



# KNOX CHURCH

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## **Order of Service** **26 March 2017**

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# **A SEEING EYE STORY**

**with a wee Lenten piercing  
in the background**

## 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, WHO LIBERATED A MAN FROM HIS BLINDNESS;  
JESUS, WHOSE WORK CREATED CONTROVERSY;  
JESUS, WHO CAME FORTH FROM THE FRAY  
WITH INSIGHTS FOR ALL WHO ARE OPEN.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic melody



1. This day God gives me  
strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining,  
flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning,  
wind in its swiftness,  
depths of the ocean,  
firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me  
strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me,  
wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful,  
your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking,  
friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way,  
God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me,  
saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven,  
drive from me always  
all that would harm me,  
stand by me still.
4. Rising, I thank you,  
mighty and strong One,  
king of creation,  
giver of rest,  
firmly confessing  
three-ness of persons,  
oneness of Godhead,  
trinity blest.

*James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

This day we acknowledge  
the giftedness of our lives –  
the beauty of sun and moon,  
great arcs of electricity flashing across our skies,  
the warmth and safety of home,  
people who love us and care about us.

**PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD!**

This day we acknowledge the gift of seeing;  
the colours of our world,  
light and shadow making beauty,  
recognition of the faces of friends,  
light shining in darkness.

**PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD!**

This day we acknowledge the things we see,  
but not with our eyes -  
rather with our hearts:  
the life of Jesus,  
the support of the Spirit,  
the love of God which is deep, broad, wonderful.

**PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD!**

This day we acknowledge the things we refuse to see:  
the needs of our brothers and sisters,  
the beauty of our humanity,  
the opportunities we have to love and bless one another.  
And 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, whose child Jesus  
brought vision and life  
to a man begging by the road,  
**BLESS US ALSO WITH CAPACITY TO SEE YOUR DEEDS.**

Open our eyes to grace,  
to wonder,  
to colour and beauty,  
**THAT WE MAY PRAISE YOU  
AND OFFER LIVES THAT ARE HOPEFUL  
AND BEAUTIFUL.**

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:** John 9: 1-23

**The Second Lesson:** John 9: 24-41

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



**Hymn:**

Fulda

W. Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815



1. Lord, I was blind; I could not see  
in your marred visage any grace:  
but now the beauty of your face  
in radiant vision dawns on me.
2. Lord I was deaf; I could not hear  
the thrilling music of your voice:  
but now I hear you and rejoice,  
and all your spoken words are  
dear.
3. Lord, I was mute; I could not speak  
the grace and glory of your name:  
but now as touched with living flame  
my lips will speak for Jesus' sake.
4. Lord, I was dead; I could not move  
my lifeless soul from sin's dark grave:  
but now the power of life you gave  
has raised me up to know your love.
5. Lord, you have made the blind to see,  
the deaf to hear, the mute to speak,  
the dead to live - and now I break  
the chains of my captivity!

*W.T. Matson (1833-1899)*

**Sermon:**

They see a sinner

*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:**

Air

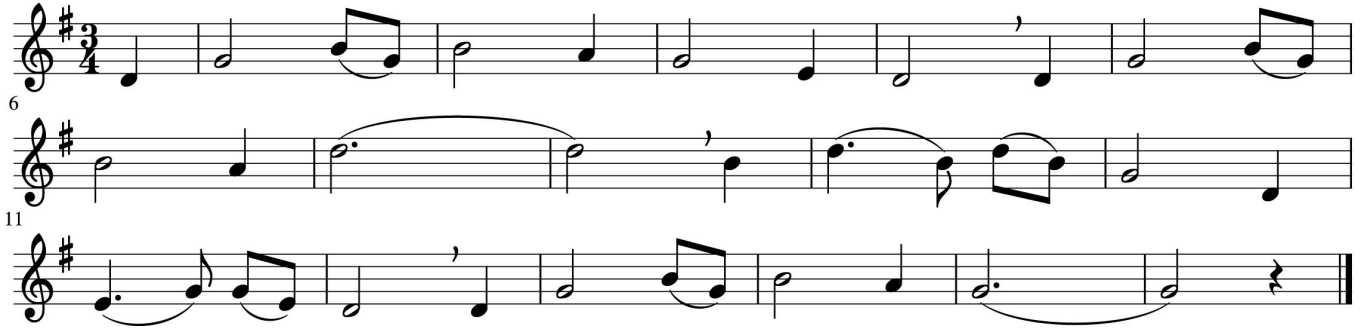
John Stanley (1712-1786)



## Hymn:

### Amazing Grace

### American Folk Hymn Melody



1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved one such as me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. My God has promised good to me,  
whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Liz Baxendine*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We offer our frustrated capacities to see those around us,  
our desire to learn and remember the faces of others.

