



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 12 February 2017



GOTTA GO!

THE INTERRUPTED PRAYER

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.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE LIFE WAS A PRAYER FOR OTHERS;
JESUS, WHOSE WORK OF RECONCILIATION
WAS WROUGHT IN DUST AND DIRT;
JESUS, WHOSE BEAUTY SHINES IN OUR WORSHIP.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Was Lebet

from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.
2. Low at God's feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high in God's heart it will be born for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter the courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on the shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
God will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt.

Prayer of Approach

In this act of worship,
we acknowledge the grace that brought us our daily bread,
the generosity that has filled our cups to the brim,
the love that has made us glad.

**IN THIS ACT OF WORSHIP
WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS.**

In this act of worship,
we hear the story of Jesus – preaching from his hillside,
provoking the hearts and minds of his hearers,
drawing their thoughts into places of challenge and vulnerability.

**IN THIS ACT OF WORSHIP
WE BRING OUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN.**

In this act of worship,
we are called to remember
our brothers and sisters of all times and places,
those other children of grace
among whom we stand, live and pray.

**IN THIS ACT OF WORSHIP
WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FAMILY TIES.**

In this act of worship,
remembering the human family in which we stand,
we are called to examine our conscience –
to admit that we hold things against others,
and that others hold things against us.

**IN THIS ACT OF WORSHIP
WE CONFESS OUR BEING OUT OF JOINT.**

In this act of worship,
will we find a God who reconciles?
Will we be enabled once again to look
our brothers and sisters in the eye?
Will forgiveness win the day?

**IN THIS ACT OF WORSHIP
WE SEEK FORGIVENESS
AND FREEDOM TO LIVE ANEW.**

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

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

God of the Throne of Grace,
in whose name Jesus forgave people
and set them free,
but under whose hand he cautioned all
also to be at peace with their brothers and sisters;

**PRESERVE US FROM PRESUMING ON HEAVEN'S GRACE;
KEEP US FROM AVOIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION;
LEAD US THROUGH AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT PAST HURTS AND MISTAKES,
INTO TRUE PEACE, RESPECT AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
and even as he taught us, so together we say:

**. . . 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 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.

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

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.
**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.
AMEN.**

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

The First Lesson: Psalm 119: 1-8

In this is the Word of God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 21-26

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

Hymn:

Kilmarnock

Neil Dougall (1776-1862)



1. Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, now will leave
the desolate to mourn.
2. His voice commands the tempest forth,
and stills the stormy wave,
and though his arm be strong to smite
'tis also strong to save.
3. Long hath the night of sorrow reigned,
the dawn shall bring us light:
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight.
4. Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice.
5. As dew upon the tender herb,
diffusing fragrance round;
as showers that usher in the spring
and cheer the thirsty ground:

6. so shall his presence bless our souls
and shed a joyful light;
that hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

John Morrison (1750-1798)

Sermon: An interrupted prayer

*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.*



Music for Reflection: Prelude
W.S Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

Hymn:

Londonderry Air

Irish traditional melody

The musical score is written on seven staves. The first six staves contain the main melody, and the seventh staff contains a repeat sign followed by the text "Last time" and a final cadence.

1. Fold to your heart your sister and your brother:
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
the holier worship, which he deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.
2. Follow with reverent steps the great example
of him whose holy work was doing good:
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Kim Bathgate

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Money and food are here;
BAGS AND BASKETS ARE FULL.

Jesus blesses the offering,
YET TELLS US WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO.

We give ourselves to reconciliation,
to peace-making,
AND TO SOMETIMES EATING HUMBLE PIE.

May God dwell in our hearts and minds,
BRINGING FORTH THE OFFERING THAT GOD DESIRES,
through Jesus Christ,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:
Hanover

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, and all people find place,
the outcast is welcomed, God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for his people, brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Bryn Austin Rees (1911-1983)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude
W.S Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

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

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Canterbury Interfaith Society Interfaith Discussion / Presentation

**Tuesday, 21 February 2017 – 7:00 pm
17 Kirkwood Ave, Riccarton**

Come and listen to globally renowned Interfaith Diplomat, Jocelyn Armstrong talk on the theme of "**Local - Global - Lift-off**"

Jocelyn Armstrong has long been an active member in the NZ interfaith scene – she is currently the Chair of the NZ Religious Diversity Trust and a multi-faith educator. A Christian laywoman, Jocelyn has had a long and varied involvement in the Anglican Church. She has taken leadership in the ecumenical and the interfaith movements at national, regional (Asia) and international levels. On retirement from teaching Religious Studies at secondary school level, she authored the textbook 'Discovering Diversity', a resource for the Social Studies curriculum that introduces the students to religion and the world religions. She is the current vice president of the Auckland Interfaith Council and is the Chair of the Religious Diversity Centre Trust.



NOTICES

This Week: 12 February 2017 –18 February 2017
Today 10.00 am Morning Worship
5.00 pm Faith Film and Fiction – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 19 February 2017 – 25 February 2017
Sunday 10.00 am Morning Worship.
Church Picnic – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room
Saturday 2.00 pm Knox Fireside outing – **see below**

Faith Film and Fiction - 5pm in the lounge. Watch the film **Selma** about Martin Luther King. Background information in the foyer.

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:

- Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18
- Matthew 5: 38-48

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