



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 24 January 2016

The Third Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

Pre service music "*Pastorale*" Op. 19

Cesar Franck (1822-90)

Welcome and Call to Worship

(from Psalm 19)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

The word of God is whole; **Reviving the soul.**

The signposts of God are sure; **Making wise the simple.**

The teaching of God is good; **Rejoicing the heart.**

The way of God is shown; **Enlightening the eyes.**

Awe of God gives life; **Enduring forever.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn "*God is here*"

GtG 409 (Abbots Leigh CH4 184)

1 God is here! As we your people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit,
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here in, this day's dedication, all we have
to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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 conversation with young members

Hymn "*God whose almighty word*"

(Moscow) CH4 112

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move o'er the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

2 Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

Readings Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel Luke 4: 14-21

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon "Word in slow motion"

Hymn "*Breathe on me, Breath of God*"

(Veni Spiritus) CH4 596

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me
glows with your holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Prayer for others, then ...

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as it is 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

Offering and Dedication *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. (8787D)

1 For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labour,
with these gifts that are your own:

2 Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

Notices

Hymn “*Today we all are called to be disciples*” GtG 757 (Kingsfold CH4 291)

1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Toccata”

Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

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