



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 2 April 2017

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## JESUS WEEPS A COMMUNION SERVICE

## 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, GOD'S LOVING SOLIDARITY WITH HUMANITY;  
JESUS, WEeping WITH THOSE WHO WEEP;  
JESUS, IN WHOSE PRESENCE COMPASSION COMES TO LIFE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Quem Pastores

Melody from a German manuscript of 1410



1. Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.
2. Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
we make you our king most dear.
3. Jesus, witness to our dying,  
risen Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, your grace supplying,  
keep us to your presence near.
4. Jesus, all our sorrows bearing,  
you our thoughts and hopes are sharing,  
while to us the truth declaring;  
help us all that truth to hear.
5. Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
let not pride and hate divide us;  
we'll go on with you beside us  
and with joy we'll persevere.

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Jesus, friend of Mary and Martha,  
friend of Lazarus,  
friend of us,

**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER.**

Jesus, visiting those whose hearts had broken,  
entering the gathering places of those who weep,  
beholding the brokenness,

**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER.**

Jesus, from whom shine forth  
God's love and compassion,  
whose arms extend the embrace of God,  
**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER.**

Jesus, bringing life to the dead,  
good news to those who mourn,  
and hope to those who believe,  
**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER.**

Jesus, who in your own body and spirit  
soon will know the sharpness of death,  
the sorrow of separation,  
the power of resurrection,  
**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER.**

Give us grace to persevere through times of trouble,  
to follow you closely,  
and to worship you rightly.

**YOU ARE GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER;  
HEAR OUR PRAISE.**

Hear also our confession.  
We do not treasure our friendships.  
We do not move among others with compassion.  
We do not help people hope.  
We do not stand for life.

. . . 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.**  
**AMEN.**

### **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:** John 11: 1-45

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

**Knox Singers:** I stand amazed in the presence  
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (1856-1932)

**Sermon:** On the edges of what God has not been able to do . . .  
*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 "Jesus wept",  
you are invited to respond "**MAY GOD COME CLOSE WITH BLESSING**".*

. . . **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.*

### Communion Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;  
God is love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing its praises,  
high rejoicing with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
and who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation.  
is pure love, eternal love.

2. God is love, and is enfolding  
all the world in one embrace,  
with unfailing grasp is holding  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness  
sin affects the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, and Setting Apart**

**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, 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:

Morning Light

G.J. Webb (1803-1887)



1. Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine!  
My sun in risen splendor,  
my light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining,  
my dawn of heaven's day.



2. Life of the souls that love him,  
may Christ be ours indeed!  
The living Bread from heaven  
on whom our spirits feed;  
who lived for love of others,  
who heaven's story told,  
and made of our life's journey  
an eager pilgrim's road.
3. Strength of the wills that serve him,  
may Christ be strength to me,  
who stilled the storm and tempest,  
who calmed the tossing sea;  
his Spirit's power to move me,  
his will to master mine,  
his cross to carry daily  
and conquer in his sign.
4. May it be ours to know him  
that we may truly love,  
and loving, fully serve him  
as serve the saints above;  
till in that home of glory  
with fadeless splendour bright,  
we serve in perfect freedom  
our strength, our life, our light.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation on "Forty day and forty nights"  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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# NOTICES

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

Today 10.00 am Morning Worship  
4.00 pm Film "The Color Purple" in the lounge  
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

**Next Week: 9 April 2017 – 15 April 2017**

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

**Palm Sunday April 9**

We will gather in the Hall prior to the beginning of the service and will process into the Church with Fern Fronds. Those who do not wish to process will go into the Church as usual.

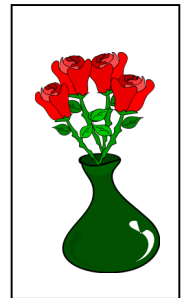
**Flowers**

We all like flowers in church. Can you help?  
Please let us know if you can:

- arrange flowers occasionally
- contribute flowers or greenery (which season?)
- have a large flower vase in your cupboard which you could contribute

If you can help, please contact Liz Baxendine 355 5137

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# EASTER SERVICES

**Sunday,  
9 April**

Palm Sunday - a combined service with Durham Street Methodist Church including a dramatic procession



**Thursday  
13 April**

7:30pm – the Service of the Shadows – a combined service with Durham Street Methodist Church for Tenebrae



**Friday  
14 April**

10:00am – A Solemn Service for Good Friday

**Sunday  
16 April**

8:30am – 9:00am – an Easter breakfast in the Knox Centre Lounge

10:00am – a festive service for Easter Day





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

- Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
- Matthew 21:1-11

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