



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 5 March 2017

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## BEYOND THE BREAD

### A COMMUNION SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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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 EXPERIENCED HUNGER IN THE DESERT;  
JESUS, CHALLENGED TO TURN STONES INTO BREAD;  
JESUS, CALLING US TO WAIT UPON THE WORD AND BREAD OF GOD.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Ebenezer

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)





1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry filled with dread:  
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;  
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'  
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,  
'can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!'
2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break your fall!'  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test.'
3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
'Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
'God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey.'
4. When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,  
come and be our living bread!  
By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.

*Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr (1923-2007)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

Jesus enters his time of temptation.

**WHAT, O MY SOUL, WILL HE FIND THERE?**

The hunger of the world?

**NOT ENOUGH BREAD TO GO AROUND?**

Jesus enters his time of temptation.

**WHAT THOUGHTS WILL COME TO HIS MIND?**

Quick solutions and easy miracles?

**TURNING HANDY STONES  
INTO LOAVES FOR THE EATING?**

Jesus enters his time of temptation.

**WHAT WORDS OF GOD WILL FIND HIS EARS?**

What angels of mercy will help him?

**WHAT GREATER WISDOM WILL LEAD HIM ON?**

Entering his time of temptation,

**JESUS WILL BE MET  
BY THE GRACE AND GENEROSITY OF GOD.**

The Word emerging from the encounter will be "love";  
**FROM IT WILL FLOW PROVISION AND GOODNESS.**

Life will be shared,  
**VISION WILL BE GIVEN.**

Faith will be formed,  
**HUNGER AND LONELINESS SHALL BE FILLED.**

Seeking this same kind of healing encounter,  
we, too, seek the God whose word came to Jesus.  
We bring the hunger of the world,  
with its brokenness and selfishness.  
We offer our confession to God, saying:

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

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

. . . I say to you, in the name of Christ,  
you are forgiven and you are free.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### Expression of Gratitude:

God, your goodness to us is immense.

**YOUR SPEAKING TO OUR SPIRITS IS PROFOUND.**

You have put bread on our table,

**AND GIVEN US FOOD FOR OUR SOULS.**

We rise in gratitude,

take to our feet, and sing:

Linstead

Jamaican folk melody



Let us praises and thanks employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread will be broken, and wine outpoured,  
Christ will be spoken, and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!

*Frederick Herman Kaan (1929-2009), alt.*

### 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.*

### The Notices



*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.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 4: 1-11

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.**

**Knox Singers:** Lord, I trust thee  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

**Sermon:** Beyond the bread

*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 "We do not live by bread alone"  
you are invited to respond "**MAY GOD BLESS AND FEED THE WORLD**".

. . . **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.**

## **Communion Hymn:**

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)



1. First set your mind on the kingdom of God  
and on its justice and truth,  
then all you need will be given to you,  
Alleluia.
2. No one can live by bread alone;  
sharp is our hunger of soul;  
only the word of the Lord will sustain,  
Alleluia.
3. Ask and it will be given to you,  
seek and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened to you,  
Alleluia.

*Colin Gibson (b. 1933)*



*Irene Rosenfeld  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
of Mondelez International,  
parent company of Cadbury*

*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**

The bread we break,  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we take  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Because there is one bread,  
**WE, WHO ARE MANY,  
ARE ONE BODY,  
FOR WE ALL PARTAKE  
OF THE ONE 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.**



*Sendiri,  
a Sumatran tiger living in Christchurch*

### **The Communion**

Receive this sacrament  
of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Feed on him in your hearts,  
by faith, with thanksgiving.  
These are the things of God  
for the people of God.



*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,  
receive some bread, 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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

*Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Toccata  
Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)

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



## **NOTICES**

**This Week: 5 March 2017 – 11 March 2017**  
Today 10.00 am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

**Next Week: 12 March 2017 – 18 March 2017**  
Sunday 10.00 am Morning Worship  
5.00 pm Film viewing in lounge  
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

**Organ Recital – 7 March, 1.10 pm**, featuring Hans Hielscher, Organist of the Marktkirche, Wiesbaden, Germany, at Christchurch Transitional Cathedral. Entry by donation.

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

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

**Organ Recital** by John Linker, Director of Music, Christchurch Transitional Cathedral: 25 March at 2.30pm, featuring organ music of Jan Nieland (1903-1963). Free entry.

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

- Psalm 121
- John 3: 1-17

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