



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – Sunday 22 January 2017

The Third Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

---

## Pre service music

*"Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern"* (How brightly beams the morning star)

Andreas Armsdorff (1670-99)

*"Ich ruf zu dir"* (I call on you, Lord Jesus Christ)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*"Promenade"*

Modest Mussorgsky (1839–81)

*"Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern"* (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star) Op. 67, No. 51 Max Reger (1873-1916)

## Welcome

### Call to worship and Greeting

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

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

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light!

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!"**

Jesus called out to the first disciples,

**"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."**

Jesus calls us:

**Repent. Follow. Find.**

We enter this time of worship,

**listening for Christ's call to repent, follow, and help others follow.**

### Hymn *"Praise the One who breaks the darkness"* (Joel) CH4 348 - Rusty Edwards

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms, and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory.  
Praise the One who makes us one.

## 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.**

## Anthem *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"*

G F Handel (1685-1759)  
Tanara Stedman- soloist

## Hymn *"Let there be light. Let there be understanding"* (Concord) WOV 671

- Frances Wheeler Davis

1 Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face.

4 Hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be your name.

2 Open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace.

5 Let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

3 Perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgment,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain.

## Reading Isaiah 9:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

## Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

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

# Sermon 'What is good about the Good News?'

## Hymn "Lord you have come to the seashore"

(Pescador de Hombres) CH4 532

- Cesáreo Gabaráin

1 Lord, you have come to the seashore,  
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,  
desiring only that I should follow.

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,  
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.  
All I longed for I have found by the water.  
at your side, I will seek other shores.*

2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions;  
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.  
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?  
[Refrain]

3 Lord, take my hands and direct them.  
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,  
returning love for the love you gave me.  
[Refrain]

4 Lord, as I drift on the waters,  
be the resting-place of my restless heart,  
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.  
[Refrain]

## 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

*"The old castle"*

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-81)

*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 "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

(St Andrew) CH3 211ii - Cecil Frances Alexander

1 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding,  
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me.'

2 As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these'.

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*Concerto in A minor* ( BWV 593)

Antonio Vivaldi (1684-1741), arr J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

Knox Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Hymns in the service are reproduced with permission under License #604850, Licensing – Copyright Cleared Music for Churches. Knox Church Dunedin is a registered charity #CC52318.

A copy of this week's sermon will be on the website and printed copies available in the church early this week.