



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

a community working to make real God's realm

10am – Sunday 19 May 2019

Easter Five

Reflections from 63rd Commission on the Status of Women,
Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ

Pre service music

played by Tegen and Darcy Baldwin

We welcome

We prepare to worship, led by our choir

"Laudate Dominum- Praise the Lord" from 'Solemn Vespers'

W A Mozart (1756-91)

Calla Knudson-Hollebon/soprano soloist

We are called to worship

(adapted from Benedicite Aotearoa, New Zealand Prayer Book)

O give thanks to our God who is good: **whose love endures forever.**

Brother sun and sister moon, stars of the southern sky:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day: **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind blowing strong:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, fruit trees and kauri: **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Wild animals, cattle and sheep, creeping things and flying birds

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Maori and Pakeha, women and men,

All children and infants, all people who play

give to our God your thanks and praise

Let us worship God

We sing

(Westchase) CH4 134 – Brian Wren

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God:
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

2 Strong mother God, working night and
day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting
home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

We pray and are assured of God's great love

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

We share the peace of Christ

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

"Most highly favoured lady" (Of her Emmanuel the Christ was born)

Basque carol, arr. David Willcocks

We prepare to hear God's Word

We sing

(Old Clarendonian) CH4 416 – Brian Wren

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

3 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

2 In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

We listen for God's Word

Jeremiah 22: 1-3

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

John 11:20-27

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

Reflection 'Women witness'

We sing

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
*and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
[Refrain]

We pray 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.**

(Place at the table) CH4 685 – Shirley Murray

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are
wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
[Refrain]

4 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
[Refrain]

Anglican prayer book

**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

"Eia Mater, fons amoris" from 'Stabat Mater'

(O Mother, fount of love, make me to feel the strength of your grief, so that I may mourn with you)

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-36)

Claire Barton/ alto soloist

*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

(Ellacombe) – Shirley Murray

1 Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction –
to peace and unity.

3 Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony –
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

2 The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.

We receive God's blessing

Postlude *"The Power of Life"* Mons Leidvin Takle

played by Grace Togneri

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