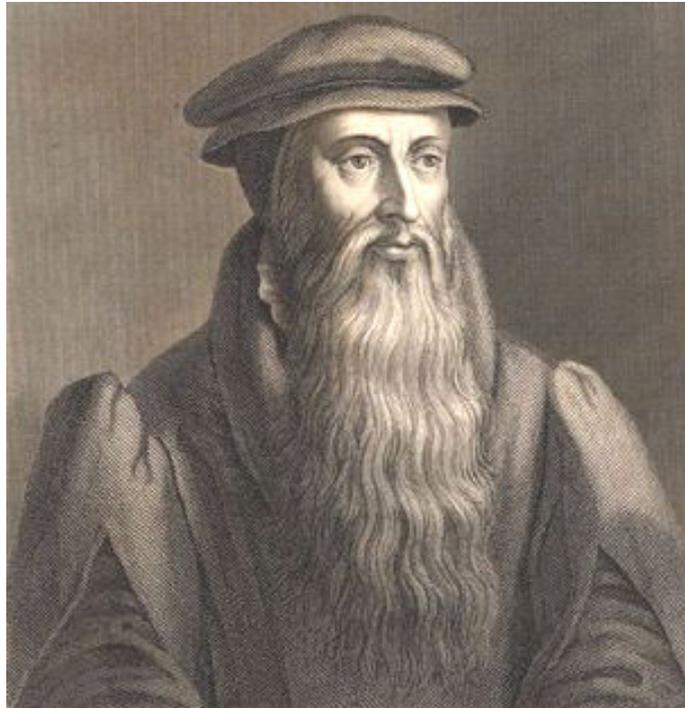


KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

Pentecost 22 – Reformation Sunday
10am – 25 October 2015



John Knox

Pre service *“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”* (A Safe Stronghold is Our God)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Safe Stronghold is Our God)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Safe Stronghold is Our God)

Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

Introit *“Hence all fear and sadness”*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

(based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**God's love surrounds us every day;
our God is merciful and gracious.**

Turn your backs upon idols,
worship the Holy One of Israel.

**Blessed are all who stand in awe before God;
Safe are all who walk in God's ways.**

The love of God has chosen us,
the love of God unites us with all God's people.

**God is our judge and our source of life;
God is our comfort and our refuge.**

Let us worship God

Hymn *"All people that on earth do dwell"* (Old 100th) CH4 63

words Psalm 100 *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929
melody from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth
tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of Praise and Confession

(based on Mark 10:46-52)

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet stay with known ways:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to honour your “still speaking voice”, but fear insights which challenge assumptions:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness, but do not hear voices of difference:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Anthem “*O nata lux*”

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1945)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

With young members

Hymn “*O Christ the healer we have come*” (Angelus) CH4 717

words Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000) © 1969 Hope Publishing Co
music Georg Joseph (b. 1949), adptd © 1927 Church Hymnary Trust

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Reading Job 42:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon and Reflection of the life of John Knox –

Peter Matheson and Kerry discuss Jane Dawson’s recent biography of John Knox

Hymn *“Come, living God, when least expected”* (Sunset) CH4 609

words Alan Gaunt (b. 1935) © 1991 Hope Publishing Co
music George Gilbert Stocks (1877-1960) © The Governors of Repton School

1 Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm
affection
revealing truths as yet untold.

2 Break from the tomb in which we hide
you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind
you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

3 Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame;
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

4 So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbours,
in ardent youth or mellow age.

5 Then, through our gloom, your Son will
meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

6 Then we will share his radiant brightness
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

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 *“Lobe den herren”*

Maximilian Reger (1873-1916)

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 *“A mighty fortress is our God”* (Ein feste Burg) GtG 275/CH4 454

words Martin Luther (1483-1546), trans. Henry Hedge (1805-90)
music Martin Luther (1483-1546), harm. Johann S Bach (1685-1750)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

3 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

2 And though this world, with devils
filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”* (A Safe Stronghold is Our God)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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