



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rātapu Tuarima o te Aranga

Pre-service “Chorale prelude” Flor Peeters (1903-86), “Intrada” Otto Ketting (1935-2012)

played by Ralph Miller/ trumpet

## Greeting

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord bless you.

**Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki.** The Lord bless you.

## Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 2:3)

In song, prayer, and attentiveness to God’s Word,  
we seek the Holy One of ancient Israel,  
whose ways of peace we want to learn,  
and whose paths of wisdom we want to walk.

**We look to Christ, our Teacher and Guide,  
Christ to dwell, Immanuel.**

## Hymn

Malcolm Gordon

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing:  
God is here, the kingdom is near.  
In the Land of the Long White Cloud  
Christ to dwell, Immanuel*

1 From north and south, from east and west  
Beneath the Southern Cross we rest  
Found by One who came for all  
In this tale of spacious love we're born

2 This whenua on which we stand  
This holy ground made by God's hand  
Marred and scarred yet marked by grace  
Held and healed in Christ we find our place

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing ...*

3 God of nations, at thy feet  
In the bonds of love we meet  
Strangers once, now called as one  
Aotearoa, wake to greet this love

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing ...*

## Community of the Cross of Nails: Litany of Reconciliation (adapted)

Knowing that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we pray:  
The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class;  
The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own;  
The violence which is unleashed in the cause of righteousness.

**Christ, have mercy.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth;  
The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children;  
The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others;  
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee;  
Our susceptibility to the politics of fear and exclusion.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting the ministry of reconciliation to us.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

Kia tau te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou.  
May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

**Focus: We remember**

**Anthem** "Aria" Flor Peeters (1903-86) played by Ralph Miller/ cornet

**Hymn**

(tune *Abbots Leigh*) - 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 to your voice.

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.

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,  
seek true reconciliation  
past our anger, pain and fear.

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.

**First Bible Reading: Isaiah 2:2-5**

*Hear what the Spirit is saying. Thanks be to God.*

**Second Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:14-20**

*In this is the Word of God. Praise to Christ the Word.*

**Sermon: The Rev Dr Kevin Ward**

## Hymn

(tune *Honour the Dead* (HIOS 61)) Colin Gibson and Shirley Murray

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1 Honour the dead, our country's fighting  
brave,  
honour our children left in foreign grave,  
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her  
flowers,  
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

2 Weep for the places ravaged with our  
blood,  
weep for the young bones buried in the  
mud,  
weep for the powers of violence and greed,  
weep for the deals done in the name of  
need.

3 Honour the brave whose conscience was  
their call,  
answered no bugle, went against the wall,  
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,  
branded as cowards, in our country's name.

4 Weep for the waste of all that might have  
been,  
weep for the cost that war has made  
obscene,  
weep for the homes that ache with human  
pain,  
weep that we ever sanction war again.

5 Honour the dream for which our nation  
bled,  
held now in trust to justify the dead,  
honour their vision on this solemn day:  
peace known in freedom, peace the only  
way.

## Prayers of the People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria, Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Notices

## Hymn

Shirley Murray

1 Give thanks for life,  
the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass  
through beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God  
our hope, our love, our praise,  
Alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those  
who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame,  
bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth,  
who burned for what is right,  
Alleluia!

3 And for our own,  
our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love  
by which our life is fed,  
a love not changed  
by time or death or dread,  
Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope,  
that like the wheat, the grain  
that lies in darkness  
does its life retain  
in resurrection  
to grow green again,  
Alleluia!

## Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude "*I thirst*" Psalm 42, music K Knudson (2009). Ralph Miller/ trumpet, Karen Knudson/ organ

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## Evening service – 7pm – Choir Service in the church with guest Choir from Knox College – Graham Redding

### Serving today

Minister – Graham Redding  
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson  
Reader – Heather McKenzie  
Prayer – Janet Wishart  
Welcoming team – team 5  
Counting team – Howard Smith's team

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