



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 25 June 2017



**MUMBLE, MUMBLE, JESUS,
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BEELZEBUL, MUMBLE, MUMBLE**

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, THE WORD OF GOD, SPOKEN IN LOVE;

JESUS, WHOSE GRACE AND TRUTH SHINE BRIGHTLY FORTH;

JESUS, DIVIDER OF OPINION AND THREAT TO THE HOUSEHOLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)



1. God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken the effective word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is good, God's grace eternal,
God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness from the highest heaven,
unto whom all praise be done;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, whose name we call,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Christ, revealing God to all.
3. God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, the word unfailing,
God the first, and God the last.

George W. Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Prayer of Approach

God, in whom there is light and truth,
in whom there is clarity and simplicity,
WE HAVE COME TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

Christ, in whom there is controversy and confrontation,
in whom there is conviction and mettle,
WE HAVE COME TO CLAIM YOUR COURAGE.

Spirit, in whom there is honesty and integrity,
through whose work the towers and temples fall to dust,
WE HAVE COME TO AVAIL OURSELVES TO YOUR MOVING.

Should you speak to us, O God,
there may well be tears;
**SON MAY DISAGREE WITH FATHER,
DAUGHTER MAY FALL OUT WITH MOTHER,
HOUSEHOLDS MAY DIVIDE.**

And yet, also, there will be truth and freedom;
there will be light and liberation;
**FOR THE SWORD OF YOUR PRESENCE
FINALLY GIVES LIBERTY AND LIFE.**

Praise and glory be to you,
**CREATOR, STUMBLING BLOCK
AND DISTURBER.**

From our days, O God,
so creatively called the “post-truth era”,
we make our confession.
**FOR ALTERNATIVE FACTS
AND LIES TOLD IN THE DARKNESS,
FOR WHISPERS POISONING PEOPLE’S EARS,
AND ASSASSINATION OF THE SOUL,
WE CONFESS OUR SORROW.**

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:

O God, whose son Jesus was a divisive figure,
setting communities a-chatter with gossip and debate,
**GIVE US GRACE TO HEAR HIM SPEAKING
AND TO RESPOND WITH CANDOUR AND FAITH.**

Make our faith the faith of open hearted people -
**PEOPLE WHO RESPECT JESUS
AND ARE ALIVE TO HIS WORD.**

Give us the capacity to speak and live
with the honesty and integrity of Christ,
**FINDING LIFE
AND GIVING LIFE.**

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 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 24-31

The Lesson Continued: Matthew 10: 32-39

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:

Tyrolese

Tyrolese Carol Melody



1. A man there lived in Galilee,
unlike all gone before,
for he alone in perfect faith
our human nature wore;
a perfect life of perfect deeds
once to the world was shown,
that we, his kin, might mark his steps
and in them place our own.
2. A man there died on Calvary,
above all others brave;
his people well he loved and blessed,
himself he scorned to save;
no though can gauge the weight of woe
on him, perversely laid;
we only know that from his love
new life for us was made.
3. A man there stands at God's right hand,
divine, yet human still;
that grand, heroic, peerless soul
death sought in vain to kill.
All power is his: supreme he rules
all realms of time and space;
yet still our human cares and needs
find in his heart a place.

Somerset Corry Lowry (1855-1932), alt.

Sermon:

Whispers in the dark

*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:

Interlude No. 3

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Hymn:

Dam Busters March

Eric Coates (1886-1958)



1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
2. There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at God's presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
3. Come, see the power of our maker,
revealed in Jesus' courage:
wars will cease across the world
when is shattered the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplifted in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

*From Psalm 46,
Richard Bewes (b. 1934), alt.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer food and money for the service of the gospel.

WE ALSO OUR HOPE AND FAITH.

May its blessing by God

result in truth and freedom in the world.

**PROCLAIMED FROM THE ROOFTOPS,
MAY THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE
SHINE LIGHT AND LIFE
UPON ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.**

Through Jesus Christ,

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

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Seminar-Forums

5.30-7.00pm - Doors open 5pm for drinks & snacks

NEED NOT GREED... Housing Matters
Thursday 20 July

SECURE HOUSING FOR ALL

...No Greedy Landlords

Prof Shamubeel Eaqub

Author & Principal Economist NZEIR

NEED NOT GREED... Land Matters
Thursday 27 July

LAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

...Not exploitive enterprises

**Garrick Wayne Cooper
& Jessica McLean**

Canterbury University, Aotahi School of Maori Indigenous Studies

NEED NOT GREED... Money Matters
Thursday 3 August

A LIVING INCOME FOR ALL

...Not Obscene Salaries for a Few

Warren Brewer

Economic & Social Researcher



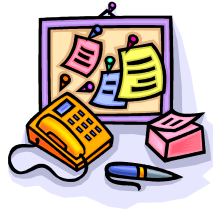
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NOTICES

This Week: **25 June 2017 – 1 July 2017**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: **2 July 2017 – 8 July 2017**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 4.00pm Film in lounge – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Wednesdays at One – Lunchtime concerts at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. A weekly feast of music. Light lunch available at the Cathedral Café. \$10 waged, \$5 unwaged. For more information follow Wednesdays at One on Facebook.

Film – Sunday 2 July at 4pm in the lounge. This month's film is "The light between oceans".

Retiring Offering - Sunday July 16 2017 - A Retiring Offering will be held at the conclusion of the Annual Special Project Service (APW/MWF).

The special projects this year are for the funding of training programmes in Nicaragua so young people and their families can tackle the violence that is damaging their lives. NZ project will work with families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder .

EcuAction Seminars - 5.30 – 7pm at Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave. Free Event (koha).

Thursday 20 July - Housing Matters, Secure Housing for all.

Thursday 27 July - Land Matters, Land for the benefit of all.

Thursday 3 August – Money Matters, a living income for all.

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

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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