



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

7pm – Rua tekau ma ono Hanuere
(26 January) 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Rātapu toru i muri i te Epifani

Organ music (Waiata Ōkana) “*Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ- I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ*” BWV 639
J S Bach (1685-1750), “*Love Divine*” George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Introit “*O Rest in the Lord*” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) from *Elijah* Claire Barton-Wilson/ soloist

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)

based on Nehemiah 8:1-3

The people came together in the place of gathering to hear the Word of God

They asked for the Word to be brought to them, the Word which had been given to them.

Accordingly the Word was brought before the Assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding.

And the ears of the people were attentive to the presence of the Word and the teachings to be given.

Hymn (Hīmene)

words ©Iain D Cunningham; tune: *Down Ampney* - CH4 608

1 Spirit of truth and grace, come to us
in this place

as now in Jesus' name God's people
gather.

Open our eyes to see truths that will
ever be,

and in communion draw us close
together.

2 Spirit of joy and peace, make all
anxieties cease
with knowledge of our Maker's perfect
caring.

Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond
comparing.

3 Spirit of life and power, revive us in
this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true
devotion.

Fill us with heavenly fire, and every
heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your
compassion.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

... Come as living stones, chosen of God **We are the living stones**

... Come as living stones, vessels of God **We are God's living vessels**

... Come as living stones, holy community of God **We are God's holy community**

Sung Response: Kia Waiata

He hōnore, he korōria.

Maungārongo ki te whenua

whakaaro pai e

kingā tangata katoa

Honour, Glory to God,

Peace to the land,

Good will to all

Ake ake Ake ake

Āmine.

Te Atua he piringa

toku oranga

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 tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki 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

Anthem: *"How beautiful are the feet that preach the gospel of peace"* (and bring glad tidings of good things!) text: Romans 10:15, music G F Handel (1685-1750) Claire Barton-Wilson/ soloist

Opening the Scriptures

based on Nehemiah 8: 5-8

The Word was opened before the gathered throng

and people answered 'Amen', they bowed their heads in worship.

So they read from the book, interpreted so that the scripture was opened up to them,
them the sense so that the people understood the reading.

The people were deeply moved and the teachers said:

do not mourn or weep for this day is holy to the Lord.

Contemporary Reading: The Stone God Made

by John L Bell from *He Was In The World* p.92

Bible Reading (Pānui Paipera Tapu) Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads the prophet Isaiah*

Whakarongo ki te Kupu a te Atua, Listen for the Word of God.

Māuruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

Reflection: The Blessings of a New Year

Hymn (Himene)

1 Now to your table spread we come,
each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life
and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.

2 Hands of the world stretch out, your
mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our
reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

words ©Shirley Murray - *Alleluia Aotearoa* 100
3 Here is our common wealth in sharing
what is good,
as though all humankind around one
table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste -
one people in the name of Christ.

Holy Communion

Invitation and Story

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... singing the hymn of your everlasting glory
Holy Holy Holy God of power and presence
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the highest

The Lord's Prayer (Te Inoi a te Ariki) *we sing*

AA 112 – Richard Gillard & John Smith

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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

The Distribution *"Come down O Love Divine"* Chorale prelude on *Down Ampney* - Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Notices (Pānui)

Hymn (Himene)

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Saviour who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now to all humankind
let there be light!

words John Marriott & Thomas Raffles, tune *Moscow* - CH4 112

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

4 Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light!

Sending out

based on Nehemiah 8: 9-10

And then they were sent out with these words:

Go on your way, eat the feast and drink the wine

and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared

for this day is holy to our Lord.

Do not be grieved for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Benediction (Te Manaakitanga) & threefold Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love, this day and every day. [Sung] **Amen**

Organ music (Waiata Ōkana) "*Fantasia in C minor*" JS Bach (1685-1750)

Serving today

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