



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 13 June 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Music to prepare us for worship from “Sonata in B flat” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) played by Grace Togneri
“L’amour a ses souffrances” Flor Peeters (1903-86), “Entree Solonelle” Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)

Introit “Et in terra pax – and on earth peace” from ‘Gloria’ Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Greeting

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

Ma lhowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Let us worship God.

Hymn

tune: Old 100th, words: Sarah Mitchell

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

3 Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.

2 Know that there is one Love, indeed,
which shapes and forms without our aid,
which claims us, gives us all we need,
with tender care that never fades.

4 Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is for ever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of approach & Assurance of Forgiveness

The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
and would sleep and rise night and day,
and the seed would sprout and grow,
and we do not know how.

(Mark 4:26-27)

Soloist “May the mystery of God enfold us”

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The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,
yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.

(Mark 4:31-32)

Choir “May the mystery of God enfold us”

The kingdom of God ... mystery, wisdom, wonder ... upholding, renewing, healing.
As the mystery of God enfolds you,
as the Fragrance and Light of God surround you,
know that the forces of sin and evil have been dealt to,
in Christ, you have been forgiven,
and nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Congregation *"May the mystery of God enfold us"*

*May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us.*

*may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.*

Youth are invited to go out to their programme.

First reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Gospel reading: Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With

many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon

Hymn

lyrics and music Dan Shutte

*Biding in your holy presence,
Waiting here in humble silence,
Needing no more words to help us pray:
We rest within the myst'ry of God.*

1 Who are we, O Lord, that you should care for us?
we are like a small grain of sand,
yet you give our hands dominion over all.
Wondrous are your ways, O God.
Biding in your holy presence...

2 Ravish us, O God, with love beyond our dreams;
let us know the sound of your voice.
Hold us in your care, betroth us in your heart.
Wondrous are your ways, O God.
Biding in your holy presence...

3 Never let us doubt the passion of your love,
even when this world breaks our heart,
night is never long for those who love the Lord.
Wondrous are your ways, O God.
Biding in your holy presence...

4 Take us as your bride and bind us to your heart;
let us know the joy of your face.
One day let us share the wedding feast on high.
Wondrous are your ways, O God.
Biding in your holy presence...

Passing of the peace

Kia tau te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou.
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Invitation to the Table

When we come to this table,
we enter the presence of the One who said:
**"I am the bread of life:
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**
So, come ... you who hunger and thirst for righteousness ...
receive the bread of life.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *During this prayer we will sing:*

E te ariki, kia aroha mai

E te karaiti, kia aroha mai

E te ariki, kia aroha mai, kia aroha mai

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

**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 forever. Amen

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Communion (choir singing during distribution) *“Ecce Panis Angelorum- behold the bread of angels”*

Luc Jakobs (b 1956), *“He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved”* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. Children are encouraged to get permission from parents or caregivers before participating. Bread and juice will be served at stations around the church. If you would like to be served where you're seated, please indicate by raising a hand.

Hymn

(tune: O Le Fa'afetai) WOV 629 - Traditional Samoan

1 Fa'afetai i le Atua, *(Thanks to God*

Le na tatou tupu ai, *who has given us life*

Ina ua na alofa fua *when God freely loved*

la te i tatou uma nei. *all of us*

la pepese, ia pepese *Sing, sing*

Alleluia, fa'afetai, *Alleluia, give thanks*

la pepese, ia pepese *Sing, sing*

Alleluia, fa'afetai. *Alleluia, give thanks)*

2 Fa'afetai i Iona Alo *(Thanks to God's Son*

Le na afio mai luga *Who came from God*

Le ua fai ma fa'apaolo *who protects you*

Ai le puapuaga. *from all suffering)*

la pepese, ia pepese

Alleluia, fa'afetai,

la pepese, ia pepese

Alleluia, fa'afetai.

3 Fa'afetai i le Agaga *(Thanks to the Spirit*

Le fesoasoani mai, *who helps*

E manuia ai talosaga *to bless our prayers*

Atoa uma mea e fai. *and whatever we do)*

la pepese, ia pepese

Alleluia fa'afetai,

la pepese, ia pepese

Alleluia fa'afetai.

Blessing

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Now unto God who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling
and present you faultless before the presence of God's glory with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power
both now and forever. Amen

Music for our leaving *Praeludium und Fuga in C major* BuxWV 136 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

played by Peter Stockwell

Serving today

Officiating Minister - Graham Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader - Grace Togneri

In relation to your monetary offering, you may:

- *Make regular automatic payments (which are tax deductible) - contact Helen Thew at plannedgiving@knoxchurch.net*
- *Give online to the Church's bank account at 03 0903 0016425 00 - our charity number for tax rebate purposes is #CC52318*
- *Give before the service, into the offering boxes at the back of the church*