



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 23 July 2017

Pentecost 7

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## Pre service music

*"New World Symphony, Movt. 2"*  
*"Winter"*

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

## Welcome

## Call To Worship

(Psalm 34:1-4, 7-11 & 14)

Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt in God's name together.

**I sought the Lord, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn "All creatures of our God and King"

CH4 147 - St. Francis of Assisi  
translator William Henry Draper

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright brother sun with golden beam,  
clear sister moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2 Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,  
high clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

New-breaking morn, in praise rejoice,  
and lights of evening, find a voice: *[Refrain]*

3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,  
giving to all both warmth and light: *[Refrain]*

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds God's blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show: *[Refrain]*

5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: *[Refrain]*

# Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**

## Passing the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;  
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn "*Touch the earth lightly*"

(Tenderness) CH4 243 - Shirley Murray

1 Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

3 Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

2 We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

4 God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ re-connect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.

## Reading Romans 8:12-25

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church* **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ* **Praise to Christ the Word**

## Sermon 'Hearing creation's groans'

### Affirmation

(from *The Accra Confession*)

**We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life,  
who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world.  
We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came  
so that all might have life in fullness.  
Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit  
we open ourselves to the reality of our world.  
We believe that God is sovereign over all creation.  
We believe that we are called in the Spirit  
to account for the hope that is within us through Jesus Christ  
and believe that justice shall prevail and peace shall reign.**

## Hymn “*For the healing of the nations*”

CH4 706 - Fred Kaan

1 For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

## Prayer for others, then ...

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**E to mātou Matua i te rangi.  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa:  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga:  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te  
whenua  
kia rite ano ki tō te rangi.  
Homai ki a mātou äiane i he taro mā  
mātou mō tēnei ra.  
Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e  
muru nei  
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.  
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha me te  
kororia  
ake ake ake  
Amine**

## Notices

## Offering and Dedication “*Adagio*”

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*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,  
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church's account.*

## Hymn “*Live into hope*”

(Truro) GtG 772 - Jane Parker Huber

1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope. The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

## Benediction, then Postlude

*“New World Symphony, Movt. 4”*

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## **You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.**

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