



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 11 March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Quarterly Communion

Pre service music “Fragment” - Diana Burrell; “Joy” - K Knudson; “The Hymn of Nuns” - Lefebure Wely

Welcome

Introit “Salve Regina, Mater Misericordia - Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears” from ‘Stabat Mater’

sung to mark International Women’s Day - music K Knudson (2011)

Call to Worship

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

Ma lhowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

O give thanks, for the LORD is gracious:

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

God gathered people from east and west, north and south.

They cried out in their trouble:

God rescued them from their distress.

God sent forth a word to heal them,

to save them from the grave.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love,

for the wonders God does for all people.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “Eternal God”

(Highwood) Alan Gaunt

1 Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory
cascades through life in overflowing grace,
to tell creation's meaning in the story
of love evolving love from time and space.

2 Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious,
in you, deserted, scorned, and crucified,
God's love has fathomed sin and death's
deep darkness,
and flawed humanity is glorified.

3 Eternal Spirit, with us like a mother,
embracing us in love serene and pure:
you nurture strength to follow Christ our
brother,
as full-grown children, confident and sure.

4 We ask you now, complete your image in
us;
this love of yours, our source and guide and
goal.

May love in us seek love and serve love's
purpose,
till we ascend with Christ and find love whole.

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 *"God so loved the world"* from *'The Crucifixion'* - John Stainer (1840-1901)

Tanara Stedman/ soloist

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"He came down that we might have love"* CH4 359 - Traditional Cameroon

1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love,
hallelujah for evermore.

3 He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy,
hallelujah for evermore.

2 He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace,
hallelujah for evermore.

Gospel **John 3:14-21**

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

Sermon **'Lifted up'**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a loving God, who made us and all that is,
who loves us and all the world with a father's tenderness and a mother's strength.**

We believe in God our Maker.

**We believe in a saving God who became human and lived among us,
who died and was raised to set us free and give us life.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**We believe in a living God, the breath of life in all life,
the gift of God to the people of God.**

We believe in the Spirit, our Life-Giver.

**We believe in one God, a trinity of holiness and love –
this is the God we worship and proclaim.**

Notices

Offering and Dedication *"Panis Angelicus - Bread of Heaven"*

Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760)

*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 *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"*

(Kilmarnock) CH4 656 - Brian Wren

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

Communion – The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy ... and so we say:

We praise you God our Maker.

It is our duty and delight ... and so we say:

We praise you Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is our duty and desire ... and so we say:

We praise you Holy Spirit.

Creating, Saving, Living God and so we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

For us you were born, ... Send down your Holy Spirit, on us and on these gifts of bread and wine: **Let them be for us – your body.**

healing, forgiving and making us whole: **Let us be for you – your body**

loving and serving you in the world, until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

**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.**

Distribution *“Ave Verum Corpus - Hail true body”*

music William Byrd (1505-85)

Prayer

Hymn *“Now let us from this table rise”*

(Wareham) CH4 675 - Fred Kaan

1 Now let us from this table rise,
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

3 To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

2 With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

4 Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way;
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Benediction, then Postlude

Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-97)

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