



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Rātapu Tuarua o te Aranga

Pre-service *Pastorella BWV 590 - First Movement* JS Bach (1685-1750), *Basso Ostinato* Léon Boëllmann (1862-67)
played by Robbie Evers

Welcome

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. May God be with you:
Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Introit “*For the beauty of the earth*” text Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1864), music John Rutter (b. 1945)

Call to Worship

Sometimes believing, sometimes doubting

We come to worship God

Sometimes weeping, sometimes laughing

We come to worship God

Sometimes afraid, sometimes joyful

We come to worship God

Whatever has happened to us, here we are welcome

We come to worship God

We sing

(tune: *Alive*) AA 146 - Bill Wallace

1 We are an Easter people, ours is an
Easter faith.

The yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our
lives.*

3 We are an Easter people, ours is an
Easter faith.

our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our
lives.*

2 We are an Easter people, ours is an
Easter faith.

Our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our
lives.*

We pray *we remain seated*

We share the peace of Christ

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki a koutou: the peace of Christ be with you:
And also with you.

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Time with the Whanau

Harvest Thanksgiving, including the dedication of our offerings

A basket of donated items for the Presbyterian Support foodbank will be brought forward and dedicated. If you wish to contribute financially to the work of Knox Church there are several options, including Eftpos at the door of the church and via our direct debit donation system. Cash offerings can be put in one of the donation boxes at the back of the church as you leave. Thank you for your support.

We sing

(tune: *Humpty Dumpty*)

1 Peas and beans, some lettuce and beet -
mix them up as salad to eat.
God created and made them to grow.
Someone will reap, another will sow.

2 Peaches, pears and nectarines,
apples, plums and mandarins –
juicy fruits to left and to right
God has given for our delight.

3 Riches from the earth are in store,
harvested to share with the poor.
All shall eat and none be left out
from God's love: Praise God with a shout!

4 Jesus reaps the harvest of life;
Jesus' peace replaces our strife.
He calls us to live in his love,
welcoming us to his harvest above.

Anthem "*Gratias Agimus tibi, Propter Magnam Gloriam Tuam*" Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

(we give thanks to you- because of your great glory)

Carolyn Schmid/ organ

We listen for God's Word

First reading: Acts 4: 32-35

*In this is the Word of God **Thanks be to God***

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

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

Sermon

We sing

(tune: *Dunedin*) - EJ Smith

1 Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known.
Our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question-marks and doubt.

2 The pattern Jesus showed, we share:
life comes through death, hope through
despair.
God is made known in brokenness,
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.

3 The church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again –
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.

4 Faith takes the little that we know
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.

We pray for others and ourselves, followed by the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Anthem "Hence with Earthy treasure" JS Bach (1685-1750) from *Jesu Meine Freude BWV 227*,

melody by Johann Crüger

Notices

Sending out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
We go in the name of Christ.

We sing

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again.

Lain in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

(tune: *Noel Nouvelet*) Hymn 278 - John Macleod Campbell Crum

3 Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
he who for three days in the grave had lain.

Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again –
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Benediction

Postlude

**Evening service - 6.30pm for shared meal - *Food for the Journey:*
sharing what sustains our hope Richard Brown with Rachel Tombs**

Serving today

Leader – Anne Thomson

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Reader – Neil Grant

Prayer – Alexander Heyes

Welcoming team – Margot Skinner's team

Counting team – team 2

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- *Make regular automatic payments (which are tax deductible) - contact Chris Bloore at plannedgiving@knoxchurch.org.nz*
- *Give online to the Church's bank account at 03 0903 0016425 00 - our charity number for tax rebate purposes is #CC52318*
- *Give into the offering boxes at the back of the church or using the Paywave when you arrive or as you leave.*