



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 13 August 2017



**NOT ALONE:
LIVING IN GOD'S WORLD**

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, MODEL OF GOD'S COURAGE AND SPIRIT;
JESUS, REMINDING US THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE;
JESUS, CALLING US TO FOLLOW HIM IN FAITH.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (b. 1949)

Prayer of Approach

Since his first disciples heard him calling "follow me",
many more have been bidden come.

**MANY HAVE STEPPED ONTO THE PILGRIM ROAD,
WALKING TOGETHER BY FAITH.**

Many have taken on the easy yoke,
finding friends walking alongside.

**MANY HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEEP DELIGHT
OF DISCOVERING THAT, IN HIM,
THEY'VE BECOME SISTERS AND BROTHERS.**

Many have found comfort and identity as branches in the vine.

MANY HAVE FOUND MEANING AS MEMBERS OF HIS BODY.

Many have died to self.

**MANY HAVE EMBRACED THE GREAT HOLY OTHER
IN WHOM THEY ARE LOVED, INTEGRATED,
AND PERFECTLY PLACED.**

So God, in whom we live, move and have our being,

**WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE GREAT LOVE
IN WHICH WE ARE ENVELOPED.**

We are not alone.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Silence

We walk the Jesus road not only in light,

BUT ALSO IN DARKNESS,

not only in joy,

BUT ALSO IN TROUBLE.

Sometimes the world seems hostile;

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS CRUEL.

Sometimes we see no friends,

BUT ONLY VIOLENCE AND ENEMIES.

Then, feeling alienated and alone,

**WE HURT ONE ANOTHER
AND MANGLE OUR WORLD.**

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:

Gracious and loving God,
whose way always is healing, unity and peace,
enable us to be agents of your character.

**GIVE US WORDS THAT ARE TRUE AND TENDER,
DEEDS THAT ARE NOBLE AND COURAGEOUS,
AND HEARTS THAT REACH OUT TO OTHERS
WITH THE STRENGTH OF JESUS' LOVE.**

We pray this in Jesus' name, 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: 1 Kings 19: 9-18

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 22-33

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

Hymn:

St Andrew

Edward Henry Thorne (1834-1916)



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| 1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying "Christian, follow me". | 3. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these". |
| 2. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more". | 4. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all. |

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Sermon: A Proclamation to the Alpha Animals

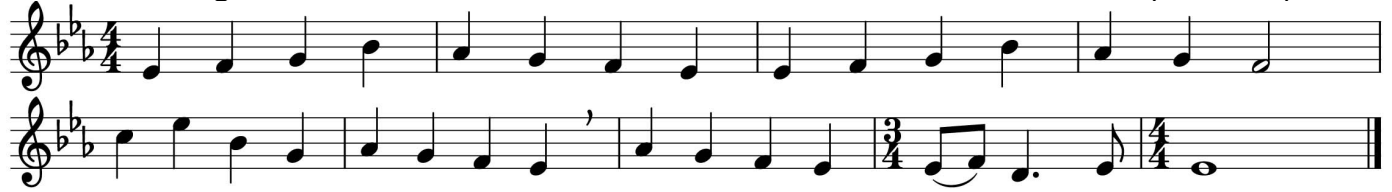
*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Music for Reflection: Prelude No. 1, "Unison"
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hymn:

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

On not just what we have offered now,
but on what we will be called to offer during the week,
we pray God's blessing.

**MAY STRIFE BE SUBVERTED,
AND UNITY NURTURED;
MAY LOVE BE HONOURED,
AND LONELINESS FILLED.**

May Christ be in our serving,
AND GOD'S LOVE BE IN OUR LIVING,

that all God's children be blessed,
**AND ALL CREATION GIVE GLORY AND PRAISE.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Diademata

George J. Elvey (1816-1893)



1. Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who rose for you,
and to your risen Saviour bring your thanks for life made new.
2. Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise;
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.
4. Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail, for your great love for me;
your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

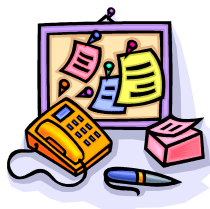
Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Sortie not in B-flat
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: 13 August – 19 August 2017

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

Next Week: 20 August – 26 August 2017

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.00pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Christchurch Liedertafel Male Voice Choir – “To a changing world” – An afternoon of male voice choral music. Sunday 13th August, 2.15pm at St Andrews Chapel, Normans Road. Musical Director – Daniel Cooper. \$15 Programme Entry (no eftpos).

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.

Mezzo to Manhattan – Elisabeth Harris presents a special fundraising concert. Sunday 20th August , 2pm at Knox Church. Tickets \$30 – cash sales at the door or contact Lynne Havenaar on 03 9604090 or info@operafoundation.co.nz.

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.

Knox Café - The next Knox Cafe will,be held in the Knox lounge on Sunday September 3 at 7pm. We will have a conversation with a group of local Muslim Women . Tea and coffee will be provided please bring anything else you want. All Welcome .

The Knox Singers – Present “A Spring Awakening” – An afternoon of your favourite Hymns and Anthems, Vivaldi’s Gloria and selections from Handel’s Messiah. Musical Director, Daniel Cooper. Sunday 10th September 2.30pm at Knox Church. Entry \$15 waged, \$10 unwaged, \$25 Family.

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.

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,

Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janetwilson@clear.net.nz



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*An afternoon of
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Vivaldi's Gloria

selections from Handel's Messiah

Musical Director Daniel Cooper

2:30pm Sunday 10th

September

Knox Church, corner Bealey Avenue / Victoria Street

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 45: 1-15
- Psalm 133

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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