



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 17 September 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Ratapu tekau ma ono i muri i te Petekoha

Pre-service *Trumpet Voluntary in C major* - John Travers (1703-58); *An Old Man's Tale* from 'Stories of the Young' Op. 1 - Enrico Granados (1867-1916), arr. Colin Hand played by Peter Sockwell

Introit "*Kyrie Eleison - Lord Have mercy*" music Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760)

Greeting and Call to worship

Like our forebears in faith,
we are on a journey from death to life,
from captivity to freedom,
from darkness to light.

In prayer, we ask for perseverance,
because the terrain is difficult,
and hostile forces surround us.

**Guide us Holy Spirit to the eternal One in whom we trust,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.**

We worship God:

Hymn

In You we live - Sue Mephram

1 As in times gone past,
we tread the ancient pathway,
leading to the eternal One,
with a multitude we join in worship,
voices raised in joyful song.
*In You we live and have our being,
Hallelujah, hallelu,
we breathe and move and have our being,
hallelujah!*

2 Through seasons of our lives,
we walk with faithful rhythm,
hearts and hopes set on God,
in the shadow lands and in the morning,
we're drawn towards the glorious Son!
*In You we live and have our being,
Hallelujah, hallelu,
we breathe and move and have our being,
hallelujah!*

3 In the days to come
we'll walk the path before us,
when it's clear and smooth or harsh and
rough,
and His mighty hands will lead and guide us,
scarred hands that prove His sacred love.
*In You we live and have our being,
Hallelujah, hallelu,
we breathe and move and have our being,
hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Emmanuel, God with us (x4)

*In You we live and have our being,
Hallelujah, hallelu,
we breathe and move and have our being,
hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Prayer of Approach

Anthem “*Lord I trust thee*” G F Handel (1685-1759)

Peter Stockwell/ organ

Passing of the peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9)

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou. May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

Tamariki Time

First reading: Exodus 14:19-31

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 18:21-35

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

Hymn

Come, you faithful, raise the strain (tune: St George Windsor CH4 233)

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke,
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give,
love and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of season, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts
comes its joy to render;
comes to gladden Christian hearts,
which, with true affection,
welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither could the gates of death,
nor the grave's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold you as a mortal.
Here today amid your own
now you stand, bestowing
your own peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.

Sermon 'What kind of god, what sort of salvation?'

Hymn

Christ is the world's true light (tune: Nun Danket) CH4 456 - George Wallace Briggs

As this hymn is sung, an offering will be taken up. 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.

1 Christ is the world's true light,
the bearer of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where people own his sway:
from bondage freedom breaks,
and night is turned to day.

3 One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone you;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain:
come, heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace and reign.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
we shall forsake our fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.

Dedication of the offering *congregation please stand*

Prayer for others 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 āianei
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.

Choir "May the soft light at the end of the Day heal you" music NZ composer David Hamilton (b. 1953)

Notices

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me (tune: Kelvingrove) CH4 533 - G Maule & JL Bell

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er,
feed me till my want is o'er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *Toccata Secunda oder Zweytes Musikalisches Blumen-Feld (Toccata Two or the Second Musical Flower Field)* from 'Ars Magna Consoni et Disoni' (*Great Arts Consonant and Disonant*) Johann Speth (1664-after 1719)
played by Peter Stockwell

Evening service - 7pm - *Responding to the Psalms with Art and Craft*
led by Margaret Garland, music Janet Sim-Elder

Serving today

Leader – Graham Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Judah Shantapriyan
Prayer for others – Janet Sim Elder
Welcoming team –David Mann's team
Counting team –team 4

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- *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, following the service*