



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10 am – 10 January 2016

The First Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

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**Pre service music** *"With Jesus I will Travel"* Norwegian folk tune arr Mons Leidvan Takle. *"Vater unser im himmelreich:"* ( Our Father, who art in heaven) by J Weinmann (1447- 1542). *St Anne*" (O God our help in ages past) by C S Lang(1891-1971). *"Promenade"* **Modest Mussorgsky** (1839–1881).

## Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)

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

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

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due the holy name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn *"All creatures ..."* CH4 147

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 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:

3 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:

4 And all who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and cast on him your care:

# Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God's beloved people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Passing the Peace, then conversation with young members

### Hymn "*Loving Spirit*" CH4 597

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,

You have chosen me to be –

You have drawn me to your wonder,

You have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me,

Hold my life within your own,

Feed me from your very body,

Form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me,

Teach me the discerning eye,

Hoist me up upon your shoulder,

Let me see the world from high.

4 Friend and lover, in your closeness

I am known and held and blessed:

In your promise is my comfort,

In your presence I may rest.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,

You have chosen me to be –

You have drawn me to your wonder,

You have set your sign on me.

### Readings      Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel          Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**Praise to Christ the Word**

### Sermon          Joining the queue

### Hymn "*Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*" (*Good to Great* - Sylvia Dunstan

1991 - tune Ellacombe CH4 367)

1 Down Galilee's slow roadways

a stranger travelled on

from Nazareth to Jordan

to be baptised by John.

He went down to the waters

like soldier, scribe and slave,

but there within the river

the sign was birth and grave.

2 Arising from the river  
he saw the heavens torn;  
It seemed the sky so open  
revealed the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended  
amid a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved,  
my child, my heart, my choice."

3 We too have found a roadway;  
It led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel  
in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water  
again a voice is heard.  
"You are my own, my chosen,  
beloved of your Lord."

## Prayer of thanksgiving and for others, then ...

**Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth, as it is 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.**

## Offering and Dedication, then Notices

*Chorale Prelude: "Puer Natus in Bethlehem" (A boy was born in Bethlehem) by Deitrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*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 "Christ is our light" (Highland Cathedral CH4 336)

1 Christ is our light!  
the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance  
all from near and far.  
Christ be our light,  
shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

2 Christ is our love!  
baptised that we may know  
the love of God among us,  
swooping low.

Christ be our love,  
bring us to turn our face  
and see in you  
the light of heaven's embrace.

3 Christ is our joy!  
transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine  
the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy;  
your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen

**Postlude** *"Jerusalem Toccata" (And did those feet) K Knudson (2007).*

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

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