



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – 1 May 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pre service music “Erscheinen ist der herrlich Tag” (The Glorious Day has Dawned) BuxWV 224

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr” (God Alone on High is Glorious)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Psalm 67)

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

O God, be gracious to us and bless us;

And make the light of your face to shine upon us,

That your ways may be known upon earth,

Your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For you judge the peoples with equity

And guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its harvest:

And you O God will bless us.

O God, give us your blessing: and let all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Praise to the Lord”

1 Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth:
cycles of season and reason and birth,
contrasts in outlook and landscape and need,
challenge of famine, pollution, and greed.

(Bonnie George Campbell) CH4 165 – John Bell & Graham Maule

2 Praise to the Lord for the progress of life:
cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife,
pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age,
questions in step with experience and stage.

3 Praise to the Lord for his care of our kind:
faith for the faithless and sight for the blind,
healing, acceptance, disturbance and change,
all the emotions through which our lives
range.

4 Praise to the Lord for the people we meet,
safe in our homes or at risk in the street:
kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace,
smile of a stranger and words full of grace.

5 Praise to the Lord for the carpenter's son,
dovetailing worship and work into one:
tradesman and teacher and vagrant and
friend,
source of all life in this world without end.

Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*When I needed a neighbour*"

(Neighbour) CH4 544 - Sydney Bertram Carter

1 When I needed a neighbour, were you
there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you
there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name
won't matter,
were you there?*

2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
[Refrain]

3 When I needed a shelter, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
[Refrain]

4 When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
[Refrain]

5 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be
there,
wherever you travel I'll be there. [Refrain]

Reading Acts 16:9-15

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

Gospel John 14:23-29

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

Sermon "At the borders"

Hymn "*When all is ended*"

(Sine Nomine) GtG 376 - Brian Wren

1 When all is ended, time and troubles past,
shall all be mended, sin and death out-cast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 As in the night, when lightning flickers free,
and gives a glimpse of distant hill and tree,
each flash of good discloses what will be:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Then do not cheat the poor, who long for
bread,
with dream-worlds in the sky or in the head,
but sing of slaves set free, and children fed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 With earthy faith we sing a song of heaven:
all life fulfilled, all loved, all wrong forgiven.
Christ is our sign of hope, for Christ is risen:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 With all creation, pain and anger past,
evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, then Notices

"Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr" (God Alone on High is Glorious)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*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 "*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*"

(Cwm Rhondda) CH4 167 - William Williams

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.
Feed me till my want is o'er.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

"Grand Choeur in A major"

Theodore Salome (1834-96)

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

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