



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 22 January 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Ratapu tuatoru i muri i te Epifani

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Music to prepare us for worship “Prelude in G minor” JS Bach (1675-1750), “Peace” Mons L Takle (b. 1942)

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

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

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

As we gather this day in worship we pray:

Breath of God, permeating the heart of creation,

**lift our eyes to your glory which surrounds us;**

Wind of God, vibrant in every movement,

**open our minds to the mystery of your presence;**

Spirit of God, source of transformation and life,

**convince us to be a people of the light. Amen**

**Hymn** (tune: Leoni (CH4 162)) – Words based on the *Jewish Yigdal* (a metrical form of the 13 articles of the Hebrew creed)

1 The God of Abraham praise, all praises  
to God’s name,

Who was and is and is to be, for-e’er the  
same!

The one eternal God, before what now  
appears;

The First, the Last; beyond all thought  
through timeless years!

2 God’s spirit freely flows, high surging  
where it will;

God spoke of old in prophet’s word; that  
word speaks still.

Established is God’s law, and changeless it  
shall stand

Deep written on the human heart, in  
every land.

3 God has eternal life implanted in the  
soul;

God’s love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.

All praise the living God! Extol that  
hallowed name,

who was, and is, and ever shall be still the  
same!

## Prayer of approach and confession

## Assurance of forgiveness

... E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn of response *(please remain seated to sing)*

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

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 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.

## Passing of the peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou. May the peace of Christ be with you  
always. **A ki a koe ano hoki. And also with you.**

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

## For all ages - a community woven together ...

### Hymn

(tune: Picardy (CH4 263)) - Mary Pearson

1 God of mystery and meaning  
Wisdom's source, creation's art,  
Colouring our lives with richness  
Touching minds and souls and hearts,  
Drawing us to deeper caring  
Helping each to find their part.

2 God calls each in common purpose  
Weaving individual threads,  
Forming with our varied colours  
Tapestries of life widespread,  
Integrating strength and weakness  
Picturing God's love unsaid.

3 Thus our lives are interwoven,  
Friend with stranger, young and old,  
Softer colours forming balance  
With those strands more strong and bold  
Linking threads from all our histories  
To a future yet untold.

4 As each time weaves in its picture  
We give thanks for all God's grace,  
Seeing beauty in each pattern  
Finding everywhere God's face.  
Thus secured we each move forward  
New designs for God to trace.

## First reading: Psalm 27

Each verse is read from the NRSV followed by the message translation (adapted)

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

## Gospel reading: Matthew 4:12-23

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ* **Praise to Christ the Word**

## Sermon 'Te whanau a te Karaiti, family of Christ'

### Hymn

(tune: Christ be our Light) CH4 543 - Bernadette Farrell

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. [*Refrain*]

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. [*Refrain*]

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. [*Refrain*]

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. [*Refrain*]

### Prayers for others followed by the Lord's Prayer ... we say together

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 kaweā 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

### Prayer of dedication of offering

#### Hymn

(tune: Woodlands (CH4 286)) - JR Peacey

1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care all those of every race:  
like wind and fire with life among us move  
till we are known as Christ's, and  
Christians prove.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire:  
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

#### Commissioning

... Let us go in peace. **We go in the name of Christ.**

#### Blessing

Music for our leaving "Toccata" Bonaventura Somma

#### Serving today

Guest preacher – Margaret Garland  
Organist and Choir Director – Karen Knudson  
Playing today – Carolyn Schmid  
Reader – Alex Heyes  
Prayer for others – Linda Holloway  
Welcoming team – Helen Thew's team  
Counting team – Royden Somerville's team

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- *Make regular automatic payments (which are tax deductible) - contact Chris Bloore at [plannedgiving@knoxchurch.net](mailto:plannedgiving@knoxchurch.net)*
- *Give online to the Church's bank account at 03 0903 0016425 00 - our charity number for tax rebate purposes is #CC52318*
- *Give before the service, into the offering boxes at the back of the church or using the Paywave*