



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 25 September 2016

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Pre service music *"Spring" from 'The 4 seasons'*  
*"Aria"*  
*"All things bright and beautiful"*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)  
Gordon Young (1919-98)  
Robert Smith

## Welcome

Introit *"A new created world springs up at God's command" from 'Creation'*

J F Haydn (1732-1809)  
Rhys Thorn tenor soloist

## Call to worship

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

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

Living Christ, your presence fills the cosmos.

**Your presence pulses through galactic space across light years of time.**

In this nano-second we call 'now', in this nano-space we call 'here', be present to us.

**Glittering galaxies high in the sky radiate the splendour of God's presence.**

Distant domains of space reflect God's beauty and being.

**Nebula, nova and black holes praise God with their fascinating formation.**

We invite that piece of stardust called Earth to pulse with the rhythm of God's presence and celebrate God's glory.

**We join millions of living species to dance with life, the turtle, the toad and the elephant, the earthworm, the ant and the dragonfly.**

We invite every creature in the web of creation to dance in this community called the cosmos.

**To join us in praising our Creator.**

## Hymn *"Let all creation dance"*

(St John) CH4 149 - Brian Wren

1 Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time;  
for nature's art  
in glory grows,  
and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

2 Our own amazing earth,  
with sunlight, cloud and storms,  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms  
is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heaven's music plays.

3 Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet,  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong,  
all life befriend,  
and kindly tend  
creation's song.

## 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 "*The Ground*"

Ola Gjelio, 2012

(Pleni sunt coeli - Heaven and earth are full of your glory)

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn "*God of the galaxies*"

(Cheam) AA 54 - Shirley Murray

1 God of the galaxies spinning in space,  
God of the smallest seed, our living source,  
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.

*Let us care for your garden  
and honour the earth.*

2 Careless and covetous, gross are our greeds,  
taking the riches the garden provides,  
wasting its goodness, forgetting its needs.

[*Refrain*]

3 Forests and rivers are ravaged and die,  
raped is the land till it bleeds in its clay,  
silenced the birdsong and plundered the  
sea. [*Refrain*]

4 Let there be beauty, and let there be air  
fragrant with peace, never poisoned with  
fear,  
freed from the plagues of pollution and war.  
[*Refrain*]

5 Life is a holy thing, life is a whole,  
linking each creature and blessing us all,  
making connections of body and soul.  
[*Refrain*]

## Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

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

## Gospel Luke 16:19-31

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

# Sermon 'Being set free'

## Hymn "God gives us a future"

(Camberwell) TiS 687 - Elizabeth J. Smith

1 God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.

3 Holy Spirit, teach us  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge  
of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life, and  
find our future there.

2 We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.

## 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 *"Morning Glory, starlit sky"*

Barry Rose (b. 1934)

Jesse Hanan & Tanara Stedman soloists

*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 “All my hope”

(Michael) CH4 192 - Joachim Neander

1 All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust he will renew;  
safe through change and chance he guides  
me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Day by day the mighty Giver  
showers gifts on us below;  
his desire our souls delight in,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
See love stand  
at his hand,  
joy awaits at his command!

5 Still from earth to God in heaven  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all:  
those who follow shall not fall.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“Toccata”

Gordon Young (1919-98)

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