

Service Knox Church Ōtepoti-Dunedin
7pm Sunday 19 October 2025
Service of the Community of the Cross of Nails

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Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and all his faithfulness to all generations.**

Kyrie eleison: *see songsheet*

(Christian Roß, CCN Sunday 2024)

Bußgebet: Litanei der Versöhnung

Prayer of Confession: Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

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 imprisoned, 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.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Do not be afraid –
to complete the repair of the world
is not why you were made.
You were created to play only your part;
whatever is within your hands;
whatever is the now of your heart.
God sees you and forgives you.

Gloria: *see songsheet*

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Collect

Passing of the Peace Te tuku i te Rangimārie

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
(Matt.5:9)

Kia tāu tonu te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki a koutou.
May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you.

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

First Reading: from *Night*

(Elie Wiesel)

First Reflection: “Nie Weider”

Sung Response:

Teach Us, O loving Heart of Christ, v.1
(Tune: *Wigtown*, CH4 41; words: Shirley Murray)

Teach us, O loving heart of Christ,
what only love can say:
“Father, forgive” and still forgive
the blindness of our way.

Second Reading: from *Slaughterhouse Five*

(Kurt Vonnegut)

Second Reflection: The Craggy Teeth of Destruction

Sung Response:

Teach Us, O loving Heart of Christ, v.2

Torn is the world you came to save –
it bleeds from hands and side,
slow is your Church to bear the scars
where suffering love has died.

Lectionary Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reflection on the Word: I Will Write it on their Hearts

Sung Response:

Teach Us, O loving Heart of Christ, v.5

Christ in whose hands were thrust the nails
and yet for us could pray –
Forgive the things we have not done,
the words we do not say.

Creed:

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

**I believe that God is both able and willing to bring forth good
from everything, even from the worst.
For this, He needs people who allow all things
to work together for good.
I believe that God wants to give us as much power
of resistance as we need in every hardship.
But he does not give it to us in advance,
so that we do not rely on ourselves, but solely on Him.
In such faith, all fear of the future ought to be overcome.
I believe that God is not a timeless fate,
but that He waits for and responds
to sincere prayers and responsible actions.**

Prayer of Intercession:

Together in the warmth of God's love we pray:
that the world finds peace – **worldwide**
that the world experiences justice – **worldwide**
that people have enough food – **worldwide**
that the Spirit of God finds its way into hearts – **worldwide**

that every human being is happy – **and the one next to me**
that every human being has hope – **and the one next to me**
that every human being has peace – **and the one next to me**
that the Spirit of God fills everyone – **and the one next to me**
that peace comes in – **through me**
that hope goes out – **through me**
that joy is proclaimed – **through me**
that the Spirit of God becomes perceptible – **through me.**
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

Recessional: Ode to Reconciliation

(tune: *Ode to Joy*, CH4 173; words: Antje Biller/ Susanne Hartmann-Auchinleck)

Let us heal the wounds of hist'ry,
friendship be our guiding light,
let us celebrate divers'ty
respect as a global right.
Build a culture fair and peaceful,
to do right our aim must be.
All who live on earth together
solaced, reconciled shall be!