

## KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

## growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 26 June 2016 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost – World Refugee Day

Pre service music "Morning Mood" Edvard Grieg (b. 1907)

Improvisation

played by Darcy Baldwin Simon Mace

#### Welcome

Introit "Va, pensiero, Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from 'Nabucco' (1842)

"Libretto" inspired by Psalm 137 (Oh, my country, so beautiful and lost! Oh, remembrance, so dear and so fatal!)

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)
Temistocle Solera (1815-78)
Sung to mark Refugee Sunday

## A call to worship for Refugee Sunday

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

We remember your call for Abraham and Sarah to travel to a new land so all families of the earth may be blessed.

God, help us bless those who have sacrificed and braved dangers to find safety among us.

We seek to grow stronger in our love for others, to "do no wrong to the stranger," and to grow in acceptance of one another and ourselves.

God, strengthen us to be family for newcomers we encounter, welcoming them and offering security and hope through our community, as you have welcomed us.

We gather as one, united from lives that are diverse, recalling how you asked us to care for the widow, the orphan, and the sojourner.

God, encourage us in knowing that when we offer hospitality, we can more readily experience your presence and do your will.

God of grace and love, call us anew in this time to give witness to your heart of generosity. Surround us fully with your love as we worship, so that the joy of your embrace might grow our confidence to open arms wide to the needs of your world. Let us worship God.

## Hymn "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

(Moredun) CH4 201- John S B Monsell

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,

bring and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of

carefulness;

high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,

guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the Name that is dear; mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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# 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 "Prayer of the children"

Kurt Bestor (b. 1958)

## Conversation and Prayer with young members

## Hymn "O God in whom all life begins"

(Noel) GtG 308 – Carl P Daw, Jr

1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit, bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root. Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace; deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

2 Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts. So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray; then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

#### Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

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

Sermon "Dimensions of discipleship"

## Hymn "Here is the place"

1 Here is the place, now is the time: an inner voice has bid me come – here in the company where Christ is known, he claims my life, he speaks my name.

2 Here I declare a seed of faith, a will to learn, a gleam of truth, and ask for singleness of heart to speak what God has put into my mouth. (Suantrai) CH4 678 - Shirley Murray

3 I seek the real and face the cost,
I give away my lack of trust,
in joyful hope I take the Spirit's lead —
I go with all who follow Christ.

### 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.

### **Notices**

## Offering and Dedication

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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.

## Hymn "Lord for the years"

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,

Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,

speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,

Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;

for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

(Lord of the years) CH4 159 - Timothy Dudley-Smith

4 Lord, for our world; where men disown and doubt you,

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,

self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;

past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

played by Simon Mace

The first and last hymns today were sung at the service marking the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

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