



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 25 February 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Pre service music *“Acht kleine Praeludien und Fugen”* Prelude in E minor from BWV 555 J S Bach (1685-1750)
“Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt” (By Adam's Fall All is Spoiled) - BuxWV 183
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Introit *“Crucify him”* from ‘St Luke’s Passion’ Attributed to J S Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Hear and believe the good news: God calls us "my people".

**God has set up a covenant,
choosing us before we can choose,
faithful even when we falter.**

In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile;
in certainty and doubt, abundance and emptiness;
God’s promise remains.

**We see the rainbow, we hear our names,
we love because God first loved us,
we follow because God first called us.**

Come, let us worship God together.

Hymn *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

(Leoni) CH4 162 - Thomas Olivers

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, Great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and power,
and him my only portion make,
my shield and tower.

3 He by himself has sworn,
I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face,
I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

4 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! –
I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine,
through endless days.

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 *"Were you there when they crucified my Lord"*

Traditional Spiritual

Patricia Haden and Tanara Stedman soloists

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"I have decided to follow Jesus"*

(Assam)

1 I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

3 The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.

2 Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.

Reading **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

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

Gospel **Mark 8:31-38**

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

Sermon **'Take up the cross'**

Hymn “*Heaven shall not wait*”

CH4 362 - Graham Maule & John Bell

1 Heaven shall not wait
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find
a friend:
Jesus is Lord;
he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

2 Heaven shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege –
to kneel and wash servants' feet before
they feast.

3 Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from
cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose
plain.

4 Heaven shall not wait
for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach
another shore:
Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then
for evermore.

Prayer for others, then ...

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 “*Adagio*”

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

*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 “*Lift high the cross*”

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
till all the world adore God’s glorious name.*

1 Come, Christian people, sing your praises,
shout!

If we are silent, even stones cry out
[*Refrain*]

(Crucifer) AA 87 - Shirley Murray

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life
[*Refrain*]

3 Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God
[*Refrain*]

4 Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity
[*Refrain*]

Benediction, then Postlude

“Toccata secunda oder Zweyte Musicalishes Blumen-Feld” (Toccata 2 or the Second Musical Flower Field)”
from *‘Ars Magna Consoni et Dissoni’*

Johann Speth (1664-1719)

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