



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 20 November 2016

Sunday of Christ the King

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**Pre service music** *"Now thank we all our God"*, Chorale from 'Cantata 79'

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*"Praise my soul the King of Heaven"*

George Thalban Ball (1896-1987)

*"Prelude on Hanover"* (Praise my soul the King of Heaven)

J Alban Hinton (1934)

Welcome

**Introit** *"Rex!"* (Tremendous Majestic King)

W A Mozart (1759-95)

**Call to worship**

Jeff Shrowder, 2016

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

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

Often the Teacher

spoke about the kingdom of God,  
near, even within:

**a realm of the heart,  
of relationship and worth,  
human worth, not wealth;**

a realm of good news,  
hope, love, hospitality,  
regard for the poor.

**a realm that includes  
care for the world around us:**

**a realm we can live.**

Let us worship God

**Hymn** *"Crown him with many crowns"*

(Diademata) CH4 459 -

Godfrey Thring & Matthew Bridges

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

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

## Passing the Peace, then Anthem

text Psalm 150, music by Agastya Listya

*"Laudate Nomen Domini"* (Praise God with all your heart and soul, praise the almighty King)

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"The King of Love"*

(Dominus Regit Me) CH4 462 - Henry Williams Baker

1 The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

3 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

2 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever!

## Reading      Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

## Gospel      Luke 23:33-43

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

## Interview with International visitors

Trishtana De Cunha - Guyana

Craig Mitchell - Formation, Education and Discipleship, National Director

The Uniting Church in Australia

Tita Rokotoarivony - Madagascar

## Hymn *“Christ is alive!”*

(Old Clarendonian) CH4 416 - Brian Wren

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

3 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

## 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.**

## Presentation of Choir awards and recognition of achievement

## Offering and Dedication

J Walther (1684-1748)

*Chorale Prelude “Lobe den Herren – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”*

*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.*

## Notices

## Hymn “Great ring of light”

(Halley) CH4 452 - Colin Gibson

1 Great ring of light, true circle with no ending;  
clear beam so bright, whose purpose knows no bending;  
O Word of God, in darkness always shining out.

2 A man who cried upon a cross at Calvary;  
for him who died an empty tomb, a mystery;  
O risen Christ, all pain and loss transcending.

3 Immortal fire of love forever yearning;  
flame of desire for our salvation burning;  
Spirit divine, our friend and present comforter.

4 The light shines still, the eternal Word has spoken;  
on Calvary’s hill the power of death is broken;  
and I receive the life, the joy, the loving.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*“Fantasia and 5 Part Fugue in G”*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

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