



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

alive to God's Spirit

10am – Sunday 13 January 2019

First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Christ

Pre service music *"An Wasserflüssen Babylon- By the waters of Babylon"*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

"Saraband"

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

"Intermezzo" from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'

Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

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

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

Ps. 29:3, 9

and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

Mark 1:10-11

and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

Isa. 43:1

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Hymn *"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29)*

(Moredun) CH4 201 - John S B Monsell

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his Name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Litany for Baptism of Jesus

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptised by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Matt. 3:2-3

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfil the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

E te whanau in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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.**

The Early Word

Hymn "*Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit*"

CH4 597 - Shirley Murray

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

4 Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Reading Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17

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

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Sermon A step further

Hymn "*Lord when you came to Jordan*" (St Theodulph CH4 364) PH 71 - Brian Wren

1 Lord, when You came to Jordan
and asked to be baptised,
what was Your vow and vision
of love and sacrifice?
Was there a sudden splendour
of prophets, priests, and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters,
a blur of mighty wings?

3 Faith rests content with questions
of when and why and how,
but craves the gift of seeing
what God is doing now.
Lord, bring us to our Jordan
of newly opened eyes,
through love, immersed in living,
as You were once baptised.

2 Was this God's crowning moment
of all You had become,
the Spirit's power and blessing:
"Go now, You are My Son?"
Did scripture join with scripture
in words of sharp surprise:
"The Lord's Messiah shall conquer,
rejected and despised?"

Prayer for others

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 *"With Jesus will I travel"*

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 *"The voice of God"*

(Woodlands) CH4 283 - Luke Connaughton

1 The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to
star:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

2 The Lord has said: 'Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made
flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light':
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

3 The broken reed he will not trample
down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and heals with his
strong hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

4 Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the
weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

Benediction

Postlude *"And did those feet: Toccata on Jerusalem"*

K Knudson (2006)