



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 19 February 2017

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**THE POWER OF THE PARENT  
TO SHAPE THE CHILD**

## 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, BORN IN BETHLEHEM, RAISED IN NAZERETH;  
JESUS, CHILD IN TIME, NURTURED IN PLACE;  
JESUS, SON OF THE LIVING GOD.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

St Anne

William Croft (1678-1727)



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| 1. Creator God, creating still,<br>by will and word and deed,<br>create a new humanity<br>to meet the present need. | 2. Redeemer God, redeeming still,<br>with overflowing grace,<br>pour out your love on us,<br>through us, make this a holy place. |
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3. Sustainer God, sustaining still,  
with strength for every day,  
empower us now to do your will.  
Correct us when we stray.

4. Great triune God, for this new day  
we need your presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now  
to do your work and will.

*Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Creation, not as a completed act  
from long ago;  
creation, not as a season  
that began and finished;  
but creation as your on-going forming  
of a people on a journey;

**CREATION - SHAPING US TODAY  
INTO CHILDREN OF GOD.**

Redeeming, not as a great achievement  
in ancient days;  
redeeming, not as an old word  
from an older world;  
but redeeming as world-tilting mercy today;  
redeeming as transformation today;

**REDEEMING - SHAPING US TODAY  
INTO CHILDREN OF GOD.**

Sustaining, never as a passing phase;  
sustaining, never as a pledge made and soon withdrawn;  
but sustaining – as daily bread and beautiful blessing;

**SUSTAINING – SHAPING US TODAY  
INTO CHILDREN OF GOD.**

Not just for Abraham!  
**NOT JUST FOR ISAAC!**

Not just for Jacob!  
**NOT JUST FOR JESUS!**

The grace of God is given to us,  
people of human place and time,  
**THAT WE SHOULD BECOME,  
TODAY,  
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.**

We shrink, O God,  
from the present-ness of your presence,  
from the immanence of your eminence,  
from the seriousness of your engagement  
with who and how we are.

**IT IS EASIER FOR US  
JUST TO SAY “NOBODY’S PERFECT”.  
IT IS EASIER FOR US TO THINK  
A SHARING IN YOUR NATURE  
IS A FOOLISH, FOLLY-FIXED GOAL.**

It is easier, perhaps,  
creating, redeeming and sustaining God,  
to hate our enemies,  
to live for revenge,  
to insist on retribution,  
to foster in ourselves our very worst.  
And so we say:

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 under whose gracious influence  
Jesus became  
a magnificent human being,

**GOD IN WHOSE CARE  
MARY’S CHILD  
BECAME THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,**

you call us to become like him,  
**AND TO SHOW FORTH YOUR LIKENESS  
IN OUR LIVES.**

Give us grace to trust you,  
to follow you,  
**AND TO BECOME YOUR CHILDREN.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,  
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:**        Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

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

**Knox Singers:** Teach me, O Lord  
Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 5: 38-48  
This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.**

**Hymn:**

Bronwen

Ian Render (b. 1954)



1. Who is my mother?  
Who is my brother?  
All those who gather 'round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit-blown people  
born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, 'round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled,  
differently labelled  
widen the circle 'round Jesus Christ;  
crutches and stigmas,  
cultures' enigmas  
all come together 'round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us -  
colour or status  
can't segregate us 'round Jesus Christ:  
family failings,  
human de-railings,  
all find their places 'round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,  
met for one mission

we claim each other, 'round Jesus Christ.  
Here is my mother,  
here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, 'round Jesus Christ.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

**Sermon:** The Parent's Power

*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.*

**Hymn:**

Down Ampney

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Come down, O love divine, seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

*trans: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Janet Wilson*

## **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We offer money and food

as a sign of our greater offering:

**THE OFFERING OF OUR WILLINGNESS  
TO BE PEOPLE OF GRACE.**

We offer our openness to becoming like Christ,

**OUR AVAILABILITY FOR ENJOYING GOD.**

May God bless and grow what is offered,

**FOR THE BLESSING OF THE WORLD  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**

## **Notices**

### **Hymn:**

Slane

Irish traditional melody





1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
you my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me;  
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you my inheritance, now and always:  
you and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent*

*Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.*

### **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Chorale Prelude on "God be praised"  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 19 February 2017 –25 February 2017**

Sunday	10.00 am	Morning Worship. Church Picnic – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in Committee Room
Saturday	2.00 pm	Knox Fireside outing – <b>see below</b>

### **Next Week: 26 February 2017 – 4 March 2017**

Sunday	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	11.15 am	Faith Film and Fiction in Committee Room
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in Committee Room

**Church Picnic** - The Church picnic will be held at Abberley Park, St Albans, **TODAY** after morning service around 12.00 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 2.00 pm.

### **Orana Wild Life Park Visit - March 17**

Personal tour led by Matthew Jack. Come and see the giraffes, yaks and other animals. Meet at the main Gates at 1.00 pm. Transport can be provided. Cost approx. \$20 (depends on numbers. Payment to be made to Jennifer McKinnon or Knox Office prior to the visit. Please add name to lists in foyer or by the front door. Names and numbers needed by Sunday March 12 (so costs etc. can be finalized.)

### **Ash Wednesday - March 1**

This year we will be joining St Luke's for the Ash Wednesday service in the Chapel 7.00 pm. All are welcome to this service that marks the beginning of our Easter journey.

### **World Day of Prayer Service – 3 March**

This year's World Day of Prayer service for our area is hosted by St Luke's but will be held in Knox Church on Friday March 3 at 10.00 am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

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](mailto:janetwilson@clear.net.nz)

# **Student Christian Movement (SCM) Senior Friends Event**

SCM wants to start its year with a chance for Senior Friends and supporters of the movement to gather together, meet with some members and leaders, and talk about the plans and dreams of SCM.

**Christchurch:** An afternoon tea at St Michaels and All Angels, on **March 19th at 3.00pm**. Come and meet our SCM Canterbury leaders and feed us your ideas for getting a new movement up and running! Please RSVP to [canterbury@scm.org.nz](mailto:canterbury@scm.org.nz) by 15th March for catering purposes.

## **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.



### **Bible readings for next week will be:**

- 2 Peter 1: 16-21
- Matthew 17: 1-9

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