



# KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Tekau ma rua o Hanuere

(12 January) 2025

First Sunday after Epiphany  
Rātapu tuatahi i muri i te Epifani

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Organ music

## Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

## Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings;

Praise his glory and power.

**Praise the Lord's glorious name;**

**Bow down before the Holy One when he appears.**

The Lord rules over the deep waters;

He rules as King for ever.

The Lord gives strength to his people

**And blesses them with peace.**

## Hymn

(tune: *Laudes Domini*) WOV 151 – Anon., German early 19th century

1 When morning gilds the skies,

my heart awaking cries;

May Jesus Christ be praised!

alike at work and prayer

to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 To God, the word on high

The hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

let mortals, too, upraise

their voice in hymns of praise:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round

in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

let air, and sea and sky,

from depth to height, reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, when day is past,

of all my thoughts the last,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

the night becomes as day,

when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Be this while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

## Opening Prayer

### Passing the Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matt 5:9).  
May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

## Focus

### Hymn

(tune: *God in your grace*) Hope is our Song 95 – Shirley Murray

1 Love is your way, love is your nature,  
blessing each creature, lighting each day;  
grace is your sign, gift of forgiveness,  
chalice that changes water to wine.

*God in your grace, God in your mercy,  
turn us to you to transform the world,  
turn us to you to transform the world!*

2 Pathways we choose, undeserved  
freedom,  
earth as our kingdom, still we abuse;  
much we have done, gross human error,  
misuse of power darkens the sun.

*God in your grace, God in your mercy...*

3 Terror and tears, wounds without  
healing,  
hearts without feeling mirror our fears;  
life without trust, greed and high prices,  
conflict and crisis grind us to dust.

*God in your grace, God in your mercy...*

4 Let us stand still, look at each other,  
sister and brother thwarting your will:  
teach us good care, grace to seek pardon,  
reclaim your garden, riches to share.

*God in your grace, God in your mercy...*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Whakarongo ki te Wairua Tapu, Listen to the Holy Spirit.

**Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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

**Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Hymn

(tune: *Winchester New* - CH3 234) WOV 199i – Charles Coffin, tr. John Chandler

*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 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

4 To heal the sick stretch out your hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let your light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

5 To him who left the throne of heaven  
to fee mankind, all praise be given;  
like praise be to the Father done,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

## Dedication of the Offering

**Whether we have much or whether we have little we respond with what we have – our gifts, our talents and our lives. Use them and us in your service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Prayers of the people

### The Lord's Prayer

**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

## Hymn

1 These hills where the hawk flies lonely,  
beaches where the long surf rolls,  
mountains where the snows meet heaven,  
*these are our care.*

Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,  
orchards where the apples grow,  
gardens where the roses cluster,  
*these are our prayer.*

2 Forests where the tree ferns tower,  
rivers running strong and clear,  
oceans where the great whales wander,  
*these are our care.*

Race meeting race as equals,  
justice for age-old wrong,  
worth for every man and woman,  
*these are our prayer.*

(tune: *Kaikoura*) Faith Forever Singing 63 – ©Colin Gibson

4 Cities where the young roam restless,  
lives brought to deep despair,  
homeless and powerless people,  
*these are our care.*

Places where the Word is spoken,  
hands held in serving love,  
faiths of our many cultures,  
*these are our prayer.*

4 All that the old world gave us,  
all that the new world brings,  
language, ideas and customs,  
*these are our care.*

Life finding joy and value,  
faith seeking truth and light,  
God heard and seen in all things,  
*these are our prayer.*

## Sending forth and Benediction & threefold Amen

Organ music

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### Serving today

Minister – Russell Thew

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Playing today – Richie Brown

Reader – Heather McKenzie

Prayer – Alisha Jefferis

Welcoming team – Leigh Haslam's team

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