



KNOX CHURCH

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OF SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS

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, GATHERING THE FLOCK AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE;
JESUS, CALLING EACH ONE OF US BY NAME;
JESUS, WHOSE PRESENCE BRINGS ABUNDANT LIFE.**

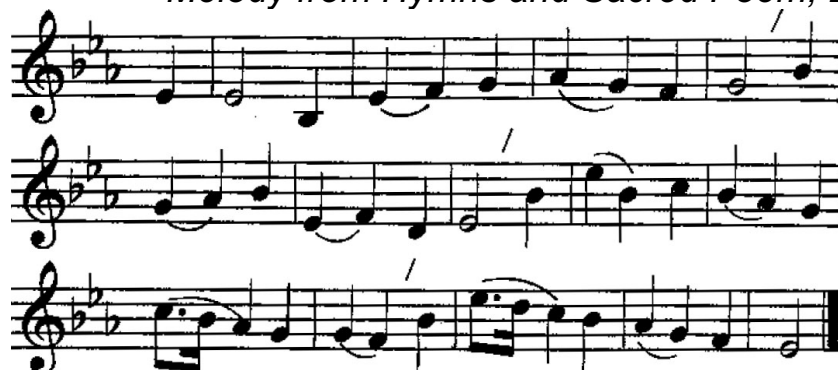
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Irish

Melody from Hymns and Sacred Poem, Dublin 1749



1. Great Shepherd of your human flock,
your presence now display;
once more we meet to hear your voice,
so give us hearts to pray.
2. Within these walls let holy peace
and love and friendship dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.
3. May we in faith receive your word,
in faith present our prayers;
and the presence of the Christ
unburden all our cares.
4. The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the contrite heart, bestow;
and shine upon us, from your love,
that we in grace may grow.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Prayer of Approach

Seeking nourishment and protection,
seeking the speaking of our names with love,
seeking a voice that connects with our spirit,

**WE COME TO THE GATE
THAT JESUS HAS OPENED.**

Listening for something that rings true,
listening for something we know sounds from heaven,
listening for something that will give us life,

**WE COME TO THE PLEASANT PASTURES
OF THE GREAT AND GOOD SHEPHERD.**

Looking for food that sustains,
looking for drink that satisfies,
looking for a forgiveness that embraces,

WE COME TO ENJOY THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

In doing so, we turn away from the white noise of other voices,
voices claiming to give life,

BUT REALLY TAKING LIFE,

claiming to open gates,
BUT REALLY RAISING FENCES,

claiming to build and restore,
BUT REALLY STEALING AND DESTROYING.

We turn from those voices
AND LISTEN FOR THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
THE CONTRITE HEART BESTOW;

and shine upon us, from your love,
THAT WE IN GRACE MAY GROW.

. . . 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 10: 1-10

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Knox Singers: Flocks in pastures green abiding
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sermon: The Shepherd's Voice

*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 listen for the voice of the Shepherd",
you are invited to respond "**MAY THE WORD OF GOD BE HEARD**".*

. . . **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.

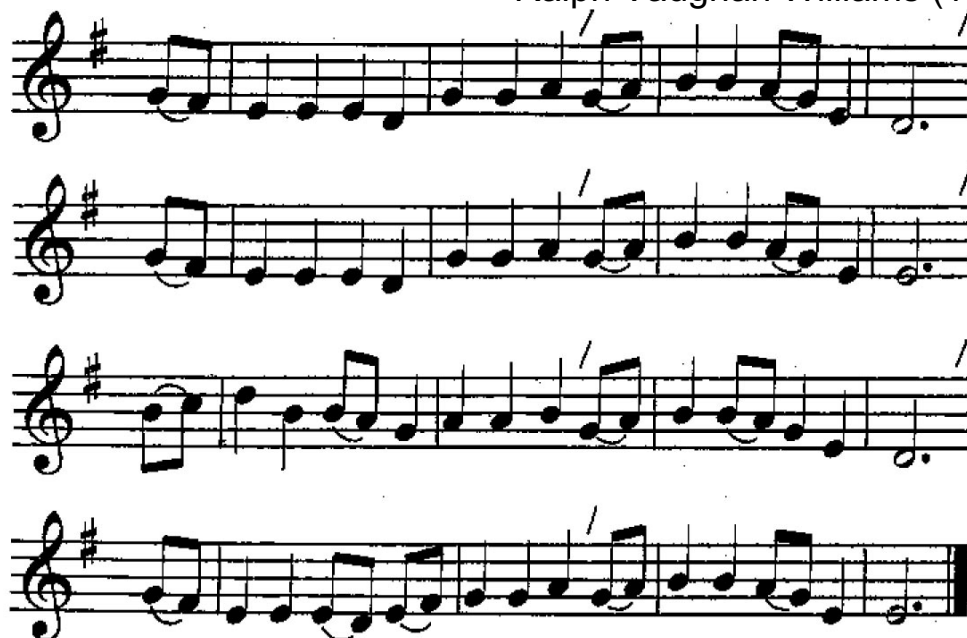
**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Communion Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast,"

