



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 7 February 2016

Transfiguration Sunday

Pre service music *"Going Home"* Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) played by Tegen Baldwin; *"Andante"* Douglas Lilburn (NZ composer, 1915-2001); *"Christe Qui Lux Es Et Dies"* (Christ Who Art the Light and Day) John Redford (~1486-1547)

Welcome

Introit *"Lord God, thou art our salvation evermore"*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 99)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

God's reign extends into every corner of creation and every realm of humanity; let the earth sing.

In reverent awe, we gather to worship God.

The mighty God loves justice and establishes equity, overturning unfair systems and relationships.

In reverent awe, we gather to praise God.

God speaks in pillars of cloud and good law through prophets and leaders, in judgement and forgiveness.

In the light of God's mercy and love, we gather in reverent awe.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *"Immortal, Invisible"*

(St Denio) CH4 132 – Walter Chalmers Smith

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth
thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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 "*O Nata Lux de lumine*"

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*We have come at Christ's own bidding*"

(Hyfrydol CH4 39)

GtG 191 – Carl Daw, jr.

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding to
this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for
some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith
is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign
both clear and plain.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and
build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim
what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the
God we bless.

2 Light breaks through our clouds and
shadows; splendour bathes the flesh-joined
word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice
is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the
law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Readings Exodus 34:29-35

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

Gospel Luke 9: 28-43

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

Sermon "Where mountains rise"

Hymn "*Where mountains rise to open skies*"

(Dunedin) AA 155 – Shirley Murray

1 Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

2 Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

3 From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

4 Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Prayer for others, then ...

**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,**

5 Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

**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

sung by Calla Knudson-Hollebon

*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.*

1 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:

2 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 "*How good Lord to be here*"

(Carlisle CH4 202) TiS 234 – Joseph Robinson

1 How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past
promise of things to be:
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we still would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Tuba Tune"

Craig Sellar Lang (born NZ, 1891-1971)

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