



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 24 September 2017



AFTER THE ELECTION

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, WHOSE QUIET AUTHORITY WAS STRONG;

JESUS, THE WAY, THE LIFE, AND THE TRUTH;

JESUS, IN WHOM WE FIND GODLINESS, DIGNITY AND PEACE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Warrington

Ralph Harrison (1748-1810)



1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains:
the weary find eternal rest:
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Prayer of Approach

There stands before us
a sovereign figure,
**IN WHOSE HANDS
THE WORLD IS FORTUNATE TO BE HELD.**

There stands before us
a dignified and dignifying Messiah,
**IN WHOM WE OURSELVES
FIND PRIDE AND STANDING.**

There stands before us
a Godly figure:
**SOMEONE LIVING FOR OTHERS,
GIVING HIMSELF FOR OTHERS' SAKE.**

There stands before us
a conveyor of truth,
**SPEAKING TRUTH
THAT SETS US FREE.**

There stands before us
a peace-maker,
**BRAVE IN THE FRAY,
OPPOSING THE WRONG.**

There stands before us
God's child,
**SAFE HANDS,
BEAUTIFUL FEET,
NOBLE HEART,
LOVE IN ACTION.**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
**HIS KINGDOM STRETCH FROM SHORE TO SHORE,
TILL MOONS SHALL WAX AND WANE NO MORE.**

Yet, within the waxing and waning,
the rising and the setting of the sun,
others come and go
to rule us:
**THRONES AND GOVERNMENTS,
MEMBERS AND PARLIAMENTS.**

Sometimes with peace and dignity,
SOMETIMES WITH TRUTH AND PEACE.

Other times with war and shamefulness,
OTHER TIMES PEDDLING LIES AND WAR.

Worshipping on the day after a general election,
we put before our God
not only our thanksgiving for peace in our land,
not only our hopes for our country,
but also our confession for the world that we have made:
apathy, self-interest,
negativity,
frustration.

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:

God of responsibility and care,
God of dignifying authority,
your heart, revealed in the life of Jesus,
is shown to be strong and just,
true and loving.

**BY YOUR GRACE,
MAY WE BE MADE PEOPLE OF THAT SAME STRENGTH,
THAT SAME JUSTICE,
THAT SAME TRUTH AND LOVE.**

May we stand responsibly
within the sphere
of those whom we have chosen to govern us,

**BEING ALWAYS GOOD CITIZENS OF YOUR REIGN,
AND SEEKERS OF YOUR TRUTH.**

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 First Lesson: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 18: 29-38a

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



The governor...

Hymn:

Melita

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Almighty God, lift up our eyes;
inspire us all with visions brave;
from mountain heights' grey driven skies.
to cities hemmed by sunlit wave,
from bushlands green to desert plain,
recall us to your truth again.
2. We do not seek the power, O Lord,
to wing swift death with greater speed;
but love, to be your love's reward,
your love, to match our spirit's need -
grant this; but our sad wrath repeal,
and all the troubled peoples heal.
3. Let not our land a tyrant know,
nor shackled freedom give us shame;
strongholds of selfishness o'erthrow:
God, light in us your Spirit's flame -
now fire this nation's heart and will
your mighty purpose to fulfill!

William Courtney Sanders Johnson (1907-1987), alt.

Sermon:

Praying for the government

*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: Diapason Movement (from a Concerto)
John Stanley (1712-1786)

Hymn:

Was Lebet from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. God ever loving, and ruling in majesty,
judgment is yours, and condemns all our pride;
stir up our rulers and peoples to penitence,
sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.
2. Blessed Lord Jesus, arriving in poverty,
sharing a stable with beasts at your birth;
stir us to work for your justice and charity,
truly to care for the poor upon earth.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,
lift up our lives to your standard of right;
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
flood the whole church with your glorious light.
4. Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,
bind in your love every nation and race:
may we adore you for time and eternity,
Maker, Redeemer and Spirit of grace.

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (b. 1925)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We make this offering to God.
We also offer our desires
to stand tall as those governed by Christ:

**DIGNIFIED AND DIGNIFYING,
BLESSED AND BLESSING,
PEACEFUL AND PEACE-MAKING,
PEOPLE SERVING TRUTH.**

We pray this under the yoke of Jesus,
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 the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife, this fallen world to save.
Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
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.

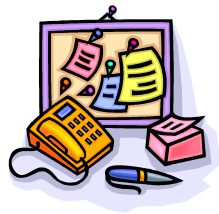
Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Pilgrims' Chorus from "Tannhäuser"
Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 24 September – 30 September 2017

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Faith, film and Fiction – See below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 1 October – 7 October 2017

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Saturday	9.30am	Car Park Clean Up – See below

Faith, film and fiction – Today!! 11.15am in Committee Room. Naomi and John Suresh will introduce us to the *Ramayana* which is one of the gems of Tamil literature. Prince Rama is one of the most important people in South East Asia history and literature, and his epic story also has religious significance. An introductory booklet is available in the new foyer for you to have a preview.

Sathya Sai International – A free introductory talk “How to achieve an ethical and compassionate society”. Tuesday 26th September 7pm in the Hall. Speakers: Dr Narendranath Reddy (USA), Neville Fredericks (Australia) and Richard Wallis , Founder of SSI NZ. All welcome.

Annual Car Park Clean Up - Please reserve 30 September, 9:30 am for what has become the annual car park clean up and socialising event. Bring tools including broom and shovel!

Speaker at Knox Café – 3rd September. If you missed or would like a copy of the power point used by Maysoon in her presentation about the fundamentals of Islam, please just email Bronwyn Wiltshire: bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com and I will send it to you.

Beca Heritage Week: Sunday 15th October 1-4pm KNOX CHURCH OPEN DAY. This year we will have the church and new foyer open from 1-4pm, with live music every 15 minutes from 2.00 - 3.30pm. Daniel and the Knox Singers are organising the musical programme, but we also need helpers - in a roster - to assist with being on site. We are not using the Knox Centre this year, but will need to have people around to usher the visitors in and out and be alert for security. If you could help for some (or all) of the time, please let Bronwyn Wiltshire know: 0274 797718 or 351 9445 or email bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com. There is also a sheet in the new foyer for names. The Beca Heritage Week programme is available in both foyers.

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





The Bible reading for next week will be:

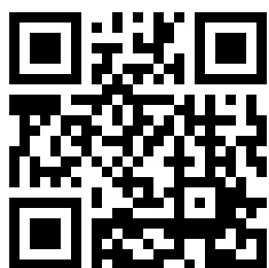
- Matthew 21: 23-32

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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