



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Iwa Māehe

(9 March) 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Rātapu tuatahi o te Rēneti

Organ music Ōkana Waiata

played by Alexa Choie & Grace Togneri

Choir Kaiwaiata *“All my trials Lord, soon be over”*

Spiritual arr Norman Luboff

Vanessa Gordon/soprano soloist. Carolyn Schmid/organ

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

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1 For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice:
music is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!

hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and lovesong
catching heaven in a note.

2 Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,

3 All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

The Community of the Cross of Nails Litany of Reconciliation (adapted)

(The original litany was written in 1959 and is recited every Friday at noon before the Altar of Reconciliation in the sanctuary of the old Coventry Cathedral)

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. *(Romans 3:23)*

Father, forgive.

The hatred that creates hostility and breeds violence,
the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
the greed which exploits the labours of many, and lays waste the earth ...

E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
our indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee ...

E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of adults and children,
the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in God ...

E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another
as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

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: Introducing Alison Phipps &

Tawona Sitholé

1st Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

Māuruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

2nd Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarua: Luke 4:1-13

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

Māuruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

Second Focus Kaupapa Tuarua: Hospicing Gaza: A conversation with Alison Phipps & Tawona Sitholé

Hymn Hīmene

(tune: *Love Unknown*) AA 100 - © Shirley Murray

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, 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 Now to your table spread we come, each
one, in faith

that you alone provide the words of life and
death:

in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.

2 Hands of the world stretch out, your
mystery to touch

in longing to believe a truth beyond our
reach,

to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

3 Here is our common wealth in sharing
what is good,
as though all humankind around one table
stood,

this bread to break, this wine to taste -
one people in the name of Christ.

Dedication of the Offering Te Whakatapunga o ngā Koha

Kai mo te haerenga (Food for the Journey)

Come, all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. The Christ who welcomes us to this Table of Hope is the same Christ who declared that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Sung response

John Bell, Iona Community - CH4 799

**This is the body of Christ,
broken that we may be whole;
this cup, as promised by God,
true to God's word, cradles our Lord:
food for the good of the soul.**

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 prayerfully ponder the words of the following poem, "The Remaking of Life" by Khawla Badwan and to hold before God in prayer anything that weighs upon your heart this day, including the destruction of Gaza. This time of prayer and reflective silence will conclude with the Lord's Prayer (sung).

I cannot despair
We cannot despair
The wicked destroy life.
We cannot give up on life.
They want us to lose our minds.
Their horrors traumatise the minds.
Everything we ever knew

All laws we thought were true
Hold on to the pain of life
That's how we remake life
With ethics of care
With those who care
For those who care
For those who need care.

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.

"Prayer of the Children" Words and Music Kurt Bestor. Carolyn Schmid/ organ.

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me & never be hungry; trust in me and you will not thirst.”

text John 6:35 Music Jacques Berthier (1916-2008)
Philip Fleming/ soprano saxophone, Carolyn Schmid/ organ

Notices Pānui

Hymn Hīmene

HOIS 52 - ©Marnie Barrell

1 God who weeps when we are weeping,
maker, lover, friend of all,
we commit into your keeping
those who suffer, struggle, fall.
Plant the seeds of peace inside us
in these days of fateful choice;
let your word and wisdom guide us
as we listen for your voice.

3 Spirit, strengthen and sustain us,
grant us comfort, hope and light,
lead us in your ways and train us
as we strive for truth and right,
rise above retaliation,
live the peace we long to hear,
look for reconciliation
past our anger, pain and fear.

2 Christ, enduring hate and violence,
hounded to a martyr's death,
calmly meeting taunts with silence,
speaking peace with your last breath:
peace, courageous and demanding,
binds us as we walk your way.
May our wills, at your commanding,
turn to acts of peace today.

4 God of every race and nation,
God of mercy, strong and just,
build again in us compassion,
recreate our hope and trust.
Though our lives seem dark and empty,
may we learn to live as one
till, in safety, peace and plenty,
all your work on earth is done.

Benediction Te Manaakitanga & threefold Amen

Organ music Waiata Ōkana “*Finlandia*”

Jean Sibelius Op 26 (1865-1957)

Evening service – 7pm – Autumn Faith - led by Tui Bevin & Margaret
Garland, music: Mark Bevin. In the Gathering Area

Serving today

Minister – Graham Redding
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson
Reader – Peter & Heinke Matheson
Welcoming team – Helen Thew’s team

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