



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 31 January 2016

The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

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Pre service music *"Prelude in D Minor"*  
*"Flute of grace"*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Mons Takle (b. 1942)

Introit

sung by Sarah Hubbard

Welcome and Call to Worship

(from Psalm 71)

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

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

God is our refuge and rescue,  
**our shelter and protection.**

From our first breath to our last, and beyond,  
**God's love and compassion never fail.**

Trust God's care,  
**Lean on God.**

Come, lift voices in praise to God.

**Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.**

Proclaim God's glory.

**Let us worship God.**

Hymn *"The Lord is King"*

(Church Triumphant) CH4 129 – Josiah Conder

1 The Lord is King! lift up your voice!  
Let earth and all the heavens rejoice.  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

2 The Lord is King! child of the dust,  
the judge of all the earth is just;  
holy and true are all God's ways:  
let every creature speak his praise.

3 Come, make your wants, your burdens  
known;  
Christ will present them at the throne;  
for he is at the Father's side,  
the Man of Love, the Crucified.

4 One Lord, one empire, all secures;  
he reigns, and life and death are yours;  
through earth and heaven one song shall  
ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

# 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 "Gather us in"

(McKee) CH4 623 - Marty Haugen

1 Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

3 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

2 We are the young – our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

### Readings 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

### Solo

sung by Sarah Hubbard

### Gospel Luke 4:21-30

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

### Sermon "When God disappoints"

### Hymn "As a fire"

(8787D) CH4 252 – Ruth Duck

1 As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the Church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,  
let us build a bridge of care,  
joining hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we will show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we will live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
'mid earth's peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
so may we reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.

## Prayer 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

*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. (8787D)*

1 For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labour,  
with these gifts that are your own:

2 Here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

## Notices

### Hymn "I, the Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people's cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

(Here I am, Lord) CH4 251 – Daniel Schutte

2 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*"Toccata" from 'Plymouth Suite'*

Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

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