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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,
take some bread from the loaf, 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:

St Botolph

Gordon Archbold Slater (1896- 1979)



1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast,
is manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary rest.
3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace:
4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art
I'll praise thee as I ought.

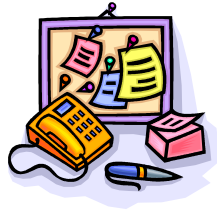
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Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Improvisation on a Dorian Theme
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: 6 May 2017 – 12 May 2017
Today 10.00am Morning Worship.
4.00pm Film – Wondrous Oblivion – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 13 May 2017 – 19 May 2017
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 7.30pm Fireside Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Film – Wondrous Oblivion – Sunday 6 May, 4pm in the Lounge.

Canterbury Philharmonia Concert – First concert for 2017 with guest artist Trio D'Or from Papanui High School and soloists Gabriel Baird (Burnside High School) and Finn van Dorsser (St. Andrews College). Sunday 7 May, 2.30pm at The Piano, Armagh St. Tickets at the door - \$25 (adults), \$10 (under 18). Presale tickets available from Erika White 3427323.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday May 15 at 7.30pm in the Knox lounge. The speaker will be Lucy Carey, Dietician, who will speak about diet and cooking as we get older. All Welcome.

NZ Christian Writers Seminar – The importance and power of writing from a Christian Worldview with George Bryant. Saturday 20 May at Christchurch North Methodist. Contact Dave Palmer, 027 2165743 or davepalmer@xtra.co.nz.

Variety Concert – To raise funds to send a delegate to the next Asian Church Women's Conference in Bangkok, October 2018. St Albans Uniting Church, Saturday 27th May, 2pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Tickets \$15. See Jennifer McKinnon.

Soup Makers!! – A vital part of each Forum is the soup and bread midway during the session. It would be great if we could spread the soup making for the next 3 Forum Sundays (last Sundays of May, June and July). If you can help, please see Jennifer McKinnon or Janet Wilson.

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

PASTURE

There is a place we
can find, a good place
like quiet meadows
where flowers spread,
like green grasses by
gentle streams;
a place where the
heart feels nourished,
where the mind is
hopeful, unhurried,
where the spirit is glad
and at peace.
We'll name this place
fulfillment,
we'll name it healing
and thankfulness,
we'll name this good place *pasture*
for there we seek to feed.



And there is a voice we can hear that calls us,
a gentle voice, melodious,
a voice like songbirds and laughter,
like a mother comforting her children,
like a shepherd calling his sheep.
We'll name this voice acceptance,
we'll name it mercy and forgiveness,
we'll name it the voice of God's love,
inviting us gently to feed.
It invites us to enter pasture
when we think we're too hurting to listen,
too angry or grieving or fearful
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.
It invites us to enter pasture
when we're sure we're too busy to listen,
too burdened or worried or pressured
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.
It says: Come in and go out and find pasture.
It says: We are safe with the shepherd of all sheep.
It says: Meadows await us, in this moment.
It says: Rest in love. Where you are. Joyfully feed.

Andrew King - <https://earth2earth.wordpress.com/2014/05/04/poem-for-the-sunday-lectionary-easter-4/>



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm
- Matthew 22:15-22

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