



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 10 April 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

Pre service music *"What can I share"*

*"Allegretto"* Pleyel (1756-1831)

Darcy Baldwin

Grace Togneri

Welcome

Introit *"Salmo 150"*

(Psalm 150) Ernani Aguair (b. 1950)

Call to Worship

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

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

If we lift our fishing net and it is empty,

**We'll cast it out on the other side.**

As we experience emptiness and struggle,

**We'll listen to the stranger calling from the beach.**

When we recognise the stranger is Christ,

**We'll plunge into the sea to get to him.**

If we are ashamed of what we have done,

**We'll find community around the fire.**

With a meal that feeds us still

**And a courage that fires our following.**

The community of Christ includes us all,

**Like a net that never breaks.**

Let us worship God ...

Hymn *"From all that dwell below the skies"* (Lasst uns Erfreuen) CH4 146 - Isaac Watts

1 From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Alleluia!*

2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends your word:

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns shall rise and set no more:

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Alleluia!*

# 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

*"Ubi Caritas et Amour-Where Charity & Love are found, God is there"*

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"The Risen Christ"*

(Woodlands) GtG 257 – Nigel Weaver

1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

3 The risen Christ who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;  
new grace, new strength, new purpose the receive.

4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with the oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.

### Reading Acts 9:1-6

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

### Gospel John 21: 1-19

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

## Sermon "The Other Side"

As you stand just outside your house or flat, by the front gate or on the footpath, what do you see? What do you hear or sense? What activity do you notice?

Stop, and sit if you can, in a quieter spot and a busy intersection. What are the smells and sounds? How quiet or noisy is it?

What public spaces are provided for children, young people or adults? Are they being used? In what way?

How many people did you pass walking? What age, race, and gender are they?

Where are the places of life, hope, beauty or community in this neighbourhood?

What evidence of struggle, despair, neglect and alienation do you see?

## Hymn *"Would I have answered when you called"*

(Forest Green CH4 304)

Herman G. Stuempfle

1 Would I have answered when you called,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind both work  
and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round have held  
me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
from bursting into flame?

2 Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back where  
home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?

3 Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried "Crucify!"  
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against  
the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away and left  
you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns upon a  
terrible throne?

4 O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind my  
steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call, "Come,  
follow, follow me!"  
You'll give me strength beyond my own to  
follow faithfully.

## 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 *"With Jesus I will travel"*

Mons Takle (b. 1942)

*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 *"Go to the world"*

(Engelberg) CH4 683 - Sylvia G. Dunstan

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth;  
go preach the cross where Christ renews  
life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!

2 Go to the world! Go into every place;  
go live the word of God's redeeming grace;  
go seek God's presence in each time and  
space. Alleluia!

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyful day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen.'  
Alleluia!

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*"Choral Song"*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

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

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