

Service of Worship Knox Church Ōtepoti Dunedin

Sunday 10 November 2024 - 7pm

Through pain and trauma, from darkness to light - a reflection time

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Greeting (Rāhiritanga)

Staying safe (Tikanga Hauora)

Call to Worship (Karanga ki te karakia)

God weeps
at love withheld, at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
**and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.**

God bleeds
at anger's fist, at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
**and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.**

God cries
at hungry mouths, at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
**and till we change the way we care,
God cries.**

God waits
for stones to melt, for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
**and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.**

Psalm 13 (Waiata 13)

Nan C Merrill

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness, 17

How long, my Beloved? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I bear this pain in my soul,
and live with sorrow all the day?**

How long will fear rule my heart?

Notice my heart and answer me, O my Beloved;
enlighten me, lest I walk as one dead to life;
Lest my ego fears say, "We have won the day;"
Lest they rejoice in their strength.

As I trust in your steadfast Love;
my heart will rejoice, for in You is freedom.

I shall sing to the Beloved,
who has answered my prayers a thousand fold!
Come, ☐ Beloved, make your home in my heart.

First Reflection (Korero Whakaaro Tuatahi):

Ka mua, ka muri - walking backwards into the future

Prayer of Lament and Confession

A Litany of Lament

Sung Refrain *E te Ariki* - words Jordan Redding

...Lord have mercy:

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

...We respond together:

In God's presence we cry out in lament
for the pain caused, for the dignity robbed, for the truth
rejected, for the freedom denied.

Activities of Lament (Ngā Tikanga Tangi)

Kia waiata:

The Lord Will Listen (John Bell)

The Lord will listen,
The Lord will listen,
The Lord will listen to the broken hearted.

Bible Reading (Pānui Paipera Tapu): Isaiah 58: 5-11

The challenge of Isaiah - bringing light to the darkness

Second Reflection (Korero Whakaaro Tuarua):

Kia tīaho tō koutou mārama - let your light shine

Act of commitment to Justice (Kia Taurangi Tika)

We make a commitment to engage, to realise, to sit with this national disgrace.

A commitment not to dismiss or be silent, prioritise our reputation, or consider ourselves separate from.

A commitment to challenge beliefs of power, to call in, to safeguard.
We acknowledge, in PCANZ, in Otago, in Ōtepoti, we are part of this pain.

It is part of us.

And we are part of what comes next.

We carry this mamae (pain) as we travel, from darkness into light.

Kia Waiata (We Sing)

Taizé

The kingdom of God is Justice and peace,

And joy in the Holy Spirit

Come Lord, and in open in us,

The gates of your Kingdom

Sending □ut (Harenga Atu)

He āroha te Atua,

whakatōhia mai ki roto o mātau ngākau,

o mātau hinengaro tou atawhai mē tou ārohanui tonu.

E whakaarahia ana hoki ē ia te hunga ē whakapiko iho ana.

He tika ngā ara katoa o Ihowa: He atawhai hoki ana mahi katoa.

Ka whakanui ahau ia koe ē Ihowa e Kiingi o nga Kiingi

te Ariki o ngā Ariki, kia āwhina i o mātau hoa tata anō ko mātau.

Loving God of justice and peace

refresh our minds and stir our hearts.

Show us where we have lost our way.

Let us learn from our past mistakes

Help us to see a way forward

And in doing so

May we bring help, peace, and healing to all.

Kia Waiata (We Sing)

He honore. He kororia

Maungarongo ki te whenua

Whakaaro pai e

Ki nga tangata katoa

Ake ake Ake ake

Amine

Te Atua He piringa

Toku oranga

Honour, Glory to

God,

Peace to the land,

Good will to all,

Forever

The Lord is my light

and my

There will be a cuppa and biscuits after the service where the korero may continue.

Please stay or leave as you wish.

Bible Reading (Pānui Paipera Tapu): Isaiah 58: 5-11

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Resources for further support

1737- Call or text for mental health support with a trained counsellor.

Male Survivors Otago- Support for male survivors of sexual violence. Call 03 425 8018 or email info@mso.nz.

ŌCASA- Support for survivors of sexual abuse based in Dunedin/ Ōtepoti. Call 03 474 1592 for their hotline, email support@ocasa.org.nz, or visit at 21 Dunbar Street.

OUTline- Confidential LGBTQIA+ mental health helpline, including support for conversion practice survivors. Call 0800 688 5463, everyday 6pm-9pm.

SNAP Network Aotearoa New Zealand- Survivor Network for those Abused by Priests (any leaders in religious institutions). For Otago regional peer-support, contact Christopher Longhurst ph. 022 3440496

Te Whare Tāwharu- Otago University campus support centre for sexual violence. Call 0800 479 379