



KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Rua tekau Āperira

(20 April) 2025

Easter Sunday Rātapu Aranga

Organ music Waiaata Ōkana *Filii et Filiae* (O Sons and Daughters) on the 15th cent French melody by Karen Knudson (2023), *O Filii et Filiae* (O Sons and Daughters) Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Choir Kaiwaiata *"Simon Peter, Can't you seem the empty tomb- come follow me"* Spiritual
arr. Roy Tankersly (former Director of Music Knox Church)

Greeting Rāhiritanga

Kua ara te Karaiti

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

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

A biblical vision: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hymn Hīmene

1 The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;

the passover of gladness,

the passover of God!

From death to life eternal,

from sin's dominion free,

our Christ has brought us over

with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,

that we may see aright

the Lord in rays eternal

of resurrection light;

CH4 413 – St John of Damascus, translator: John Mason Neale

and, listening to his accents,

may hear, so calm and plain,

his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,

may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful

and earth her song begin,

the round world keep high triumph

and all that is therein;

let all things seen and unseen

their notes in gladness blend,

for Christ the Lord has risen,

our Joy that has no end.

1st Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi: John 20:1-10

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

Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

A Prayer of Approach

God of the early morning,
we come to You like Mary in the dark—
searching, uncertain, hearts still heavy with grief.
We do not always understand the empty places we find.
We run, like the disciples, with questions in our minds
and hope only half-formed in our hearts.
Yet even in our confusion,
You are present.
Even in the stillness of the tomb,
You are working resurrection.
Open our eyes to signs of life where we expect only loss.
Open our hearts to believe, even when we do not yet fully understand.
Let us stoop low, as the disciples did,
and be willing to look again.
Risen Christ, draw us into the mystery of Your risen life.
Prepare us to encounter You—not with certainty, but with wonder.
Amen.

Choir Kaiwaiata *“Across the vast eternal sky” Sunlight shines on my face. This is my grace, to be restored, born again, in flame.* music Ola Gjeilo (b 1978), text: Charles Anthony Silvestri
Anna High/ piano, Carolyn Schmid/ organ

Hymn Hīmene

(tune: *Vruechten*) AA 7 – Shirley Murray

1 Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.
*The stone has rolled away
and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day,
for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!*

2 Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-denying.
[Refrain]

3 Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span
creation;
the colours of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration.
[Refrain]

2nd Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarua: John 20:11-18

Whakarongo ki te Kupu a te Atua, Listen for the Word of God.
Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.

Hymn Hīmene

CH4 422 – Shirley Murray

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 Christ is alive, and the universe must
celebrate
and the stars and the suns shout on this
joyful Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must
celebrate
in a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone
roll away.

2 Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go;
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia,
we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

3 Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness
of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us
free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's
energy;
with a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone
roll away.

Feast of the Resurrection

Risen Lord,
like Mary in the garden, we come –
world-weary and world-wary,
carrying sorrows and questions,
longing to see You, yet unsure where to look.
But here, in bread and wine, You meet us.
You speak our names and open our eyes.
You remind us that death does not have the final word.
Love does.
Resurrection does.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
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 ponder the mystery of the Resurrection and to hold before God in prayer anything that weighs heavily upon your heart this day. The silence will conclude with the Lord's Prayer ...

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.”

Come, Holy Spirit, come. 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. Amen.**

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.

Choir Kaiwaiata *O Sons and Daughters let us sing* text Jean Tisserand (d 1494) tr JM Neale (1818-66)
melody from *an essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782 arr Walford Davies.
Organ music: *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag* JS Bach (1685-1750), *Christ est Erstanden* Heinrich Bach (1615-92)

Hymn Hīmene

CH4 519 – Charles Wesley

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Benediction Te Manaakitanga & threefold Amen

Organ music Waiata Ōkana *Fantasia and Fugue in G major* BWV 572 - JS Bach (1685-1750)

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