



WELCOME TO KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Pentecost 20 10am – 11 October 2015

Pre service *“Gott der Vater wohn uns bei”* (God the Father be with Us) –

BuxWV 190

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Elevation in D major from *‘Dix piece pour Orgue au Harmonium’*

Theodore Dubois (1834-1924)

Welcome

Greeting

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Call to Worship

Come let us raise a shout of joy to the Lord;

Let’s give a great shout of joy to our God!

Let us walk before the Lord with thanksgiving and praise;

Let’s make a joyful noise to our God!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods;

whose hand holds the depths of the earth

and the tops of the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it;

and whose hand formed the dry land.

Come, let us worship with deep reverence;

and kneel before the Lord, who made us.

Let us worship God

Hymn “*Sing for God’s Glory*” (Lobe den herren) CH4 172

words © Kathryn Galloway (b. 1952)

music *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668, arr. John L. Bell (b. 1949) © Church of Scotland Panel on Worship

1 Sing for God’s glory that colours the dawn of creation, racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation; sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night, warming the earth’s exultation.

2 Sing for God’s power that shatters the chains that would bind us, searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us, touching our shame with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.

3 Sing for God’s justice disturbing each easy illusion, tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion; lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight, offering freedom’s transfusion.

4 Sing for God’s saints who have travelled faith’s journey before us, who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us; in them we see the new creation to be, spirit of love made flesh for us.

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

With young members

Hymn “*We sing a love*” (Woodlands) CH4 622

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1 We sing a love that sets all people free, that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame, enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear: come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love that seeks another's good, that longs to serve and not to count the cost, a love that, yielding, finds itself made new: come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on
refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts
today.

4 We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost that
seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
transfiguring these, as Christ in every
heart:
come, joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Reading Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Hebrews 4:12-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel Mark 10:17-31
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon “Three questions for God”

Hymn ***“Come down, O Love Divine”*** (Down Ampney) CH4 489

words Bianco da Siena (d. 1434), *trans:* Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90) © 2005 Church Hymnary
music Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), from *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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1 Come down, O Love Divine,
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illumining.

3 Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Ordination and Induction of Elders and Deacon

Elders: Jill Rutherford, Anna Tarbotton and Anna Togneri are being ordained, and with Alison Tait are being inducted.

Deacon: Liz Miller is being ordained and inducted.

There are many gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

but it is the same God whose purposes are achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

to use it for the common good.

Affirmation, Prayer, Declaration and Welcome

“The Lord bless you” CH4 796

Numbers 6:24, music Lowell Mason (1792-1872) © 2005 Church Hymnary

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you:

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you

and give you peace.

Renewal of Commitment by Congregation *(please stand)*

Members and elders of this congregation:

putting your whole trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord,

do you commit yourselves to love and serve Christ in the world and the church?

We do.

As members of this congregation,

will you encourage and support your elders and deacons,

and remember them in your prayers?

We will.

Prayer

God of grace,

you have called us to be servants of Christ Jesus,

and to share in his eternal ministry of love and reconciliation.

Renew our enthusiasm; give us joy in your service,

that we may declare your wonderful deeds

and show your love to the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 “*Andante*”

Karl H. Zollner (1792-1836)

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 “*There's a spirit in the air*” (Lauds) CH4 616

words Brian Wren (b. 1936) © Stainer & Bell Ltd
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1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world!'

4 When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

5 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *Symphony and Chorus* from '*Come Ye Sons of Art*'

Henry Purcell (1659-95), arr. Martin Setchell

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

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