



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*alive to God's Spirit*

10am – Sunday 16 September 2018  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Pre service music

Karen Knudson/organ

*"Sarah"* Thomas Peter-Horas (b. 1959), *"The glorious day has dawned"* Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

## Welcome

### Introit *"I sing of a maiden"*

Text Medieval, music Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

## Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.**

The heavens proclaim the glory of God:

**The vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.**

One day speaks to another:

**Night shares its knowledge with night.**

Their sound goes into all lands:

**Their words to the ends of the earth.**

The law of God is perfect refreshing the soul:

The instruction of God is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O**

**God my strength and my redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn *"Bring Many Names"*

CH4 134 – Brian Wren

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory,  
living, loving God:  
Hail and Hosanna!  
Bring many names!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation,  
genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving  
'till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
warm father God!

4 Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing,  
everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
great, living God!

## Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing the Peace

E te whanau, in Christ we are forgiven. All are God's beloved people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## Anthem *"Magnificat – Song of Mary"*

Music Walmsley (1814-1856)

Solo Quartet: Grace Togneri, Patricia Haden, Rhys Thorn, Tanara Stedman. Organ Peter Stockwell.

## Conversation with young members

### Hymn *"For our mothers of faith"*

Malcolm Gordon

1 For our mothers of faith,  
For our sisters in Christ,  
For the daughters of God we will praise.  
For their courage and care,  
Their compassion and tears,  
For their unending prayers we will praise.

**[Refrain:]**

***For the women who carried and bore us,  
now this song we raise.  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us,  
now our God we praise.***

2 For the long silent age,  
For repression's cruel cage,  
For our part in this pain we confess.  
For the gifts we've returned,  
And the saints we have spurned,  
From this blindness we turn and are  
blessed.

**[Refrain]**

3 For our mothers of faith,  
For our sisters in Christ,  
For the daughters of God we will praise.  
To our Father above,  
With a mothering love,  
Won't you lead us in freedom and grace.

Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

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

Gospel

Mark 8:27-30, 34-37

## Sermon

## 'Suffrage Wisdom'

### Hymn "Come and seek the ways of wisdom"

GtG174- Ruth Duck

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek re-birth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the market-place.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

### Prayer for others and Lord's Prayer

*Anglican prayer book*

**Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by all peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and  
freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed  
us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test,  
strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power  
that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria, Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

## Notices and Offering *“Dixit Maria – then answered Mary”*

Hassler (1564-1612)

*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 *“Holy wisdom, lamp of learning”*

(8787D) CH4 604 - Ruth Duck

1 Holy wisdom, lamp of learning,  
bless the light that reason lends.  
Teach us judgment as we kindle  
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.  
Sanctify our search for knowledge  
and the truth that sets us free.  
Come, illumine mind and spirit  
joined in deepest unity.

3 Holy God, the hope of nations,  
tune us to your righteous will,  
as the symphony of ages  
claims our best, our finest skill.  
Shape our search for peace and justice  
through prophetic deed and word.  
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,  
that God’s praise be ever heard.

2 Vine of truth, in you we flourish;  
by your grace we learn and grow.  
May the word of Christ among us  
shape our life, your will to know.  
Joined to Christ in living, dying,  
may we help the Church convey  
witness to the saving gospel,  
bearing fruit of faith today.

## Benediction

## Postlude *“The Trumpet shall sound”*

K Knudson (1997)

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