

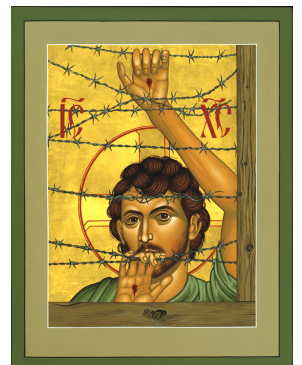
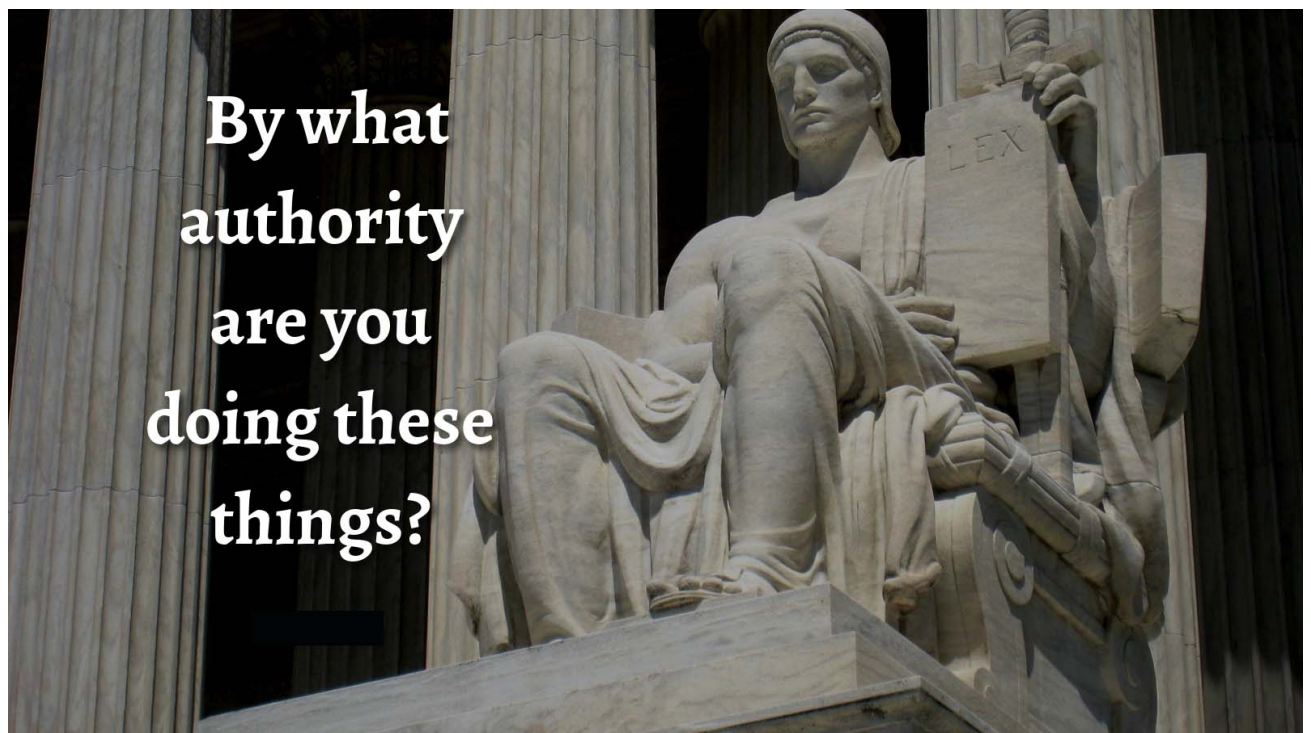


# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 1 October 2017

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## BY WHAT AUTHORITY? 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, QUESTIONED BY THE ELDERS ABOUT HIS AUTHORITY;  
JESUS, WHOSE DEEDS GAVE ELOQUENT ANSWER;  
JESUS, WHOM WE COME TO PRAISE.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Laudes Domini

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



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| <p>1. When morning gilds the skies,<br/>my heart awaking cries<br/>“may Jesus Christ be praised!”<br/>Alike at work and prayer<br/>to Jesus I repair:<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!</p>            | <p>3. Let earth’s wide circle round<br/>in joyful notes resound:<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>Let air, and sea, and sky,<br/>from depth to height, reply:<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!</p>   |
| <p>2. To God, the word on high<br/>the hosts of angels cry:<br/>“may Jesus Christ be praised!”<br/>Let mortals, too, upraise<br/>their voice in hymns of praise:<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!</p> | <p>4. Be this, when day is past,<br/>of all my thoughts the last:<br/>“may Jesus Christ be praised!”<br/>The night becomes as day,<br/>when from the heart we say<br/>“may Jesus Christ be praised!”</p> |
5. Be this while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”

*Anon, German, early 19th cent  
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

He was not in charge of the community into which he was born.

**HE BEGAN LIFE QUIETLY AND FAR AWAY.**

He was not a person born into privilege or influence.

**HE WAS MUCH LIKE ANYONE ELSE.**

Yet slowly, and surely, people noticed him.

**THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM  
THAT DEMANDED GENTLE ATTENTION.**

A sense of dignity,

**A SENSE OF DECENCY.**

Speech of quality,

**DEEDS OF MYSTERY.**

Poise in his presence,

**ETERNITY IN HIS MANNER.**

They began to speak of authority,

**QUALITY AND MAJESTY.**

And for all who followed him  
**IT BECAME WORSHIP AND PRAISE.**

Be this while life is mine  
my canticle divine:  
**MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.**

He was not in charge of the community into which he was born.  
**THOSE WHO *WERE***  
**BEGAN TO FEAR AND RESENT HIM.**

Hostile questioning,  
rhetorical put-downs.  
**REACTIONARY RESPONSES,**  
**EMPTY FLOURISHES OF THEIR OWN AUTHORITY.**

God, we confess that we know their reactions well,  
for we ourselves, when insecure,  
also respond this way:  
**A WORLD OF ARGUMENT**  
**AND POWER GRABBING.**  
**A WORLD OF EMPTY GESTURES OF POWER.**

So we say:

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:** Matthew 21: 23-32

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.**

**Sermon:** