



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 14 October 2018

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

In Samoan churches, today is White Sunday

Pre service music *"Prelude and Fugue in C minor"*

"Largo"

J S Bach (1685-1750)

G F Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome

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 mystery and grandeur

In the life of Jesus

we see the face of God;

In earthiness and ordinary

we know the love of Christ.

In heights and depths

and life and death;

the spirit of God is moving among us.

Let us praise God.

Hymn *"All creatures of our God and king"*

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) CH4 147

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice, and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds God's blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

3 And all who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on him your care:
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

4 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace.

Great God of all, when the British troops crossed the Mangatawhiri River to subdue the Waikato iwi, our nation was divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When the colonial government confiscated the land of tangata whenua including those whose guardianship it had promised to respect, our nation was divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When the police arrested Rua Kenana and government troops invaded the peace-making community of Parihaka, our nation was divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When the homes of Pacific peoples were raided at dawn from the 1970s to the 1980s, our nation was divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When the government imposed a poll tax on Chinese arriving in New Zealand, discouraging settlement, our nation was divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When women are not paid equally or treated justly or their lives made safe or their gifts valued, our nation is divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When the government reduced benefits in 1991, the gap between rich and poor widened overnight and remains today, our nation divided in two. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When our nation fails to overcome child poverty and reduce imprisonment rates and improve the educational outcomes for all people, our nation is divided. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

When our church reflects the divisions of our nation, our church is divided. **Christ, forgive and unite.**

Silence ...

That Christ might create in himself one new humanity ... we pray:

Come Lord Jesus, come, come soon, come now, come here, flood our hearts and spirits with love and compassion. Amen.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Conversation with young members

Hymn "*We are many, we are one*"

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

1 We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,

as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2 All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3 We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

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Reading Ephesians 2: 13-22

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

Gospel John 10: 2-7

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

Sermon ‘Gatekeeper to a spacious church’

Hymn “*Let us build a house*”

CH4 198 Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome,

all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

[Refrain]

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

[Refrain]

4 Let us build a house where hands will
reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they’ve known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God’s face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

[Refrain]

Prayer for Others

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 *"The Heart of Peace"*

Mons Leidvin Takle (b 1942)

*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 'Fill now our life'

CH4 183 Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Tune – Richmond 352i

1 Fill now our life, O Lord our God,
in every part with praise,
that our whole being may proclaim
your being and your ways.

2 Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor even the praising heart
we ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

3 Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
though humble and unseen.

4 So, gracious Lord, you shall receive
from us the glory due;
and so we shall begin on earth
the song for ever new.

Benediction

Postlude *"Festival Toccata"*

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

played by Ariana Knudson-Hollebon

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