



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Tekau ma tahi Mei

(11 May) 2025

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Rātapu tuawha i muri te Aranga

Organ music Waiata Ōkana “Lento” Frank Bridge (1879-1941), *From Toccata in G Major* J S Bach (1685-1750),
“Spirit of God, here I stand, now praying” John Tavener (1944-2013) played by Matthew Gordon

Choir Kaiwaiata “Ave Maria” Karl Jenkins (b. 1944) from *Stabat Mater*

Sung to mark Mother’s Day. Matthew Gordon/ 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

(tune: *Crimond*) CH4 14 - Psalm 23, *The Scottish Psalter*, 1929

1 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

2 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name’s sake.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

A Prayer of Approach

based on Psalm 23:6

Faithful God, we approach You with gratitude and awe,
for Your goodness and mercy do not merely follow us—
they pursue us, even when we wander or turn away.
You seek us in our lostness; You find us in our need;
and You welcome us with the promise of home.

Today, as we draw near in worship, remind us that we are already held in Your care.

**Open our hearts to Your steadfast love, and help us to dwell, even now,
in Your house and our eternal home. 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: Joss Shawyer

Hymn Hīmene

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1 God of love, whose arms enfold us,
we bear hearts both full and torn;
Thank you for the ones who held us,
gave us life, and kept us warm;
all who raised us, strong and tender,
shaped our days with patient grace.
Take our songs of praise and wonder,
bless the light of love's embrace.

2 Here, O God, we also gather
bearing grief too deep for sound:
those who longed to be a mother,
empty arms, and loves unbound.
mothers lost, or love forsaken,
wounds no gentle hand can heal.
Take what's broken, bruised, or shaken;
trusting you will see and feel.

3 Praise God for the ones who mother -
strength beyond mere flesh and bone:
friend and guide and foster mother,
caring when we're most alone.
Hands that lift the heavy-laden,
voices sing and lay to rest:
These things show your heart most clearly —
children welcomed, loved, and blessed.

4 Gather us, O Hen of Heaven,
'neath Your wings, through joy and pain;
raise the hopes we thought were riven,
make our spirits whole again.
In your care, may grief find meaning,
loves restored, all hearts made new;
rest beneath your wings, redeeming,
rising, living, thanks to you.

1st Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi: Psalm 23

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: Acts 9:36-43

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: We cannot measure how God heals

Hymn Hīmene

CH4 718 - John Bell, Iona Community

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 We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3 So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

Dedication of the Offering Te Whakatapunga o ngā Koha

Kai mo te haerenga (Food for the Journey)

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.

Sung response

CH4 799 - John Bell, Iona Community

**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 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.

"Psalm 23- The Lord is my Shepherd" Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Organ music during the Distribution *"Agnus Dei- Lamb of God"* Samuel Barber (1910-81)

Notices Pānui

Hymn Hīmene

(tune: *Cwm Rhondda*) CH4 167 – William Williams

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

Benediction Te Manaakitanga & threefold Amen

Organ music Waiata Ōkana *"Toccata"* from *Plymouth Suite* Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Evening service – 7pm – Women of Faith: Dorothee Soelle

led by Jill Rutherford, in the Gathering Area

Serving today

Minister – Graham Redding

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Reader – Peter Stockwell

Welcoming team – David Mann's team

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