



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 6 August 2017



AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ALPHA RESPONSE

A COMMUNION SERVICE
ON PEACE SUNDAY

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, OVER WHOSE BIRTH THE SKIES SANG “PEACE ON EARTH”;
JESUS, WHO PRONOUNCED BLESSING ON THE PEACEMAKERS;
JESUS, WHO CALLS US TO JOIN HIM IN BEING CHILDREN OF GOD.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Suantrai

Irish traditional melody



1. Christ is our peace, Christ is our health,
he the true Word, his the true wealth -
gifts to be shared by the simple and poor:
peace in your land, peace at your door.
2. We come, O God, in Jesus's name,
and for our world your peace to claim;
beatitudes that we may take to heart:
that ne'er from them we may depart.
3. Rememb'ring well his gentle life
his being true against all strife,
we celebrate a love so deep and strong:
proclaiming truth, correcting wrong.
4. To you be praise and all our love
for wisdom deep, dawned from above;
for grace that wins our hearts and bends our knees,
the love of Christ that ushers peace.

Verse 1, Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Verses 2-4, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Prayer of Approach

Within God's wonderful timing,
there was a time
when Jesus went up into the foothills,
and people followed him there.

**WE ALSO FOLLOW HIM
TO THE FOOTHILLS OF HIS THINKING.**

Once there, he sat,
gathered the holy wisdom,
and begin to speak.

**WE SEEK THE SELF-SAME WISDOM
HE GRACIOUSLY IMPARTS.**

From his beautiful sense of hope
and from the fiery love of God,
he pronounced radical, counter-cultural blessings:

**INHERITANCE FOR THE MEEK,
SATISFACTION FOR THE HUNGRY,**

the seeing of God for the pure in heart,
the kingdom for the poor in spirit,
**COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN,
AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEACEMAKERS.**

Praise and thanks be to God
for Jesus' wonderful challenging world-alternative.
**IT WAS VISION TO A VISIONLESS PEOPLE,
HOPE FOR A PEOPLE LOST.**

It was blessing for the "shouted down",
A TREASURE FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

On the foothills of worship,
in the echo of Jesus' strange blessings,
we confess a world where people are poor,
WHERE PEOPLE MOURN,

where people are rail-roaded,
WHERE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY.

We confess a world where mercy is rare,
AND PURITY IS MORE SO.

We confess a world taken by alpha actors
AND PERSECUTORS OF RIGHT.

. . . 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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-12

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Knox Singers: Bread of the world
Scottish traditional, arr. Allan Bullard (b. 1947)

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

Sermon: Of meerkats, violence and a better way

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

*In our prayers for others and ourselves, to the minister's words "God of peace", you are invited to respond **"HEAR OUR PRAYER"**.*

**. . . 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:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. As at communion, shape your hands,
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.
5. Put peace into each other's hands
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.



Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, the 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

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 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.



**Researchers Discover
That Bombing People
Causes Them to Hate You...**

Hymn:

Christ, be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



1. Longing for light, we climbed the foothills.
Longing for truth, we sought your word.
You made us yours, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world was
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despaired.
Your word alone came near to save us,
made us your living voice.

Chorus

3. Longing for food, many were hungry.
Longing for water, many had thirst.
You made us bread, broken for
others,
shared until all are fed.

Chorus

4. Lord Jesus, we, peace makers fledgling,
offer our hearts, intellect too,
praying a blessing, over our living,
that love and peace may reign.

Chorus

Verses 1-3, Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957), alt.

Verse 4, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Rondeau
Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 6 August 2017 – 12 August 2017

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

Next Week: 13 August – 19 August 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
4.00pm Film – Suite Francaise – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Clear Plastic Folders!! – If anyone would some clear plastic folders which have been given to us – please help yourselves. They will be in the foyer outside the office.

Advance Notice - A booklet of soups for the recent Forums has been collated and hopefully next Sunday will be available for sale \$5 a copy.

Film Group - Sunday 13th August 4pm in the lounge. The film **Suite Francaise**.

Next Theologian at the Cathedral - Hear Dean Martyn Percy, Christ Church, Oxford preach at 5pm Evensong, Sunday 13 August 2017 at the Transitional Cathedral. Light supper then Martyn Percy will lead a brief seminar, concluding 7:30 pm. All welcome. Topic to be announced.

Knox Fireside Group - Next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday 21 August at 7.30pm in the Knox lounge. The speaker is Karin Bathgate her topic is Sable Island – Shifting sands in the North Atlantic. All Welcome.

Sharing the Good News in the 21st Century - Saturday 26 August, 9:30 am – 3:45 pm Christchurch North Methodist Church, Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street, Christchurch. A workshop for lay worship leaders, lay preachers, and all those involved in team ministry. Keynote speakers include: Rev Andrew Gamman, Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM, Wallace Woodley, and Rev'd Jill Keir. Cost: \$10 pp, \$30 per parish. Bring lunch to share, morning and afternoon tea provided. Registrations to: Linda Cowan, lindacowan@xtra.co.nz by 18 August.

Bread of Heaven/Daily Bread - Spend a day with Sara Miles, San Francisco author, founder and director of The Food Pantry at St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church Wednesday 20 September 2017, 10 am to 3.15 pm at The Village Church, cnr Ilam/Aorangi Rds, Christchurch. Cost: \$60 – includes lunch. Registration essential: to Claire Bonner, admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz , by 5pm Friday 15 September 2017

Toughlove Upper South Island - is running a 6 week Parent Support Course for parents and caregivers of pre-teens, teenagers & young people every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at Knox Church, commencing on Tuesday 12 September to Tuesday 17 October. Topics include Toughlove Philosophy and Ten Beliefs, Process of Change, Facing the Crisis, Taking a Stand, Bottomlines, Preparing an Action Plan, Support and Things That Keep Us From Changing. For information or to register, please contact Sue at Toughlove on (03) 337 9452 or by email to toughloveusi@xtra.co.nz

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,

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Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Kings 19: 9-18
- Matthew 14: 22-33

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