”*

(Ode to Joy)

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
stars and angels sing around You,
centre of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
praising You eternally!

3 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Remembering

We use a river stone to help stir our memories... We rejoice in the streams of our past, the pools and ponds where we played and the feeling of celebration as we splashed in them.

Thank you, God, for rivers and streams that flow with the water of life.

As we hold these symbols aloft, we remember and confess that we have become alienated from Earth and have polluted the rivers of our garden planet.

We have polluted rivers with poisons. We have treated streams as dumps. We have turned living waters into dying sinks. We have wasted precious water.

Hymn "E te Atua"

(Kum bay a) AA 31

1 E te Atua aroha mai (O God love us)
Ake ake tonu e (forever & ever)

3 E te Atua awhina mai (O God help us)
Ake ake tonu e (forever & ever)

2 E te Atua manaaki mai (O God bless us)
Ake ake tonu e (forever and ever)

4 E te Atua aroha mai (O God love us)
Ake ake tonu e (forever & ever)

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. 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 "Set me as a seal upon your heart, many waters cannot quench love"

K Knudson (2014)

Conversation with young members

Birthday Blessing

Peninsula Congregation

May God's blessing be upon you
as you start another year.

May you ever feel God's presence
and the warmth of Jesus near.

May each birthday bring you closer
to God than you were before.

May the Shepherd guide and keep you
in God's love for evermore.

Reading Psalm 104:27-33

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

Reading Revelation 22:1-5

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

Sermon Creation Sunday - River

Affirmation of Faith

Left: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

Right: We believe earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

Left: We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.

Right: We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

Left: We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation groans in empathy with a suffering creation and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

Together: We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

Hymn Psalm 104

(8787D) GtG 34 - Fred Anderson

1 Lord, you laid the earth's foundation
that it would be always sound.
By the word of your commanding,
you set forth each ocean's bound.
Springs gush forth at your own bidding,
giving drink to every field.
Bird and beast and all your creatures
in that coolness find thirst healed.

2 Grass you cause to grow for cattle,
plants for us to cultivate.
Food you bring forth from our labour,
wine for joy and bread for plate.
Trees you give the birds for shelter,
mountain rock and cave for beast.
Sun and moon both mark the seasons;
in their light we work and feast.

3 Lord, how great are all your workings;
wisdom marks them through and through.
All the earth is your possession;
great and small belong to you.
Food you give in each due season;
at you hand come all good things.
By your Spirit you create us;
Lord, your breath renewal brings.

4 May your glory reign forever.
Lord, rejoice in all you make!
As you look on your creation,
mountains smoke, foundations shake.
May these words and thoughts be pleasing,
for in you my joy is found.
Bless the Lord, my soul and being!
With this song let praise abound.

Prayer for others, then ...

(from Anglican prayer book)

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 tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"Deep River"* Spiritual anon.

Tegen Baldwin - organ

*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 *"The earth belongs to God alone"*

(CM) GtG 715 - Adam Tice

1 The earth belongs to God alone;
hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.
Give thanks wherever food is grown
on borrowed holy land.

2 The fertile ground through years of toil
has cried for Sabbath rest –
a time of peace for worn out soil
so land can be refreshed.

3 All life belongs to God alone,
In wilderness and fields.
From fallow land, or ploughed and sown,
God gives the good it yields.

4 Till God endows the earth once more
with Eden's state of grace, may we
endeavour to restore
all land as sacred space.

Benediction, then Postlude

"Toccata"

Gordon Young (1919-98)

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

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