



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – 5 May Sunday 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ratapu tuaono o te Aranga

Pre-service *Trio on the chorale "Herzlich thut mich verlangen"* Johann Kirnberger (1721-1783); *"The heart of peace"*
Mons Leidvin Takle played by Grace Togneri.

Introit *"Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, O source of every blessing"*, music Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47).

Welcome / Greeting

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord be with you all.

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Welcome to our guest preacher The Rt. Rev. Rose Luxford, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Call to Worship

Hymn

AA57 (tune: Halley) - Colin Gibson

1 Great ring of light,
true circle with no ending;
clear beam so bright,
whose purpose knows no bending;
O Word of God,
in darkness always shining out.

2 A man who cried
upon a cross at Calvary;
for him who died
an empty tomb, a mystery;
O risen Christ,
all pain and loss transcending.

3 Immortal fire
of love forever yearning;
flame of desire
For our salvation burning;
Spirit divine,
our friend and present comforter.

4 The light shines still,
the eternal Word has spoken;
on Calvary's hill
the power of death is broken;
and I receive
the life, the joy, the loving.

Prayer of Confession *we remain seated*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness.

**Merciful God, grant unto us your pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Beloved in Christ, let us receive God's forgiveness, for God is gracious and merciful, and abounding in steadfast love.

Through Christ, God forgives us and sets us free.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The Peace of Christ be with you all

Ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you

Please stand and make a gesture of peace towards people around you.

Time with tamariki

Anthem "Serenity" James MacMillan (b 1959). Latin text St Thomas Aquinas, English text Reinhold Niebuhr. (God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. God grant me serenity, wisdom, courage.) Sara Brown/piano.

First reading: Psalm 98: 4-9

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

Gospel reading: John 15:9-15

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

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Rose Luxford, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Hymn

CH115 (tune: Amor Dei) - Alison Robertson

1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and
flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

4 Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the pathway the saints all have
trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Prayers of the people, 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.**

Hymn

AA59 – Colin Gibson

1 He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

3 He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

2 He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

4 He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

Please remain standing at the conclusion of this hymn as the offering is carried forward to the communion table.

Offertory Prayer

**O God, send down upon us, we pray
The gift of your Holy Spirit:-
To cleanse our hearts,
To hallow our gifts,
And to perfect the offering of our lives to your service
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Notices

Hymn

1 Church of the living Christ,
people of Easter faith –
speak to the Man who walks
free from the dark of death!
The Christ who burst the tomb apart
comes questioning the Church's heart.

2 No use old wineskins now -
new wine is here to stay:
no patching up old schemes –
new patches tear away,
old gear, old concepts have no place
where Christ's own presence sets the
pace.

Benediction / Sending

(with sung Amen)

Postlude "*Flourish for an occasion*" Noel Rawsthorne (1929- 2019)

played by Matthew Gordon.

Evening service – 7pm – *Food for the journey: the autumn tomb*

Margaret Garland and Richie Brown, in the Gathering Area

Serving today

Leader – Peter Wishart
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Sara Brown
Prayer – Helen Thew
Welcoming team – team 5
Counting team – Howard Smith's team

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