



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 13 November 2016

26th Sunday of Pentecost

Pre service music *"Von Gott will ich nicht lassen"* (From God Will I not Depart) Johann Bach (1642-1703)
Premier & Dernier Couplets from 'Mass of the Convents' (Plein jeu & Dialogue sur les grands jeux) Francois Couperin (1668-1733)
"Largo" (Going home) Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Welcome

Introit *"Kyrie Eleison-Lord have mercy"* from 'Requiem' (Rest in Peace) Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Call to worship

(based on Isaiah 12:5-6)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst,

blessed is the one who comes to dwell among us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn "Great God, your love has called us here" (Melita) CH4 484 - Brian Wren

1 Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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

"Da Pacem Domine" (Give Peace in our Time Lord)

Karen Knudson, 2016

Quartet: Anna Tarbotton, Patricia Hayden, Rhys Thorn, Tanara Stedman

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"O day of peace"*

(Jerusalem) GtG 373 - Carl P. Daw Jr

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and
dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

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

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

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

Sermon 'Testifying amid tumult'

Hymn *"I have a dream"*

(Repton) CH4 710 - Pamela J. Pettitt

1 'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and
white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.'

2 But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

3 Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

4 So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don't ease the
pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

5 Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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 *"O Lovely Peace"*

G F Handel (1685-1759)
sung by the Junior Choristers

*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 *"For the life that you have given"*

(8787D) - Carl P. Daw Jr

For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labour,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

Notices

Hymn *"Healing river of the Spirit"*

(8787D) CH4 707 - Ruth Duck

1 Healing river of the Spirit,
bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness
deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching
that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence
peace the world cannot provide.

3 Living stream that heals the nations,
make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict;
wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us;
guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together,
flowing homeward to our Source.

2 Wellspring of the healing Spirit,
stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses,
may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us,
may your Church live out your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger,
may we see our Saviour's face.

Sending

In the loving of neighbour
and the sharing of love
together we shall go on

In the celebration of life
and the sharing of that life together
together we shall go on

In the caring of the earth
and the sharing of her harvest
together we shall go on

In the variety of people
and the sharing of our talents
together we shall go on

In the laughter we make
and the forgiveness we seek
together we shall go on

In the love of this community
and the sharing of our faith
together we shall go on

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Finlandia"

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)