



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

Iwa Whiringa-ā-rangi

(9 November) 2025

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

Rātapu rua tekau ma rua o te Petekoha

Organ music Waiata Ōkana *All'offertorio*

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)
played by Alexa Choie

Choir Kaiwaiata *“Hine e hine” (Little girl, you are tired, stop being sad, there is love for you in the heart of the Father). Words and Music Princess Te Rangi Pai (Fanny Howie) arr Richard Brown.*

Sung to mark “Parihaka November 5th.

Greeting Rāhiritanga

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

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Call to Worship Karanga ki te karakia

Hymn Hīmene

(tune:) CH4 132 - Walter C Smith

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our
eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great
and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
and wither and perish but naught
changeth thee.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as
light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father
of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us
to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

Opening Prayer Inoi Tuatahi

E te Atua ora, God of life and light,
in this whare karakia, we turn to you in prayer.
We thank you for the gifts of this age—
for friendship and family, for the beauty of Aotearoa,
for all that gives shape and meaning to our days,
including the institutions that sustain us.
Yet we know these gifts of creation are not our gods.
They are shelters on a pilgrim road,
signs of your grace, but not its source.
Lift our eyes, Living Christ,
to the wider horizon of your resurrection life.
Where we are bound by grief, unbind us.
Where we are divided by fear, unite us.
Where we are anxious for control, set us free.

**Teach us to live now as children of your future,
grateful for what is, hopeful for what will be,
and alive to the God whose love has no end.
Amen.**

Passing the Peace Te tuku i te Rangimārie

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matt 5:9).
Kia tāu te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou.
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
Ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you.

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

First Focus Kaupapa Tuatahi: An abundance of beauty

Hymn Hīmene

(tune: William Henry Monk) CH4 137 – words: Cecil Frances Alexander

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,

he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

1st Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Whakarongo ki te Wairua Tapu, Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

2nd Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarua:

Luke 20:27–38

Whakarongo ki te Kupu a te Atua, Listen for the Word of God.

Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

Second Focus Kaupapa Tuarua: Children of God's future

Hymn Hīmene

(tune: Aurelia)

At the conclusion of this Hymn, a basket of donated items for the Presbyterian Support foodbank will be brought forward and dedicated. If you wish to contribute financially to the work of Knox Church and you are not on our electronic giving system (Church's bank account 03 0903 0016425 00), please place your cash offering in one of the donation boxes at the back of the church as you leave. Thank you for your support.

1 God of the living present,
your love renews the earth;
you call us from our labels
to life of second birth.
No marriage bond or nation,
no power, wealth, or fame—
can hold what you have opened,
the life beyond all name.

2 The tides of fear divide us,
the walls of race remain;
yet Christ, our Resurrection,
breaks every chain of pain.
The widow and the orphan,
the single and the spouse—
all find in you their whānau,
their everlasting house.

3 When grief floods through our
valleys
and faith grows faint and small,
you lift our love to glory
where death has lost its thrall.
No bond of earth is broken,
but raised and purified—
fulfilled within your mercy,
where life is glorified.

4 So guide us, gentle Spirit,
through whenua and sea,
till justice flows like rivers
and captives are set free.
For Christ, our hope eternal,
has called us to belong
as resurrection children
to love's unending song.

Dedication of the Offering Te Whakatapunga o ngā Koha

Food for the Journey Kai mo te haerenga

The Lord is our Shepherd—

restoring the soul, walking with us through every valley,

inviting us now to take our place at this Table

in the midst of all that troubles or oppresses us,

to drink from a cup that overflows with mercy,

to be fed, renewed, and made whole.

This Table is not for the perfect, but for the hungry.

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu, Come, Holy Spirit.

As we feed upon these symbols of Christ's life,

broken and poured out for us,

grant us a foretaste of resurrection life.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder, gratitude, and hope.

Instil in us a yearning for justice, reconciliation, and peace.

A period of silence will be kept. You are invited to hold before God in prayer anything that weighs upon your heart this day. This time of prayer and reflective silence will conclude with the Lord's Prayer (sung).

Our Father in heaven, holy 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.

Do not put us to the test; but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

"This is my body broken for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup, saying,

"This is the cup of the new covenant.

Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me."

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu, Come, Holy Spirit.

As we remember our Lord's descent into darkness,

may we also remember his ascent into glory.

As we share in his death,

may we also share in his resurrection life. Amine.

A Choir Anthem will be sung as Communion is shared. Please remain seated as the communion elements are brought to you by the serving elders. After everybody has partaken, please stand as the communion elements are returned to the communion table.

Anthem:

"Et resurrexit tertia die (And He rose again on the third day), "Et vitam venturi saeculi" (and life of the age to come).

Text from the Nicene Creed. Music /Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760). Carolyn Schmid/organ.

Notices Pānui

Hymn Hīmene

(tune:) AA 15 - Shirley Murray

1 Christ is alive, and the universe
must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on
this Easter Day!

Christ is alive, and his family must
celebrate

in a great alleluia, a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the
stone roll away.

2 Here is our hope: in the mystery of
suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that
will not let go,

here is our hope, that in God we are
not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the
stone roll away.

3 Christ Spirit, dance through the
dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has
set us free!

You are the pulse of the new
creation's energy;
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the
stone roll away.

Benediction Te Manaakitanga & threefold Amen

Organ music Waiata Ōkana *Prelude and Fugue in E minor* BWV 555 J S Bach (1685-1750)
played by Alexa Choie.

Evening service – 7pm – *Doing December Differently - Preparing for Advent*
led by Rachel Tombs & Tui Bevan

Serving today

Minister – Graham Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Helen Packer
Welcoming team – Team 2

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