



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 22 April 2018

Easter Four

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Pre service music *“Prelude” and “Fugue in E”*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*“O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross”*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

played by Johnny Mottershead

Welcome

Introit *“The Lord’s Prayer”*

music by NZ composer David Childs

The Dunedin RSA choir, John McAdam/ Baritone euphonium

Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 23

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

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

In the darkest valley,

**at the banquet table;**

in the hard work of life,

**at the moments of ease;**

in our day-to-day reality,

**at times set aside—**

like this time, now—

**for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**

with every step we take:

**goodness and mercy follow us;**

**our cup overflows.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* (Lobe den Herren) CH4 124 - Joachim Neander,  
trans. Catherine Winkworth

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King  
of creation;  
praise God, my soul, for in him are your  
health and salvation;  
come all who hear,  
into his presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is  
wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm and is gently yet  
firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God's wise ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do:  
God will for ever befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly for ever adore him.

## 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 *"Blades of Grass and Pure white stones"*

O G Hatch, L Alexander, P Naish; arr. Keith Christopher  
Sung to mark impending Anzac Day

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"The Lord's my shepherd"*

CH4 14 - Psalm 23, *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green: he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

2 My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

## Reading 1 John 3:16-24

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

## Gospel John 10:11-18

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

## Sermon 'Laying life down'

## Hymn “*Love is the touch*”

1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
love is the cure for the frightened and  
flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

## 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.**

## Notices

### Offering and Dedication “*How Great Thou art*”

*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.*

Alwyn Humphries  
Jesse Hanan/ Soloist

## Hymn “*Christ is the Shepherd strong*”

(Diademata/CH4 459)

1 Christ is the Shepherd strong,  
whose flock is incomplete  
till welcomed outcasts all belong  
and foes in friendship meet;  
whose wounded hands of grace  
stretch out upon the Tree,  
embracing all the human race,  
and setting captives free.

3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

4 Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**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.**

2 Christ is the gentle Nurse  
who treats the wounds within  
of grief, abuse, addiction's curse,  
captivity, and sin;  
who sits beside us still  
to comfort, cleanse, and mend  
with wisdom, purity, and skill:  
our Healer and our Friend.

3 Christ is the peaceful Prince,  
accepting pain and loss  
to break the spell of violence  
in anguish, on the Cross;  
who suffers and outlives  
our fear, revenge, and hate,  
till we forgive as God forgives,  
and better ways create.

4 Christ is the Teacher true,  
who leads, yet walks beside,  
to nurture gifts and visions new,  
suggest, correct, and guide;  
whose earthly life displays  
the depth of love divine;  
for whom our witness and our praise  
continue and combine.

**Sung Blessing** *"There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole"*

Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

**Postlude** *"Fuga sopra il Magnificat"*

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We welcome the RSA Choir and their Director Karen Knudson and thank them for leading the music this morning