**THIS IS OUR OFFERING.**

We offer our engagement with the story of the man born blind,  
our desire to be on the side of vision and light.

**THIS IS OUR OFFERING.**

Presenting money and food as tokens of more than charity,  
we offer ourselves to be the people of Jesus,  
shunning judgment,  
embracing compassion,  
moving with the liberating love of God.

**THIS IS OUR OFFERING,**

made through Jesus Christ,  
**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

*We stand for*

#### **The Lenten Litany:**

O Christ,  
giving sight to the blind,  
crisis to the community,  
and confrontation to those who refuse to see;  
you call us to be light in the world.

Along the Lenten path

**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

O Christ,  
challenging the sighted to see in the Spirit,  
being abrupt with those who are judgmental and hateful;  
you open the way to healing, liberty and blessing;  
you call us to be people of compassion.

Along the Lenten path

**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your will.

**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY  
IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,  
THIS LENT,  
AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.**



## **Hymn:**

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



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| 1. God whose almighty word<br>chaos and darkness heard<br>and took their flight,<br>hear us, we humbly pray,<br>and, where the gospel day<br>sheds not its glorious ray,<br>let there be light! | 3. Spirit of truth and love,<br>life-giving, holy Dove,<br>speed on your flight!<br>Move on the waters' face,<br>bearing the lamp of grace,<br>and in earth's darkest place<br>let there be light! |
| 2. Saviour, who came to bring,<br>on your redeeming wing,<br>healing and sight,<br>health to the sick in mind,<br>sight to the inly blind,<br>now to all humankind<br>let there be light!       | 4. Gracious and holy Three,<br>glorious Trinity,<br>Wisdom, Love, Might,<br>boundless as ocean's tide<br>rolling in fullest pride,<br>through the world far and wide<br>let there be light!        |

*John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

### **Postlude:**

Lament

Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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# Writing Our Next Chapter

## The first forum – today

### Forum One



**26 March**, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- How we're going to work together,
- Where we came from, what we did well,
- Our changing world,
- Our passions c.f. the world's needs,
- Where we find joy,
- Closing Reflection: Looking at Jesus

## THE BEGINNING

### EASTER DAY BREAKFAST 16 APRIL 2017



As we have done in other years, we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on 16 April.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:00 am in the Knox Lounge.

Breakfast — fruit and cereal, scrambled eggs and bacon, toast and Spread, tea, coffee  
Cost \$5 per person, children free

Durham street and St Luke's have been invited to join us.

There are clip boards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday, 9 April - We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering - but there will be food for extras.

## **DURHAM STREET / KNOX COMBINED VISIT TO CHEVIOT PARISH Sunday 9 April**

Depart from Knox at 9am. Cost \$25 for the bus. Back by mid-afternoon.

Support Cheviot post-earthquake by sharing in a cafe-style church service with the local parish, then support the Cheviot businesses by lunching in the village.

PLEASE PHONE SUE SPINDLER ON 339-6647

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Numbers attending are needed urgently.



## **NOTICES**

**Next Week: 26 March 2017 – 1 April 2017**

Sunday	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	7.00 pm	Knox Café – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in Committee Room

**Next Week: 2 April 2017 – 8 April April 2017**

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

**Knox Café** - Sunday March 26 7.00 pm in the Lounge. Speaker Sue Spigel, a well known Christchurch quilter who will speak on environment and art. This Knox Cafe will be a lead into “The creation series in October”. All are welcome – tea coffee provided, BYO anything else.

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)



### The Bible reading for next week will be:

- John 11: 1-45

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