



KNØX CHURCH

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SOLEMN COMMITMENT

a Communion Service
before Waitangi Day

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WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

This is a communion service. On the understanding that God desires to nurture people at every stage of their journey, the table at Knox is an open one.

Members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**JESUS, WHO CAME TO FULFIL GOD'S COMMITMENT TO THE WORLD;
JESUS, WHOSE NAME IS SUNG IN THIS FAR OFF PART OF THE GLOBE;
JESUS, THE GREAT KAURI IN GOD'S SACRED FOREST.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (b. 1930)

Prayer of Approach

Giving thanks for the strength and beauty of this land,
offering the gratitude of our hearts
for our place in the world,

GOD'S PEOPLE VOICE THEIR PRAISE.

Giving thanks for the sharing of life,
of peoples with peoples,
of cultures with cultures,
aware of the rich tapestry the Spirit is weaving,

GOD'S PEOPLE VOICE THEIR PRAISE.

Giving thanks for the old people from whom we came,
for their bravery and imagination,
for their openness and resourcefulness,

GOD'S PEOPLE VOICE THEIR PRAISE.

Giving thanks for the love of God
and the life of Jesus,
for a vision of the unity of humanity
under the guiding and blessing of God's wisdom,
GOD'S PEOPLE VOICE THEIR PRAISE.

Yet, for the conflict stirred,
for the broken word,
for the lack of vision and respect,
for the blemishes on our history
of which we are ashamed,
we say:

Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . I am compelled in the name of Christ to say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.
AMEN.

The Notices

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity corner at the back of the church where they will find toys and an activity sheet. Sunday School begins again on next Sunday - 12 February.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 13-20

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Knox Singers: If ye love me
Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Sermon:

No Exit?

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "Under the great love of God",
please respond **"MAY WE BLESS AND KEEP ONE ANOTHER"**.*

. . . **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.**

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this money to offer,
which we have earned
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.**

The Passing of the Peace

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

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.



Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your basket and my basket the people will live

Communion Hymn:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. As at communion, shape your hands,
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.
5. Put peace into each other's hands
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,

GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread from the loaf, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.*

*If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks and praise

that while we were still far off

you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD

LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;

WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP

BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;

WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,

THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:
Columbus

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.
*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*
2. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .
3. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata in A Minor
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service



NOTICES

This Week: 5 February 2017 –11 February 2017

Today 10.00 am Morning Worship.
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 12 February 2017 – 18 February 2017

Sunday 10.00 am Morning Worship.
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Office Administrator

The position of office administrator at Knox is currently being advertised on Trade Me.

International Flute Symposium Concert 5 February 7.00 pm at the Merivale Theatre at Rangī Ruru - includes our own Charlotte Berry. Entry \$40.

Baroque Music 17 February 7.30pm at The Piano. Baroque music by Tomas Hurnik and other European musicians using authentic Baroque instruments.

Church Picnic - The Church picnic will be held at Abberley Park, St Albans, on Sunday 19 February after morning service around 12 noon. Bring your own lunch and seating. All welcome to come and mix. (If weather unsuitable we will gather in lounge (like last year!).

Knox Fireside Outing - Saturday 25 February. The Fireside Group will visit the Canterbury Museum to view the Air New Zealand display followed by coffee. All are very welcome. Please meet in front of the Museum by 2pm.

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janetwilson@clear.net.nz





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 119: 1-8
- Matthew 5: 21-26

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