



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 4 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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**Pre service music** *“Alle Menschen müssen sterben”* (All People Must Die) Choral & Variation

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*“Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl”* (The Unwise Mouth Has Spoken) BuxWV 187 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

**Introit** *“O Lord, Thou art our salvation ever more, even before the mountains were first created”* F Mendelssohn (1809-47)

**Call to Worship**

(adapted from Psalm 19)

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

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

**Look to the mountains and see majesty ...**

One day speaks to another and night shares its knowledge with night.

**Search day and night, watching for the glory of God ...**

This without speech or language: their voices are not heard.

**Listen in the silence and hear wonder speak ...**

Their sound goes into all the lands, to the ends of the earth.

**Look to the horizon, to the expanse of the mystery of God ...**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**Let our words and our thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord our strength and redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn “Immortal Invisible”**

(St Denio) CH4 132 - Walter Chalmers Smith

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we  
praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains, high soaring  
above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness  
and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## 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** *"Beati Quorum via- Blessed are the blameless who walk in the ways of the Lord"*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## Conversation with young members

**Hymn "I want Jesus to walk with me"**

(Sojourner) CH4 539 - African-American spiritual

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Reading** Exodus 20:1-17

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

**Gospel** John 2:13-22

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

**Sermon** 'Zeal'

## Hymn *“Inspired by love and anger”*

(Salley Gardens) CH4 253 - Graham Maule & John Bell

1 Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God’s own bias,  
we ponder once again:  
‘How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?’

2 From those forever victims  
of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes  
a litany of need:  
‘Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
and dreams find their release?’

3 To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,  
we offer earth’s indifference,  
its agony and rage:  
‘When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
to all instead of some?’

4 God asks, ‘Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?’

## 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

*“One thing have I desired of the Lord, e’en that I may dwell in the house of the Lord”* Herbert Whitton Sumsion (1899-1995)

*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 *“Rejoice in God's saints”*

1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to  
praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to  
share.

2 Some march with events to turn them  
God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and  
through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is  
God.

(Laudate Dominum) CH4 742 - Frederick Pratt Green

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and  
unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder  
their own:  
they share our complaining, our comfort,  
our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is  
theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to  
praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

## Benediction, then Postlude

*“Toccata Primi Toni”*

Einar Traerup Sark (1921-2005)

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