



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 19 November 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ratapu rua tekau ma rima i muri i te Petekoha

Pre-service *The Word of God* - Henry Coleman, *Now, My Tongue the Mystery Telling/Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*,
from *The Little Organ Book* - Flor Peeters; *Allegro Maestoso/"Hornpipe"* from *Water Music* - G F Handel
Aria in F from Concerto Grosso Op. 6: No. 12 - G F Handel played by Robbie Eyers

Introit "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is" music Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Robbie Eyers/ organ

Welcome and Introduction

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

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Call to worship

God knows us and our hungers.

God loves us like a father and nurtures us like a mother.

God draws us to each other and claims us as the people of God.

Knowing this, let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn

(tune: *Kremser*) NCH 420 - Julia C Cory

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore
you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we
sing.

2 We worship you, God of our mothers
and fathers;
through life's storm and tempest our
guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake
us,
and with your help, O God, in life's
struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we
raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your
blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be
praise!

Prayer of Confession

Words of assurance and declaration of peace

E te whanau a te Karaiti, God forgives us.

Forgive others, forgive yourself. **Amen.**

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.**

Passing of the peace

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

Anthem “*Libera Me - Deliver me*” Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Children’s talk

Hymn

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for serving,
That your will on earth be done:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

(tune: *Austrian Hymn*) NCH 565 – Robert L Edwards

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace
conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
honouring you by loving all.

4 Lend your joy to all our giving,
let it light our pilgrim way;
from the night of anxious keeping,
loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over,
and we’ve lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming,
all our stewardship began.

First reading: Psalm 90:1-8,12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Sermon ‘The Wages of Fear’

Hymn

(tune: *Hall*) GTG 707 - William H Foulkes

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 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we
humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing
day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us
free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honour
thee.

2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are
thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy
throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven
above.

3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold
thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish
ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost
please.

4 Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart,
mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans
fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents,
all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy
sovereign call.

Prayers of the People, 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 āianeī
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.

Presentation for Junior Choristers

Notices

Offering *"Pie Jesu -Merciful Jesus, Who takes away the sins of the world"* Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Prayer of Dedication *congregation please stand*

Closing Hymn

(tune: *St Anne*) NCH 25 – Isaac Watts

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
fades at the opening day.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our God while troubles last,
and our eternal Home!

The Benediction and Amen

Postlude *"Carillon"* Louis Vierne (1870- 1937)

played by Matthew Gordon

Evening Service – 7pm, Gathering Area – *Walking through Justice: Part 2* Margaret Garland - leading, Richard Brown - music

Serving today

Leader – Jay Robinson
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Naomi Jones
Prayer for others – Richard Brown
Welcoming team – Leigh Haslam's team
Counting team – Tony Haslam's team

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