



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 28 February 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

Pre service music “Ballade” Friedrich Burgmüller (1806-74)

played by Grace Togneri

“Communion in E” Édouard Batiste (1820-76)

Welcome

Introit “Turn back O Man, for swear thy foolish ways”

Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 63: 1-5)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

You, God, are our God,
earnestly we seek you;

we thirst for you,
we long for you with our whole selves.

We are like drought-cracked earth
desperately hoping for rain.

We have seen you in this place, with these people,
seen your power and your glory.

Your love is better than life,
and so we glorify you;
as long as we live, we praise you;
with our voices and our bodies, we praise you.

You fill and fulfil us here at this table,
and so we sing our thanks and praise to you. Amen.
Let us worship God

Hymn “*Praise the One who breaks the darkness*” (8787D) CH4 348 - Rusty Edwards

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
curing every dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory.
Praise the One who makes us one.

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 "*Justorum Animae*"

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*Great God your love has called us here*"

(Melita) CH4 484 – Brian Wren

1 Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Reading Isaiah 5:1-9

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

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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

Sermon "The danger of ranking sins"

Hymn “*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy*” (All for Jesus) CH4 187– Frederick W Faber

1 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word;
and our lives be filled with glory
from the glory of the Lord.

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.**

Offering and Dedication “*Aria*”

Flor Peeters (1903-86)

*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 “*Dear Lord, Creator good and kind*” (Repton) CH4 485 - John Greenleaf Whittier

1 Dear Lord, Creator good and kind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“*Passacaglia*”

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

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