



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

7pm – Rua tekau ma rima Mei

(25 May) 2025

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Rātapu tuaono i muri te Aranga

Organ music Waiata Ōkana "*The wine of peace*" Charles Camilleri

played by Grace Togneri

Choir Kaiwaiata "*Wairua O te puna Aroha – the spiritual spring of life is love*" Hon Tait Tuhoe,
Te Arawa & Tommy Taurima. Choral arr. K Knudson (2023) Carolyn Schmid/ organ, Philip Fleming/ guitar

Call to Worship Karanga ki te karakia

Hymn Hīmene

Traditional

1 At the well we meet the Stranger,
weary, waiting in the heat;
not with sword or show of power,
but with thirst and dusty feet.
There He speaks—a Word so
gentle,
piercing through our guarded
shame,
calling forth our deepest longing,
naming us, yet not with blame.

2 "Give me drink," He says in
hunger,
"Let me share your cup, your day."
And the barriers fall between us—
race and creed are washed away.
For the Word has crossed the
border,
brought the kingdom into view;
Living Water springs eternal,
pouring mercy, bold and true.

3 In His gaze no scorn or silence,
but a truth that sets us free.
Wounds and stories, fears and
failures,
He receives them tenderly.
He restores what shame has stolen,
gives us voice where once was
none.
Now we live to tell the story
that the Lord of grace has come.

4 Word made flesh, You still are
speaking
at the wells of every land.
Where the poor are bowed and
broken,
still You reach with outstretched
hand.
Let us be Your living vessels,
witnesses of grace outpoured,
hearts ablaze and voices rising—
reed and fed by Christ, the Word.

Opening Prayer Inoi Tuatahi

Based on John 4:4-42

Brother Jesus, you met the Samaritan woman at the well—

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Break through our barriers—of shame, of fear, of division—
and draw us into your wide, welcoming grace.

Sung response:

Speak to us, set us free and make us whole.

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music from Taizé *"Occuli Nostrī"* Philip Fleming/ soprano saxophone
Cantor - verses from Psalm 121

Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi: John 4:4-26

"The Woman at the Well"

An artistic interpretation of John 4:4-42 by Sieger Köder

"At the Well of the Oppressed"

A poetic meditation on John 4:4-42

Choir Kaiwaiata *"Deep River"* Spiritual, *"Riversong"* Andy Beck

Sara Brown/ piano

Hymn Hīmene

CH4 707 – Ruth Duck

1 Healing river of the Spirit,
bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our
sadness
deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching
that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence
peace the world cannot provide.

2 Wellspring of the healing Spirit,
stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses,
may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us,

may your Church live out your
grace.

As we meet both friend and
stranger,
may we see our Saviour's face.

3 Living stream that heals the
nations,
make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict;
wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us;
guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together,
flowing homeward to our Source.

Prayers of the people Ngā karakia a te iwi with sung refrain

music from Taizé. Philip Fleming/ soprano saxophone, Sara Brown/ piano

Refrain: *Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.*

Jesus, you sat down at the well, weary from your journey,
yet full of grace for the outsider, the stranger, the scorned,
you met the Samaritan woman, not with judgment but with words of life.
Help us, too, to meet others at the wells of this world with open hearts and
open hands.

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

For those who are weary today—
from poverty, exclusion, unjust systems, or simply the burden of being unseen—
may your living water restore them.

We remember especially women whose voices are silenced,
and all who carry shame not of their own making.

Let your justice spring up like a fountain in dry land.

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

We pray for those who draw water in the heat of the day,
who labour unseen: caregivers, migrants, the unhoused, the hidden poor.
Quench their thirst with dignity and hope.

Move us to cross boundaries and dismantle the walls that divide us—
race, creed, gender, class, and nation.

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

Christ, you revealed to the woman at the well that true worship
is not found in sacred places or old rivalries, but in Spirit and in truth.
Free your church from its fears and false powers.

May we be a people who speak boldly of your grace,
not in triumph but in testimony, not to possess but to proclaim.

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

We remember the joy of that Samaritan village—
how one outcast became a witness, how many came to believe.
So may your good news ripple through unlikely messengers,
in unexpected places, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love
as the waters cover the sea.

Wait for the Lord, God's day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

Living Christ, draw us to your well again and again,
until your justice flows, your mercy reigns,
and your kingdom comes.

Amen.

Hymn Hīmene

CH4 540 – Horatius N Bonar

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.

Benediction Te Manaakitanga & threefold Amen

Organ music Waiata Ōkana

Serving today

Minister – Graham Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Welcoming team – Patsy Mason's team

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