



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 13 May 2018

Ascension

Pre service music “*Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr* (Glory to God Alone on High) Johann G Walther (1684-1748)
“*Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein* (O God, Look Down From Heaven) Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
“*Prelude*” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) played by Grace Togneri

Welcome

Introit “*Ascension Day- Thou standest O Lord, high above all praise*” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Call to Worship

from Nan Merrill: Psalm one paraphrase

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness
who stand beside virtue and sit in the seat of truth.

For their delight is in the Spirit of Love;

In Love's heart they dwell day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

that yield fruit in due season and their leaves flourish.

In all they do, they give life.

Let us worship God.

Hymn “*God is here!*”

(Abbot's Leigh) PH 461 - Fred Pratt Green

1 God is here! As we Your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without You,
we adore you! We believe!

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 is gone up with a merry noise"*

text from Psalm 47, music by William Croft (1678-1727)

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"God of the Women"*

(Slane CH4 500) - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1 God of the women who answered your
call,
trusting your promises, giving their all,
women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
give us their courage to live in your truth.

4 God of the women who ran from the
tomb,
prayed with the others in that upper room,
then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
may we so gladly proclaim you today.

2 God of the women who walked Jesus'
Way,
giving their resources and learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
may we give freely as they did before.

5 O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
may we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
that we may share in your ministry here.

3 God of the women long put to the test,
left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
in Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

Reading Acts 1:1-11

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

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

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

Sermon 'The Sunday after Ascension'

Hymn "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

(Veni Spiritus) CH4 596 - Elizabeth Head

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me
glows with your holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

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 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

C H Parry (1848-1918)

*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 *“There's a spirit in the air”*

(Lauds) CH4 616 - Brian Wren

1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world!'

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

4 May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

5 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Benediction, then Postlude *“Ascension IV”*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)