



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 1 January 2017

Christmas 1

Pre service music

Welcome

Call to worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord

The praiseworthy acts of the Lord

For God said, Surely you are my people

And he became our saviour in all our distress

In his love and mercy he redeemed us

Our Redeemer from of old is his name.

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“Great and deep the Spirit’s Purpose”*

(Brunel) AA 55 - Marnie Barrell

1 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.

In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God’s great salvation holds.

2 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God’s creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

3 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose:
all God’s children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth,
and a million million voices
speak with joy the Saviour’s name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

4 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives God’s own.

Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Passing the Peace

Hymn "*Our life has its seasons*"

(Kotuku) AA 113 - Shirley Murray

1 Our life has its seasons,
and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter,
and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection
with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

3 There's a time to be hurting,
a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,
*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

2 There's a time to be planting,
a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

Reading Psalm 148: 1-6, 11-14

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

Gospel Matthew 2: 13-23

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

Sermon 'One good word'

Hymn “I joy’d when to the house of God”

(St Paul) CH3 489 – Psalm 122

1 I joy’d when to the house of God,
go up, they said to me.
Jerusalem, within thy gates
our feet shall standing be.

2 Pray that Jerusalem may have
peace and felicity:
let them that love thee and thy peace
have still prosperity.

3 Therefore I wish that peace may still
within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces
prosperity retain.

4 Now, for my friends’ and family’s sakes,
peace be in thee, I’ll say.
And for the house of God our Lord,
I’ll seek thy good away.

*5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.
Amen*

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

*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 “O God our help in Ages Past”

(St Anne) CH3 611 – Isaac Watts

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

This morning's service was led by Rev Dr Peter Matheson

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

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