



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rātapu Tuawha o te Aranga

Pre-service *Agnus Dei* from 'Mass of the Convents' - Francois Couperin (1668-1733),

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (O Spotless Lamb of God) BWV 1095, from the 'Neumeister Chorales'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and introduction

Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou: may God be with you.

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki: may God bless you.

We are one flock with one shepherd.

We are called to be one in community.

We have boldness before God

because we know we are loved and known by God.

So let us love each other as sisters and brothers

not only in word or speech, but in truth and action

Let us join together as one flock to worship the one God. Amen.

We sing

(tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*) CH4 147 - St. Francis of Assisi, translator: William Henry Draper

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2 Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,
high clouds that sail in heavens along.

O praise him, alleluia!

New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:

[Refrain]

3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
giving to all both warmth and light:

[Refrain]

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds God's blessings on our way.

O praise him, alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:

[Refrain]

We pray

Sharing 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

Tamariki Time

We sing

(tune: *Crimond*) CH4 14b – Psalm 23

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

2 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

Readings

1 John 3:16-24

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

John 10:11-18

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

Sermon

We sing

(tune: *Tenderness*) CH4 243 – Shirley Murray

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

We pray for others and ourselves, concluding with 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.**

We dedicate the offering *(Please stand as the offering is brought forward)*

We acknowledge that giving takes many forms, including gifts of time and talents and grocery items for the Presbyterian Support food bank. We are also conscious that the cost-of-living crisis impacts many people's ability to support the church financially. Thank you for whatever level of support you are able to give Knox Church in these challenging times.

Notices

We are sent out

Go now, trusting in the good shepherd,
Let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.
Go in the name of Jesus Christ,
Let us love one another, as he commanded.

We sing

(tune: *Woodlands*) CH4 622 – June Boyce-Tillman

1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like
scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water
clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

4 We sing a love, that, wandering, will not
rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on
refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the
cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

5 We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
that seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
transfiguring these, as Christ in every
heart:
come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts
today.

Benediction

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in A major* BuxWV 151 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Evening service – 7pm - *Food for the Journey*: Jill Rutherford in the Gathering Area

Serving today

Leader – Anne Thomson
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Richie Brown
Prayer – Peter Matheson
Welcoming team – David Mann's team
Counting team – team 4

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