



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 3 October 2021

World Communion Sunday

Pentecost 19 / Ratapu tekau mā iwa o te Petekoha

Music to prepare us for worship “*The Old Castle*” Modest Mussorgsky (1839-81), “*Love Divine*” George Thalban-Ball, “*God's time is best*” J S Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome to worship

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October. It promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition was begun in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, USA. Unfortunately, due to level 2 restrictions, we are not celebrating Communion, however you may wish to share in bread and juice of the grape when you get home.

Call to worship

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

Ma lhowa koe a manaaki. May God bless you.

The whole world is in God's hands.

Everything that lives and breathes. Everything that simply is. Everything.

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!

As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our sisters and brothers around the world, to remember whose we are, we shout,

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

With all that we have, with all that we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being. Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering. Bless this world, with your overflowing love. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Amen!

A meditation – Psalm 8 (we will read quietly while music plays)

John L Bell

1 O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
how glorious is your name,
and glorious too where unseen heavens
your majesty proclaim.

On infant lips, in children's song
a strong defence you raise
to counter enemy and threat,
and foil the rebel's ways.

*O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
how glorious is your name!*

2 When I look up and see the stars
which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars,

each perfectly displayed;
then I must ask, 'Why do you care?
Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name
fixed in your memory?' [*Refrain*]

3 Yet such as us you made and meant
just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord,
you crowned humanity.
And then dominion you bestowed
for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish
that move through sea or land. [*Refrain*]

Prayer

Assurance of forgiveness

E te whanau a te Karaiti, family of Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Words of 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.**

Please make a gesture of peace towards people to whom you wish to pass the peace.

Music “*Bist du bei mir - I will not forget my Jesus*” J S Bach (1685-1750)

Children’s talk

A Poem – Table Blessing (Jan L Richardson from *In Wisdom’s Path: Discovering the Sacred in Every Season*)

First reading – Job 1:1, 2:1-10

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

Gospel reading: Mark 6:30-44

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

Sermon “From going to and fro”

Quietness

Music “*Hyfrydol - Love Divine*” Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

Prayer of thanks and for others followed by The Lord’s Prayer *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 forever. 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.

Offering prayer

(Korea)

Poem - And the Table Will Be Wide

(Source: Jan Richardson, *Painted Prayerbook*)

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.
And our aching will be met with bread.
And our sorrow will be met with wine.
And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.
And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.

Video of the celebration of Communion on a sand bar near Suva in Fiji by Archbishop Winston Halapua

Meditation – Break not the circle of enabling love

CH4 206 - Fred Kaan

1 Break not the circle of enabling love,
where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;
break not that circle – make it wider still,
till it includes, embraces all the living.

2 Come, wonder at this love that comes to
life,
where words of freedom are with humour
spoken
and people keep no score of wrong and
guilt,
but will that human bonds remain
unbroken.

3 Sing high! Give thanks for all who came
and come
to teach the world the craft of hopeful
craving
for peace and wholeness that will fill the
earth;
for faith that stirs us to creative living.

4 Join then the movement of the love that
frees,
till people of whatever race or nation
will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,
see eye to eye with laughter and elation.

The Blessing

(Argentina)

May the God of Life be your guide on the road every day, be your refuge in times of
uncertainty and be your rest in times of fatigue. May the God of Life, strengthen you when you
feel weak, comfort you when you feel sad and embrace you when you feel alone. May the God
of Life, who loves you and knows you, cover you with the tenderness of a Mother. Forever.
Amen.

The benediction

Music for our leaving “*Tu es Petra- You are Peter, the rock on which I build my church*” Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

A reading from CS Song *(Theology from the Womb of Asia)*

God seems especially patient in Asia. Space is vast. History is long. Culture is rich. Persons are numerous. The heart nourished by such culture embraces deep emotions. The soul formed by such history is very patient. A mind grown out of such vast space has plenty of room. We Asians are by nature religious. We revere heaven and respect earth and find affinity with nature and seek harmony with God. ...We Christians in Asia must learn to read our Bible within that vast heart, grasp its message with its rich soul, and comprehend meaning with a patient mind. ... Theology in Asia must be a theology of the church. But it must also be a theology of Asia. Then the God of compassion in Jesus will become related to us more personally.

If you are new to Knox or visiting please make yourself known to the minister or the elder at the door.

The online worship resource is continuing. There will not be evening services during level two however there will be a small group discussion relating to professing the Christian faith and membership. If you are interested, please speak with Jordan or Kerry, our ministers.

Serving today

Minister - Kerry Enright

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Assisting Minister today – Peg Pfab

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Reader - Rosemary Tarbotton

Prayers for Others - Peter Matheson

Welcoming team - Margot Skinner's team

Counting team - Week 2 counting team

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