



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 30 October 2022

Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

Today we commemorate Reformation Sunday, which marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther is said to have nailed 95 Theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

Music to prepare us for worship “*Ein feste berg- a mighty fortress is our God*” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1796)

Choir Introit “*Kyrie eleison- Lord have mercy, Christe eleison- Christ have mercy*” music Karl Jenkins
Knox choir with Knox Children’s choir. Carolyn Schmid/ organ, Sara Brown /piano

Greeting and Call to Worship

Hymn (*if able, please stand and sing*)

(tune: Old 100th) CH4 63 - Psalm 100

The Old 100th as this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 100 is often called dates back to the second edition of the Anglo-Genevan Psalter of 1561. It was penned by Scottish clergyman and Bible translator, William Kethe. The majestic melody was composed by a French Calvinist musician, Louis Bourgeois, who composed many melodies for the original Genevan Psalter.

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

4 For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Opening Prayer

Martin Luther penned several hymns, the most famous of which is “A mighty fortress is our God,” which is based on Psalm 46. Luther lived in tumultuous times, as do we. Psalm 46 testifies to the world’s chaotic powers being brought to serve the purposes of God’s greater peace or shalom. Such a testimony is not just an act of faith; it is an act of defiance against oppressive and malevolent forces. The refrain for our opening prayer is taken from the oft-cited opening words of Psalm 46:

***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we shall not be afraid.***

Even though there is much to fear, and fear takes many forms, and the tentacles of fear are far-reaching ...

***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we shall not be afraid.***

When it feels like we are standing on the edge of the abyss, when the forces of evil seem perilously close, and when despair weighs heavy upon the heart ...

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we shall not be afraid.

Soloist: You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

***All: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest***

Soloist: If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

***All: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest***

Soloist: And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

***All: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest***

Pass the peace

Children's time

Song *(please remain seated)*

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!*

Sue Mephram

2 Through seasons of our lives, we walk
with faithful rhythm
With 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...

3 In the days to come, we'll walk the path
before us
When clear and smooth or harsh and
rough
God's loving hands will lead and guide us
Marked with scars of selfless love.
In you, we live and have our being...

First reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

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

Second reading: Luke 19:1-10

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

The Reformation & its Legacy: A conversation between Graham Redding and Peter Matheson

Choir Anthem *"Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are mine"*

text Isaiah 43, music by Philip Stopford. Carolyn Schmid/ organ

Hymn *(If able, please remain standing and sing)*

(tune: Sine Nomine) CH4 736 - Shirley Murray

1 Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia!

3 And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia!

Prayers for others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Notices

Dedication of the offering *“God shall wipe away all tears”* text from Revelation, music Karl Jenkins

Hymn

(tune: Hyfrydol) CH4 519 - Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

Music for our leaving *“Ein feste berg/ A Mighty fortress”* J S Bach (1685-1750)

7pm - Sunday evening service in the Gathering Area – *Vigils for Peace* series

The first of four in the series this week 'NZ Wars'. All are welcome.

Serving today

Today's service led by Graham Redding
Minister - Kerry Enright
Associate Minister - Jordan Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Moira Thomson
Prayers – Liz Miller
Welcoming team - team 5
Counting team - Howard Smith's team

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