
Outline of Message in the Communion Service on Pentecost Two Sunday 6th of June 2021

This Is It! Here we are in Knox Church. These the timbered arches. Familiar pews. This is the place. These are the people. We: whether in home or pew - here we are in this place. In the church we sit and stand within this communion of saints; alone at home we also know we are in that community. **This. Is. It.** We are the Church. We are the company of Jesus. We are Pentecost. We experience spirit among us.

As we travel again this time through the Church year, we are aware that that each season needs leads to the next. Within each season, as in Lent, we notice that each set of events sparks reactions developments and consequences. So in the weeks following Easter. First morning, meal at night, Thomas absent and returning to grasp the realisation that Jesus is present with him. He reaffirms his declaration of trust in Jesus and his surety of an awesome divinity in Jesus - even now after crucifixion and death.

We can see each event as a **prelude**. This interaction opens to the next. It may be seen to provoke or lead into the next.

Even first Testament stories of events and choices made within the Hebrews or people of Israel. We witness events that echo in the

Second Testament of **Good News**. Prophecy or initiative and responses from earlier times finds fulfilment or affirmation in the **Good News** of Jesus and his people. These passages, these Preludes and the subsequent melodies that play out our day - prelude follows prelude. **Life is preludes.** through history even to this

In my life and yours we live in **prelude** and **now**.

In each moment we are making choices. Over 67,000 decisions made in every second it is estimated. To make all those I can't pause and think. Not for a second!

As we live through every now and every prelude we have been choosing. sometimes we made deliberate, carefully worked through choices. Each choice, every one, whether thinking consciously or not we are choosing consistent with all our previous choices. Our character forms. Our values are selected. The many choices we don't think through are guided by the person we have become, the one we have built ourselves to be. Not conscious choices always, but still logically made out of the truth we live by. "**Metanoia**" - turn around. Re-pent. Metanoia once we turn - perhaps like **compass** so as to check our course and make a good choice.

we can only experience our life in the Now. Now is always the reality of "This Is It" here and now. Jesus in the early years of the First Millenia of our Common Era. That time that place those nations, cultures and movements of peoples. Nazareth Carpenter's shop to Jerusalem's Temple. Here today in the early years of the third Millenia. Pandemic, planet ailing, social distancing, new vaccination measures. Still great movements of peoples, dispersions - refugees.

The readings each one today contain choices. Choices made and being made. Samuel we read the people choose to reject his sons as Judges. His God approves. The people choose to have a King - God is not in favour but chooses to concede warning it might lead to troubles. In Mark. Disciples choose to attempt to stop over-doing things. Jesus chooses to keep going. He chooses his team of twelve. His family choose to stop his overdoing it. He chooses for His family those who choose to walk in His way - be in alignment with Him. Paul chooses he tells the church in Corinth that he chooses to speak only what he believes. I interpret "belief" here as "experience", "faith stance" and "life commitment". He urges the church members to speak from that personal ground. Psalm 138 rings out with relationship between God and people.