



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday

Ratapu tuawhitu o te Aranga

Pre-service "*Praeludium*" Gordon Young (1919- 1988)

"Magnificat- Song of Mary" Six Versets op. 41 Nr 2/ Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

played by Alexa Choie

played by Grace Togneri

Introit "*Ave Maria*" Giulio Caccini (1551-1618) , arr Vladimir Vavilov (1970)

Mia Boothroyd/ flute, Grace Togneri/ piano, Sara Brown/ piano

Sung to mark Mother's Day.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7

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

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,

a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm.

We sing

1 Lift up your hearts, believers!

This is the holy day

when Jesus, our Redeemer,

completes salvation's way.

The forty days are over,

and clouds shine high and bright

as Christ, the overcomer,

is lifted from our sight.

2 Lift up your hearts, believers!

You gates, lift up your heads!

though minds be full of wonder,

though souls be filled with dread.

The Spirit has been promised,

and, though we are alone,

tune: *St Theodulph* CH4 446 – author unknown

we wait until the moment

when fire and wind are known.

3 Lift up your hearts, believers!

And do not be downcast,

for Jesus our Redeemer

receives the crown at last.

The thorns of crucifixion

are changed to stars of light,

and Christ the Lord of glory

is named as God's delight.

4 Lift up your hearts, believers!

This is the holy day

when Jesus, our Redeemer,

completes salvation's way.

We pray in adoration and confession

Assurance of pardon

We share the peace of Christ

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.

With the Whānau

We sing

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.

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.

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.

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.

We listen for God's Word

Gospel reading: Luke 24:44-53

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

First reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

Anthem For Ascension "God is gone up with a merry noise" Music William Croft, text Psalm 47

Sermon

We sing

tune: *Truro* CH4 416 – Brian Wren

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring:
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

We pray, dedicating our offering *(Please stand as the offering is brought forward)*

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We come to the Lord's Table Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Look, here is bread! Look, here is wine!

Let us celebrate the feast of God!

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to our God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

.....to you we lift our hearts

and give our thanks and praise

..... we praise you with the song of heaven:

**Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of love and power,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

.....Ascension Christ, in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine,

Come to us

As we do now what you once did on earth,

Be present with us

Breathe your Spirit upon this bread and wine

May they become our spiritual food and drink, nourishing your life in us

Breathe your Spirit upon us

May we be your body, revealing your presence in the world, Amen

Breaking the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **grant us your peace**

The Distribution

“E’en so Lord Jesus”

Prologue on 'Ascension'

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

text from revelation , Music Paul Manz

Healey Willan (1956)

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

We pray after Communion

Notices

We sing

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

tune: *Diademata* CH4 459 –Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Benediction

Postlude “*Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today God's Son Triumphs)*”

played by Peter Stockwell

*BWV 630 from 'Orgelbuchlein': Chorale Prelude for Ascension
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Serving today

Minister – Anne Thomson

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Reader – Moira Thomson

Welcoming team – David Mann’s team

Counting team – team 4

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