



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

## 10am – Sunday 10 September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion  
Ratapu tekau ma rima i muri i te Petekoha

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Pre-service “*O Lord most Holy*” Cesar Franck, sung by the Junior Choristers

**Introit** “*Jesus Christ the apple tree*” text Joshua Smith (1784), music Elizabeth Poston (1905-87)  
(The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green ;the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree)

## Welcome and introduction

### Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord be with you all.

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

Creation sings God’s praises

**In the morning call of tui and bellbird  
awakening us to the glory of planet Earth, our home.**

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork

**In the focussed attention of a toddler  
soaking in the wonder of it all.**

The heavens declare God’s glory

**In the rising sun, lighting up our faces  
as Earth spins us into another new day.**

Creation sings God’s praises

**And, we God’s creatures, reflect God’s radiant presence.**

### Hymn

Where mountains rise to open skies (tune: Dunedin AA 155) - ©Shirley Murray

1 Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri’s reach,  
in water’s light, in lake and star.

2 Your people’s heart, your people’s part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other’s mana stand.

3 From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation’s energy.

4 Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.

5 Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

## **A Prayer for Creation** by Abigail Smith

### **Sung response** *please remain seated*

1 Let our earth be peaceful,  
let our hearts be hopeful,  
let our hands be gentle  
for the love of God.

2 Let our ways be mindful,  
mending what is hurtful,  
doing what is needful  
for the love of God.

Let our earth be peaceful HIOS 87 - words Shirley Murray

3 Let our lives be fruitful,  
beautiful and playful,  
every day be thankful  
for the love of God.

## **The Peace**

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou; The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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

## **Time with the Tamariki**

**Anthem** *"Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patri, Amen - With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father"* music Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

### **First reading: Psalm 119:33-40** *read responsively*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

### **Second reading: Romans 13:8-10**

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 18:15-20**

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

## **Sermon**

## Hymn

(tune: Gather us CH4 623) - words Marty Haugen

*As this hymn is sung, an offering will be taken up. We acknowledge that giving takes many forms, including gifts of time and talents and grocery items for the Presbyterian Support food bank. We are also conscious that the cost-of-living crisis impacts the extent to which many people are able to support the church financially. Thank you for whatever level of support you are able to give Knox Church in these challenging times.*

1 Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our  
dreaming,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young – our lives are a  
mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of  
history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of the buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is  
shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Offertory Prayer

## Holy Communion

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is the heart of life **And we are the heartbeat.**

May your hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

**We rejoice in the life and love that Jesus brings.**

... Because of who you are and all you have done, we join with all creation in praising you:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and presence, heaven and earth are full of your glory**

*...we say together*

**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.**

### The Distribution *“Domine Deus, Agnus Dei - O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father”*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), Jesse Hanan/ tenor soloist

## Prayer after Communion

**Choir** “For the beauty of the earth” text Folliott S Pierpoint (1835-1917)

music John Rutter (b. 1945) sung by the Knox Junior Choristers with the Knox Church Choir

## Notices - Welcoming of new Members

### Hymn

1 All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
*sing your praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
*[Refrain]*

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light.  
*[Refrain]*

(tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen CH4 147) - words Francis of Assisi

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them God’s glory also show. *[Refrain]*

5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
*[Refrain]*

### Benediction

... now and always. *[Sung]* Amen

Postlude *Fantasia and 5 part Fugue* J S Bach (1685-1750)

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## Serving today

Minister – Margaret Garland  
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson  
Reader – Carolyn Richardson  
Welcoming team – David Mann’s team  
Counting team – team 4

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