



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 27 March 2016

Easter Day

Pre service music “Theme”

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) played by Tegan Baldwin

“Christ lag in Todesbanden” (Christ Lay in Death’s Grasp) BWV 625 from ‘Orgelbuchlein’

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Tobias Volckmar (1678-1756)

“Jesus Christus, unser Heiland” (Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer) BWV 626 from ‘Orgelbuchlein’

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

“Christ lag in Todesbanden” (Christ Lay in Death’s Grasp)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

played by Peter Stockwell

Welcome

Introit “Let the Song be begun”

Personet hodie 1582, arr. Don Malin

Call to Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

We thought you were dead, the cross was the end, life closed when the stone was over the tomb.

But the dead are living, the cross is empty, the stone is rolled; Christ is risen!

We thought you had said your final word and those with the power had won.

But the word breathes, the powers are defeated, the final cry is only the beginning; Christ is risen!

We thought the story was finished, hope had ended, the tomb was sealed.

But the story has just begun, the hope is newly born, the tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

We thought when they crucified you, death had defeated life.

But love is stronger than death. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Jesus Christ is risen today”

(Easter Hymn) CH4 410 - *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss, *Alleluia!*

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

3 But the pain that he endured
our salvation has procured;
now exalted he is king,
and the angels ever sing.

4 Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as God's love;
praise our God, you heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 "*Laudate Dominum*" (Praise the Lord) from '*Solemn Vespers*'

W A Mozart (1756-95) Sarah Hubbard soloist

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*I danced in the morning*"

(Lord of the Dance) CH4 404 – Sydney Bertram Carter

1 I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth –
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2 I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John –
they came with me
and the Dance went on. [*Refrain*]

3 I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame,
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a Cross to die. [*Refrain*]

4 I danced on a Friday
and the sky turned black –
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone –
but I am the Dance
and I still go on. [*Refrain*]

5 They cut me down
and I leapt up high –
I am the life
that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he. [*Refrain*]

Reading **Corinthians 15:19-26**
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Gospel **Luke 24:1-12**
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon **“Christ is risen indeed”**

Hymn *“Christ is alive”*

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 forever: Amen

Notices

Offering and Dedication

“Soar we now where Christ hath lead”

Lyra Davidica, arr K Knudson 2012

“Praeludium” Gordon Young (1919-98)

Grace Togneri 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 *“Yours be the glory”*

(Maccabaeus) CH4 419 – Edmond Budry, Trans: Richard Birch Hoyle

1 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you’ve won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your
body lay.

*Yours be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, over death you’ve won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing,
for the Lord is living; death has lost its sting.
[Refrain]

3 No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of
Life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through your
deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to your home
above. [Refrain]

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons” Opus 12

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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