

KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Tekau ma waru Āperira (18 April) 2025

Good Friday Paraire pai

Organ music Waiata Ōkana

Choir Kaiwaiata "Jesus Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom" music Taizé
Community, "God so loved the world" music Bob Chilcott
Rosie Auchinvole/ soprano soloist, Carolyn Schmid/ organ

Call to Worship Karanga ki te karakia (based on Isaiah 53:1-5)

Who has believed what we have heard?
That the One who was despised and rejected –
a man of suffering, acquainted with infirmity,
wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities –
would be the Saviour by whose bruises we are healed.

Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

Hymn Himene

1 O come and mourn with me awhile; O come ye to the Saviour's side; O come, together let us mourn: Jesus, our Love, is crucified!

2 Have we no tears to shed for him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Ah! look how patiently He hangs: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

3 Seven times he spake, seven words of love; and all three hours his silence cried for mercy on the human soul:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

(tune: "O filii et filiae" CH3 277) CH3 243 - Frederick William Faber

4 Oh break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride his Pilate and his Judas were: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

5 O love of God despised and crushed! In this dread act your strength is tried, and victory remains with love: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

Community of the Cross of Nails Litany of Reconciliation (adapted)

(The original litany was written in 1959 and is recited every Friday at noon before the Altar of Reconciliation in the sanctuary of the old Coventry Cathedral)

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Father, forgive.

The hatred that creates hostility and breeds violence, the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, the greed which exploits the labours of many, and lays waste the earth ... **E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, and the refugee ...

E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of adults and children, the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in God ...

E te Karaiti, tohungia matou. Christ, have mercy.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1st Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatahi: John 18:28–40

Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate

Hymn Himene

1 He stands in silence, bound and still, The Lamb before the judge's will. The crowd cries out, their voices coarse, As Pilate wavers at their force.

2 "What is the truth?" the ruler asks, Yet fears the weight the truth unmasks. A purple robe, a thorn-wrought crown— They mock Him as they strike Him down. (tune: Ombersley CH4 125) - G Redding

3 No sword, no shield, no royal steed, Just bleeding love and boundless need. The Judge of all is judged that day, And still He does not turn away.

4 The crowd cries louder: "Crucify!"
And Pilate lets the Innoc'nt die.
But through that death, a Kingdom grows—
A truth far deeper than he knows.

2nd Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarua: John 19:1–16a

Jesus is flogged, mocked & condemned

Hymn Himene

1 O Sacred Head! sore wounded, with grief and shame weighed down! O Kingly Head, surrounded with thorns, thine only crown! How pale art thou with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that face now languish, which once was bright as morn!

2 O Lord of life and glory, what bliss till now was thine! I read the wondrous story; I joy to call thee mine. Thy grief and bitter Passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

CH4 382 - Paul Gerhardt, translator: James Waddell Alexander

3 What language shall I borrow to praise thee, heavenly Friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine for ever, and, should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

4 Be near me, Lord, when dying; O show thy cross to me; and, my last need supplying, come, Lord, and set me free; these eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; for they who die believing die safely through thy love.

3rd Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuatoru: John 19:16b–27

Jesus is crucified

Choir Kaiwaiata "Stabat Mater Dolorosa: In that moment I saw" text from the 13th century, and Joy Cowley. Music Karen Knudson (2009). Rosie Auchinvole/ soprano soloist, Carolyn Schmid/ organ

4th Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuawha: John 19:28–37

Jesus dies

Sermon: "It is finished"

Choir Kaiwaiata "It is Finished" music T Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

5th Bible Reading Pānui Paipera Tapu Tuarima: John 19:38-42

Jesus is laid in the tomb

Prayer

Hymn Hīmene

1 The Love that clothes itself in light stands naked now, despised, betrayed, receiving blows to face and head from hands that Love itself has made.

2 The Love that lifts the stars and sun collapses, spent, beneath the cross; the Love that fills the universe, goes on to death and total loss.

3 Love, helpless, comes to Calvary, rejected, scorned and crucified; Love hangs in shame, and dies alone, but Love abased, is glorified.

(tune: Tallis Canon CH3 599) CH4 384 - Alan Gaunt

4 Extinguished with the sun at noon, Love's light transcends all history; Love, wrapped in linen, Love entombed, still wraps all heaven in mystery.

5 Though Love is lost, Love finds us here; though Love is absent, Love remains; where Love is finished, Love begins; where Love is dead, Love lives and reigns!

Closing reflection: "Lord, where are you now?"

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So there it is, the ugly shape of beautiful wood, rough hewn by human hands Lord, where are you now? And there it is, a tight-shut tomb, a borrowed grave, sealed with stone and silence Lord, where are you now?

And there it is, your broken body. shrouded in linen, clothed in darkness.

Lord, where are you now?

And somewhere stand your people, crying though tired of crying, their eyes sore and bloodshot.
They will not sleep tonight.

Lord, where are you now?

And out in the streets the children have stopped their playing, the sound of music has gone sour, even the unlikely people fidget and wonder

Lord, where are you now?

Murmuring,
'Surely not,'
counting the cost for once
of our carelessness
and our lovelessness
and our sin.
Trying too vainly to gain all,
we've bartered you away in the transaction.
We have lost the one who found us.
With the Peters and the Marys of all time,
we wait,
for only you can tell
whether we are worth rising for.

Amen.

Choir recessional "Were you there, when they crucified my Lord" Spiritual

Please leave in silence as you are ready

Serving today

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