



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*called to be a community of Jesus*

10am – Sunday 31 March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Pre service music “Elegy”

“Going Home-Largo”

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

We welcome

We prepare to worship, led by our choir

“Sicut Cervus” (I thirst, as the hart longs for water, so my soul longs for thee, O god)

G P da Palestrina (1525-94)

We are called to worship

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

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

In the name of God,

**who created us, who holds us and the whole world.**

In the name of the Son

**who came into the world, who reconciles us with God.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit

**who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace,**

**we come together to offer our thanks and praise.**

Let us worship God.

We sing

(Melita) CH4 484 – Brian Wren

1 Great God, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

3 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.

Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

4 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

## We pray and are assured of forgiveness

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

## We share 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**

Our choir leads us in praying *"God so loved the world"* from *'The Crucifixion'* music John Stainer  
Alex McAdam/soloist

## We prepare to hear God's Word

### We sing

(Amazing Grace) CH4 555 - John Newton

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

## We listen for God's Word

### 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

### Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

## Welcome home

## We sing

(Stuttgart) GtG 44 – Daniel Bechtel

1 Like a mother who has borne us,  
held us close in her delight,  
fed us freely from her body,  
God has called us into life.

2 Like a father who has taught us,  
grasped our hand and been our guide,  
lifted us and healed our sorrows,  
God has walked with us in life.

3 Though as children we have wandered,  
placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters,  
God still calls us into life.

4 When we offer food and comfort,  
grasp our neighbour's hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice,  
God still walks with us in life.

## We pray 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.**

## We share news and offer ourselves to God

*"Father of Mercies"*

G F Handel (1685-1759)

*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.*

## We sing

(Gonfalon Royal) CH4 713 – Richard G Jones

1 Come, all who look to God today,  
stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,  
together share his living way  
where all who humbly seek will find.

2 Come, young and old of every faith,  
bring all your treasures of prayer,  
and seek the living Spirit's breath  
to realise the truths we share.

3 Bring your traditions' richest store,  
your hymns and rites and cherished creeds;  
explore your visions, pray for more,  
since God delights to meet fresh needs.

4 Come, trust in God and live in peace,  
anticipate that final light  
when strife and bigotry shall cease,  
and faith be lost in praise and sight. Amen

We receive God's blessing

We sing yes to God's blessing

Postlude "*Toccata*"

Gordon Young (1919-98)

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