



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 26 November 2017

Reign of God Sunday

Pre service music “Minuet” J S Bach (1685-1750), “Rondella” Enrique Granados (1867-1916)

“Prelude on Hanover” (Praise my soul the King of Heaven)

played by Darcy Baldwin

J Alban Hinton (1934)

Welcome

Introit “Rex!” (Tremendous Majestic King)

W A Mozart (1759-95)

Call To Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

Not because last week was pleasing,

**but because the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the God of the whole earth.**

O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .

Not because our lives are sweetness and light,

**But because even those who walk in darkness
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.**

O come let us worship and bow down . . .

Not because God gives us what we want,

**But because God gives us what we need –
the holy child Jesus, God’s Unspeakable Gift.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Psalm 100”

(Old 100th) CH4 63 - *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. All are God's beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Anthem *"The Legend: Crown of Roses"* (then of the thorns they made a crown) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-93)

Conversation with young members

Birthday Blessing

Peninsula Congregation

May God's blessing be upon you
as you start another year.

May you ever feel God's presence
and the warmth of Jesus near.

May each birthday bring you closer
to God than you were before.

May the Shepherd guide and keep you
in God's love for evermore.

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 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
[Refrain]

4 When I needed a shelter were you there,
were you there?

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

5 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be
there,

wherever you travel I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour and the name
won't matter,
I'll be there.*

Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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

Sermon 'The rule, reign, realm, or commonwealth of God'

Hymn "O for a world"

(CM) GtG 372 - Miriam T Winter

1 O for a world where everyone respects
each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with
justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family and
struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision
voice.

4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who
perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for God's
glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and
all but love will cease.

Prayer for others, then ...

(from Anglican prayer book)

**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.**

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria, Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

Notices

Offering and Dedication *“Lobe den Herren - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”*

J 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 *“The Church of Christ in every age”* (Wareham/CH4 748) GtG 320 - Charles Wesley

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Benediction, then Postlude *“Toccata- Angels from the realms of Glory”*

K Knudson
played by Tegen Baldwin

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