



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Pentecost 12
10am – 16 August 2015



We welcome the Auckland Boys' Choir, parents and supporters. We thank you for being part of the congregation this morning and pray safe journeying for you. We also welcome Prof Will Storrar from the Center of Theological Inquiry as our guest preacher.

Pre service

“Allegro in G minor”” Frescobaldi. “Prelude” Georges Jacob.

“Prelude from Three Pieces for Withycombe” Philip Moore played by Grace Togneri

Welcome

Introit

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

Make music to God with all your heart, with songs and psalms of faith. Wherever you are, whatever the time, give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Awe of God is the beginning of wisdom; worship of God leads to a true understanding of life.

Hymn "Praise my Soul" (Praise my Soul) CH4 160

words Henry Francis Lyte(1793-1847)
music John Goss (1800-1880)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high eternal One.

2 Praise God for all grace and favour
to our people in distress;
praise God, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
glorious in God's faithfulness.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold God face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

3 Father-like God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
Mother-like God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
widely as God's mercy flows

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... we are God's beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Anthem

With young members

Hymn "Seek ye First " CH4 641 words and music ©1972CCCMr Music , music Karen Lafferty (b.1948)

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And his righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto

you;

allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

3. You shall not live by bread alone

but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;

allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto

you;

allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Ephesians 5:15-20

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

"Seeking wisdom"

Prof. Will Storrar

Director of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, NJ

Hymn "Holy Wisdom " CH4 604

words Ruth C Duck (b. 1947) © The Pilgrim Press. Used by permission

1. Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning,
bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
joined in deepest unity.

2. Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us
shape our life, your will to know.

Joined to Christ in living, dying,
may we help the church convey
witness to the saving gospel,
bearing fruit of faith today.

3. Holy God, the hope of nations,
tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages
claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
that God's praise be ever heard.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others concluding with...

**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 ""Bist du bei mir" (If you are with me) BWV 508 J S Bach (1685-1750).

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their way electronically from our banks to the Church's account.*

Notices

Hymn “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” (CWM Rhondda) CH4 167

words William Williams (1717-1791)
music John Hughes, of Pontypridd (1873-1932)

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through 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.

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.

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.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude “The Power of Life” Mons Leidvin Takle.

You are invited to morning tea in the Gathering Area.

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