



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 8 May 2016

Ascension Sunday

Pre service music “Ascension”  
“Ave Maria”

Healey Willan (1880– 1968)  
Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

## Welcome

**Introit** “God is gone up with a merry noise” Text Psalm 47 vs 5-7. Music by William Croft (1678-1727). (Music for Ascension).  
“Magnificat” Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837– 1911) Grace Togneri - organ.

## Call to Worship

(Psalm 97)

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

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

You are God; let the earth be glad.

**Let the islands and coastlands rejoice.**

Clouds and darkness are round about you:

**Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your rule.**

Your lightnings light up the world:

**The earth trembles at the sight.**

The mountains melt like wax before you;

**At the presence of the God of the whole earth.**

You are God, most high over all the earth;

**You are exalted far above all the gods.**

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

**Give thanks to God’s holy name.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn “Praise with joy the world’s creator”** (Praise My Soul) TiS 179 – John Bell & Graham Maule

1 Praise with joy the world’s Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker’s glory -  
power to rescue and release.

2 Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ’s constant presence -  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

3 Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit’s treasure -  
foolishness none dare deride.

4 Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe, when  
shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

# Introduction to Rev. Malcolm Gordon

## Prayer of Praise and Confession

### Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills,  
Where am I to look for aid?  
My help comes to me from the Lord,  
By whom earth and heaven were made.

2 Your foot he will not leave to slide,  
His watch over you he will keep.  
The Lord over Israel keeps watch,  
And he will not slumber or sleep.

3 The Lord will keep watch over you,  
Your shade from the heat and the light.  
The sun will not harm you by day,  
The moon will not harm you by night.

4 The Lord will protect you from harm,  
Your life he will ever defend.  
He'll guard every step that you take,  
Both now and for days without end.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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

## Passing the Peace, then Anthem

"Ave Maria" Music by Franz Biebl (1906–2001) Tanara Stedman – Bass; Trio: Anna Tarbotton, Patricia Haden, Rhys Thorn.  
Sung to mark Mother's Day.

## Conversation with young members

### Reading Psalm 93

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

### Gospel Luke 24:44-53

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

## Interview with Rev. Malcolm Gordon

### *"Christ before me"*

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1 Christ before me  
Christ behind me  
Christ above me and below  
Christ beside me  
Christ within me  
Christ around me wher'er I go

2 Christ before you  
Christ behind you  
Christ above you and below  
Christ beside you  
Christ within you  
Christ around you wher'er you go

**Everything is sacred**  
**Everything is blessed**  
**Everyone made worthy**  
**To find their holy rest**  
**Everyone belongs here**  
**Everyone is loved**  
**Every life that's failing**  
**Grace will lift above**

3 Christ before us  
Christ behind us  
Christ above us and below  
Christ beside us  
Christ within us  
Christ around us wher'er we go

**('Christ will raise us up' on final repeat)**

## “Korowai Tapu”

1 Cast your Korowai Tapu around  
Gather all of your children here now  
Priest and pilgrim and prodigal we  
Woven into your family tree

2 Throw your Korowai Tapu around  
Cover us in your grace so unbound  
Family ring and the richest of robes  
Mark us out as the people you chose

### Chorus:

**Aue! Aue! Hear us Lord we pray  
Oh Gather us, shield us Lord of grace**

Weave your Korowai Tapu around  
Shield and warmth for the lost and the  
found  
Grace, embrace round the shoulders of all  
Dignity for the least and the poor

## 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.**

## Offering and Dedication, then Notices

“Supreme Creator of the Light” by Marcel Dupré (1886– 1971)

*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 “When in our music God is glorified”

(Engelberg) CH4 203 - Fred Pratt Green

1 When, in our music, God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried:  
*Alleluia!*

2 How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
*Alleluia!*

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
*Alleluia!*

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
*Alleluia!*

5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
*Alleluia!*

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

“The Power of Life” Mons Leidvin Takle (b 1942).

We welcome the Rev. Malcolm Gordon, worship and music enabler employed by the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Malcolm is based in Dunedin at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and is a composer and theologian. We will interview Malcolm who will explore with us how varying styles of worship and music are evolving and introduce some of his own music and theological approach. This aims to build on and continue Knox's heritage of variety in its overall experiences of worship. At 5pm we will join in a workshop with him regarding his and other music and that will be included in the evening service.

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

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