



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 23 September 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pre service music *"Prelude"* Cesar Franck (1822-90).

played by Grace Togneri

"Sonata" W A Mozart (1756-91)

played by John Elder

Welcome

Introit *"Psalm 2"*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

In worship we listen for the Word of God,

plumbing the depths of Scripture,

pondering the way of Christ.

In worship we choose paths of mercy and justice,

knowing the extent to which our actions betray our intentions,

conscious of our own need for healing and forgiveness.

Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness

and nourish us with the living water of your Word,

that we may bring forth fruit that will last.

We worship God:

Hymn *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

CH4 132 – Walter Chalmers Smith

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

2 Unresting, unchanging, 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 of Approach

Our time of prayer will conclude with the following refrain (from the Iona Community), sung firstly by a soloist, then by the Choir, and then twice by us all.

**Take, oh take me as I am,
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
And live in me.**

CH4 795

Passing the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Anthem *"For the beauty of the earth"*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Conversation with young members

Hymn *"He Came Singing Love"*

AA 59- Colin Gibson

1 He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

2 He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

3 He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

4 He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

Reading

Psalm 1

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

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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

Sermon

'When Love robs labels of their power'

Hymn *"Tama Ngakau Marie"*

AA 128- Traditional

1 Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.

*Son of a peaceful heart, Son of God,
here we are, love us*

2 Murua ra nga hara. Wetekina mai
Enei here kino, whakararu nei.

*Take away our sins. Undo
these evil ties which bind us.*

3 Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;
Kei pa kaha tonu, ko nga mahi he.

*Trample under foot whatever is evil
lest the power remain of the evil deeds.*

4 Homai he aroha, mou i mate nei.
Tenei ra, e Ihu, takina e koe.

*Give us love for you who died.
This day, Jesus, you lead us.*

5 Tenei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pouri, whiwhi hari nui.

*This is the pathway to the end through
the darkness to receive great joy.*

6 Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua,
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.

*Son of a peaceful heart, Son of God,
here we are, love us.*

Prayer for others and Lord's Prayer

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 and Offering *“Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace”* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*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 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

CH4 519 – Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Finish then Thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Benediction

Postlude *“Prelude in A minor”*

JS Bach (1685-1750)

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