



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 14 February 2016

First Sunday in Lent

Pre service music *"Swans on the Lake"* Joh Thompson; *"Largo"* Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) played by Darcy Baldwin; *"Sursoitto"* Op 111. Jean Sibelius; *"Chaconne"* Niccolò Jommelli (1714-74)

Welcome

Introit *"Surely, surely he hath borne our griefs"* G F Handel (1685-1759)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 51)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Come, let us open to the presence of our God.

God's steadfast love and mercy welcome us.

In God's presence we shall be whiter than snow.

God's steadfast love and mercy embrace us.

God creates in us a new heart.

God's steadfast love and mercy renews us.

Open our lips O Lord,

and our mouth will declare your praise.

Hymn *"O for a thousand tongues to sing"*

CH4 352 - Charles Wesley

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

3 He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

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 *"He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved"*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"Jesus, tempted in the desert"*

(8787D) CH4 338 – Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

1 Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

2 Jesus, tempted, at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break you fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.'

4 When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

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

Sermon "A question of identity"

Hymn *"When we are tested"*

(Slane CH4 465) GtG 783 – Ruth Duck

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers
stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched
through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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 *"Lamento"*

Felix Guilmant (1837-92)

*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 *"Guide me o thou great Jehovah"*

(Cwm Rhondda) CH4 167 – William Williams

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Fantasia in C minor"

J S Bach (1685-1750)

This morning's service was led by Rev Dr John Franklin

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

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