



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 7 August 2016

12th Sunday of Pentecost – Peace Sunday

Pre service music *"Elegy"* Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

"Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God) from *'Mass for the Convents'*

"Priere a Notre Dame" (Prayer to Our Lady)

played by Grace Togneri

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Leon Boellmann (1862-97)

Welcome

Introit *"Agnus Dei"* (Lamb of God) from *'The Armed Man'*

Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

(sung to mark Peace Sunday)

Call to worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

One foot in Eden still I stand

And look across the other land.

Evil and good stand thick around

Where we shall lead our harvest in.

We offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

We will pay our vows to the Most High.

For the flame of God's love dwells in our hearts.

As a jewel of gold is placed in a silver dish.

Hymn *"Our life has its seasons"*

(Kotuku) AA 113 - Shirley Murray

1 Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons

why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,

for there's a connection with our resurrection

that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

so there's never a time to stop believing

there's never a time for hope to die,

there's never a time to stop loving,

these three things go on.

2 There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,

a time to be laughing, a time to weep,

a time to be building, a time to be

breaking,

a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

so there's never a time to stop believing

there's never a time for hope to die,

there's never a time to stop loving,

these three things go on.

3 There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,

*so there's never a time to stop believing
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

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

"And God shall wipe away all tears"

K Knudson (2015), text from Revelation

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*Lord your almighty word*"

(Moscow) WOV 61 – John Marriott

1 Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humble 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 on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

2 Saviour, who once came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O, now to humankind
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

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

Sermon “Peace issues today” – Professor Kevin Clements

Hymn “*Courage brother/sister do not stumble*”

– Norman MacLeod

1 Courage, brother/sister, do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night;
there’s a star to guide the humble:
‘Trust in God, and do the right’.
Let the road be rough and dreary,
and its end far out of sight,
foot it bravely, strong or weary,
trust in God, and do the right.

3 Simple rule, and safest guiding,
inward peace, and inward might,
star upon our path abiding, –
trust in God, and do the right.
Courage, brother/sister, do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night;
there’s a star to guide the humble:
‘Trust in God, and do the right’.

2 Perish policy and cunning,
perish all that fears the light!
Whether losing, whether winning,
trust in God, and do the right.
Some will hate you, some will love you,
some will flatter, some will slight;
cease from man, and look above you:
trust in God, and do the right.

Prayer for others, then ...

(Translated and amended from Kurt Marti)

**Our Father,
Hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
As we love our neighbour
And reach out to those who wish us ill.
Give us today our daily bread
So we are beholden to no one.
Forgive our fearfulness
And free us from despair.**

**May we learn to let go,
To sail along in the joy
And foolishness of the Spirit.
May the tree of faith
Rooted in your love,
Grow tall among us.
Your kingdom be our freedom
Your power our tenderness,
Your glory a beacon to life eternal.
AMEN.**

Offering and Dedication “*Iustorum animae*”

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*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.*

Gaelic Prayer

read by Alison Thornton

Notices

Hymn “*Let there be light*”

(Concord) WOV 671 – Frances Davis

1 Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

2 Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

3 Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.

4 Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

5 Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

Edwin Muir poem: *One Foot in Eden*

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“*Sursoitto*” Op 111

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

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

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