



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Pentecost 18
10am – 27 September 2015



Pre service *“Vitrail”* from *‘Esquisses Byzantines’*
“God's time is best”

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Introit *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God”*

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

In the beginning when God created

**A wind swept over the waters,
A breath warmed the dark voids,
A Spirit called forth creation.**

God gave in grace:

**Let there be light for all to see,
Let there be water for all to splash in,
Let there be life in the midst of death
Let there be life beyond death.**

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

It was good. It is good.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“God the Father of Creation”*

(Cwm Rhondda) CH4 113

words Iain D. Cunningham (b. 1954) © Iain D. Cunningham
music John Hughes, *of Pontypridd* (1873-1932)

1 God the Lover of Creation,
source of life and energy,
your creative love so shapes us
that we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom
loving children all to be.
loving children all to be.

2 Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,
in your cross we see the way
to be servants for each other,
caring, suffering every day.
Teach us patience and obedience
never from your path to stray.
never from your path to stray.

3 Holy Spirit, love that binds us
to the Father and the Son,
giver of the joy that fills us,
yours the peace that makes us one,
teach our hearts to be more open
as we pray ‘God’s will be done.’
as we pray ‘God’s will be done.’

4 Members of our Saviours’ body,
here on earth his life to be,
though we stand as different people,
may we share the unity
of the Father, Son and Spirit,
perfect love in Trinity.
perfect love in Trinity.

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *“He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps”*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Passing the Peace

Hymn *“In water we grow”* (Paderborn) TiS 494

words © Brian Wren (b. 1936)

music *harm.* Sydney H. Nicholson (b. 1916), *Paderborn Gesangbuch*, 1765

1 In water we grow,
secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know
love’s safety and room.
Baptizing and blessing
we publish for good
the freeing, caressing
safe keeping of God.

2 In water we wash:
the dirt of each day,
its trouble and rush
are carried away.
In Christ re-created
by love’s cleansing art,
self-will and self-hatred
dissolve and depart.

3 In water we dive,
and cannot draw breath,
then surface alive,
rebounding from death.
Our old self goes under,
in Christ dead and drowned.
We rise, washed in wonder,
by love clad and crowned.

4 In water we dwell,
for by its deep flow
through bloodstream and cell,
we live, think, and grow.
Praise God, love outflowing,
whose well of new birth
baptizes our knowing,
and waters the earth.

Reading Ezekiel 36:24-28

Acts 16:7-15, 40

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel Mark 10:13-16

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon *“A baptised people”*

Hymn “*Child of blessing, child of promise*” (Stuttgart) AA 11/CH4 325

words © Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948)
music Christian F. Witt’s *Pslamodia Scara*, Gotha, 1715

1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptised with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ’s name.

2 Child of love, our love’s expression,
love’s creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

4 Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to listen for God’s call,
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

Sacrament of Baptism

We baptise Lydia Annie Sinclair (b. 1.5.2015), the daughter of Stephen and Louisa Sinclair, and sister of Vanessa.

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN

Commitment of Congregation

You who are gathered here represent the whole Church, the Church catholic. Word and Sacrament bring you the joy of Christ’s presence in your midst. They also bring you responsibilities as Christ’s people in this place. Do you welcome Lydia; and do you renew your commitment, with God’s help, to live before all God’s children in a kindly and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, encourage one another in service.

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 *“Give almes of thy goods”*

Christopher Tye (1508-72)

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 *“Almighty Father of all things that be”* (Chilton Foliat) CH4 497

words Ernest E. Dugmore (1843-1925) *alt.*, music George C. Martin (1844-1916)

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1 Almighty Father of all things that be,
our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,
whose heavens declare thy glory from
above,
whose earth below is witness to thy love.

2 Thine still the changeful beauty of the
hills,
the purple valleys flecked with silver rills,
the ocean glistening 'neath the golden
rays:
they all are thine, and voiceless speak thy
praise.

3 Thou dost the strength to worker's arm
impart;
from thee the skilled musician's mystic art,
the grace of poet's pen or painter's hand,
to teach the loveliness of sea and land.

4 Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to
own,
to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,
to speak and work, to think, and live, and
move,
reflecting thine own nature, which is love.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *“Set me as a seal”*

K Knudson (2007)

Morning tea will be served in the Gathering Area - all are welcome

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