



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 18 September 2016

18th Sunday of Pentecost – Storm Sunday

Pre service music *"The Apostles"*

"Ich ruf zu dir" (I call to you)
"Sarabande"

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

JS Bach (1685-1750)

Gordon Young (1919-98)

Welcome

Introit *"For the beauty of the earth"*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Call to worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

We invite the elements of the storm to worship with us.

The wild winds and the dark clouds, the lightning flash and the thunder roll.

We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

The fierce gales and blinding rains, the crashing waves and swaying trees.

But with our invitation there are questions.

Where is our God in all of this?

Where is our God in the storm?

Sending forth wild winds in anger or present where the rains strike the land?

Where is our God in the tsunami?

Forcing a wall of water onto the shore or present with the victims left on the sand?

Yes, where is our God in all of this?

Where is our God in the storm?

Hymn *"Christ is made the sure foundation"*

(Westminster Abbey) CH4 200 -

John Mason Neale

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today:
with your constant loving-kindness
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory
while unending ages run.

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 *"Laudate Nomen Domine"* text Psalm 150 Agastya Listya

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"The Church is wherever"*

(The Bard of Armagh) CH4 522 - Carol Ikeler

1 The Church is wherever God's people are
praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their
Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are
trying
to live and to share out the good news of
God.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are
loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their
background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3 The Church is wherever God's people are
seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they
are –
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4 The Church is wherever God's people are
praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our
Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers
are trying
to live and to share out the good news of
God.

Reading Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

Sermon Wealth for God

Interviews

Hymn *“Take my gifts and let me love you”*

AA 127 - Shirley Murray

1 Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

3 Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

2 Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

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 *“Bist du bei mir”* (If you are with me) BWV 508

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*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 “*Let us build a house*”

(Two Oaks) CH4 198 – Marty Haugen

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
[Refrain]

3 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
[Refrain]

4 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
[Refrain]

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Gaudeamus”

S S Campbell (1810-76)

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