



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 15 May 2016

Pentecost

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Pre service music *"Come Holy Ghost"*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*"Prelude on St Columba" (Come Holy Ghost)*

Healey Willan (1880-1985)

Welcome

**Introit** *"We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God"* Text by C M Armitage, Music by William Neil McKie. Rhys Thorn - Tenor

## Call to Worship

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

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

Come Holy Spirit!

**storm of creation**

life-breath of Eden

**blaze in the desert**

rage in the prophets

**singer to exiles**

stirrer in Mary

**questions in wilderness**

dove over Jordan

**upstart in synagogue**

upset in temple

**agent of healing**

servant at supper

**gasp at Golgotha**

sign in the tomb

**seed of surprise**

song at the rising

**chorus at Pentecost**

call to disciples

**healer to nations**

hope for eternity

**our future now**

## Hymn *"On Pentecost they gathered"* CH4 364 (St Theodulph)

1 On Pentecost they gathered  
Quite early in the day,  
A band of Christ's disciples,  
To worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing,  
Filled all the swirling air,  
And tongues of fire aglowing  
Inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them  
Were startled and amazed  
To understand their language,  
As Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message,  
What great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen  
To vanquish all our fear.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit  
On all who would believe,  
On women, men, and children  
Who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit,  
Bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming,  
Responds in every hour.

4 O Spirit, sent from heaven  
On that day long ago,  
Rekindle faith among us  
In all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen  
And tongues aflame with praise,  
So folk of every nation  
Glad songs of joy shall raise.

## 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

*"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter, e'en the spirit of truth)* music by Thomas Tallis (1505-85). Grace Togneri- Organ.

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"Spirit divine attend our prayers"*

CH4 583 – Martyrs

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
and make this house your home;  
descend with all your gracious powers;  
come now, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the fire: and purge our hearts  
like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole life an offering be  
to our Redeemer's name.

3 Come as the dove: and spread your wings,  
the wings of peaceful love;  
and let your Church on earth become  
blest as the Church above.

4 Come as the wind, with rushing sound  
and Pentecostal grace,  
that all of woman born may see  
the glory of your face.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;  
and make this world your home;  
descend with all your gracious powers;  
come now, great Spirit, come!

Reading

Romans 8:1-26

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

Gospel

John 3:1-21

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

Sermon “Listening to the Spirit’s voice ” – Prof. Jonathan Boston

Hymn “*Like fireworks in the night*” CH4 584

1 Like fireworks in the night  
the Holy Spirit came;  
disciples’ fears took flight  
when touched by fronds of flame:  
and suddenly the world was young  
as hope embraced a Saviour's claim.

2 For Jesus bade them dare  
to venture, as they should;  
his love taught them to share  
their homes, possessions, food:

the mind of Jesus gave them speech  
all tribes and peoples understood.

3 Thus God our spirits lifts  
fresh daring to inspire  
as common folk get gifts  
to change the world entire:  
the tongues of flame at Pentecost  
ran through the world like forest fire.

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: *"Holy is the True Light" (and passing wonderful)* Music by W H Harris.

*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 “*God of tempest, God of whirlwind*” (CWM RHONDDA)

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort:  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2. God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ’s living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!

Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth’s healing set us free.  
Crumble walls that still divide us:  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love’s restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart’s distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil:  
claim us for your kingdom’s work,  
claim us for your kingdom’s work!

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*“Final” from Symphonie no 3*

Louis Vierne

This morning’s guest preacher is Prof. Jonathan Boston, a member of St John’s Presbyterian Church in Wellington. Jonathan holds a Personal Chair in Public Policy at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington. He is Director of the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies. He has published widely in the fields of public management, tertiary education, social policy, comparative government, New Zealand politics and climate change policy, including 27 books and over 190 journal articles and book chapters.

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

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