



# KNOX CHURCH, ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

10am – Rua tekau ma iwa o Tihema

(29 December) 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

Rātapu tuatahi i muri i te Kirihimete

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Preservice *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)* Op. 135a, No. 29 - Max Reger (1973-16). *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern* - Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767).  
*Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern* - Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

## Welcome and Introduction

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

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

## Call to Worship

(from Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him all you shining stars!

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;**

his glory is above earth and heaven.

**Praise the Lord!**

## Opening Hymn

(tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*) NCH 17 – St. Francis of Assisi, adapt. MT Winter

1 To you, O God, all creatures sing,  
and all creation, everything  
sings your praises alleluia!  
Your burning sun with golden beam,  
your silver moon with softer gleam  
sing your praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Your wind that blows the tempest by,  
your clouds that sail across the sky  
sing your praises alleluia!  
Your morning rises with a song,  
and lights of evening sing along,  
sing your praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Your flowing waters, crystal clear,  
make melodies for you to hear,  
sing your praises alleluia!  
Your fire, bountiful and bright,  
remembering your warmth and light,  
sings your praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 To you, O God, day after day,  
your planet earth in every way,  
sings your praises alleluia!  
As savoury fruit and fragrant flower  
show forth your glory and your power,  
singing your praises, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

5 Now we who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take our part,  
sing your praises alleluia!  
To you we lift our pain and care,  
receive the burdens that we bear,  
singing praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6 In you, a kind and gentle death  
prepares to hush our final breath,  
singing praises, alleluia!  
Christ goes before us to renew  
The way that leads us home to you.  
Hear our praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer of Approach

### Words of assurance and declaration of peace

E te whanau a te Karaiti, God forgives us.  
Forgive others, forgive yourself. **Amen.**

Kia tāu tonu te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki a koutou.  
May the peace of Christ be with you all.  
**Ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you.**

### Passing of the peace

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

## Tamariki time

### First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Whakarongo ki te Wairua Tapu, Listen to the Holy Spirit.  
**Mauruuru e te Atua, Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52

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

## Hymn

(tune: *Dennis*) NCH 393 – John Fawcett

1 Blessed be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the sharing of a common life  
is like to find above.

2 Before our God we come  
and pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes,  
our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
a sympathising tear.

4 When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain,  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

# Sermon: Clothes that Fit

## Hymn

(tune: *Servant Song*) CH4 694 – Richard AM Gillard

*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 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

5 When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## Dedication of the Offering *(remain standing)*

### Prayers of the people followed by The Lord's Prayer

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 kawea 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

## Closing Hymn

(tune: *A place at the table*) CH4 685 – Shirley Murray

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for  
growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,  
*And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

2 For woman and man, a place at the  
table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the  
power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
[Refrain]

3 For young and for old, a place at the  
table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are  
wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
[Refrain]

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
[Refrain]

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and  
worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
[Refrain]

## Benediction

*Followed by the sung three-fold Amen*

Final Voluntary *Magnificat tertii toni* (*Magnificat on the 3rd Tone*)

from '*Ars Magna Consoni et Dissoni*' - Johann Speth (1664-1719)

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### Serving today

Minister – Jay Robinson

Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson

Playing today – Peter Stockwell

Reader – Richard Brown

Prayer – Peter Wishart

Welcoming team – Helen Thew's team

Counting team – Royden Somerville

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