



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 13 March 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent - Quarterly Communion

Pre service music “Chimes” and “Play of Fountain waters” Thompson (1791-1857) played by Darcy Baldwin
“Elegy” George Thalben Ball (1896-1987); “Adagio” Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Introit “All my trials lord, soon be over” Spiritual arr. Norman Luboff

Sarah Hubbard/soloist

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 126)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

When God restored the fortunes of this people:

It seemed to us like a dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter:

And our tongues uttered shouts of joy.

Great things God has done for us:

And therefore we are glad.

Those who sow in tears:

Shall reap with shouts of joy.

Let us worship God

Hymn “Holy, holy, holy”

(Nicaea) CH4 111 - Reginald Heber

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to
thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before
thee,
God ever living through eternity.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may
not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 *"Libera me"* (Save me, free me) Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Tanara Stedman/ soloist

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"A prophet woman broke a jar"*

(8787D) GtG 201 – Brian Wren

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

2 A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

Readings Isaiah 43:16-21,

Philippians 3:4b – 14

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

Gospel John 12:1-10

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

Sermon "Fragrant with gratitude"

Hymn *"Brother sister let me serve you"*

(Servant Song) CH4 694– Richard Gillard

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love,
maker of all things.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of
God,
the firstborn of a new creation.**

**We believe in God's eternal Spirit,
pledge and foretaste of the future,
given that we may not lose the way,
who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.**

**We are a pilgrim people
on the way to the promised goal.
On this way,
we are called to live and work within the faith
and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
In this unity,
we offer our worship, witness and service
and receive one another in love and joy.**

(from the Uniting Church in Australia)

**We are being led to the free obedience
of the children of God,
and so we look with yearning and hope
to the final reconciliation of humanity with
God,
and the renewal of all creation.**

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"Drop, drop slow tears"*

Brian Webb (b. 1948)

*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.*

Communion

This is the Lord's Table ...
... and offer God our prayers and thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks ...
... And sing your praise in the angels' song

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We have been redeemed by Christ ...
... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honour and glory are yours for ever. Amen

**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.**

According to the holy institution ...
... Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.

Jesus, lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

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Distribution *"O Sacred head"* Johannes Brahms (1833-97); *"Diptique"* Olivier Messiaen (1908-93)
"La Follia" Tommaso Vitalli

Hymn "Be thou my vision"

(Slane) CH4 465 – Irish, 8thC

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

4 Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true
Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

5 High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Commission, Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Finlandia" (Be still my soul)

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

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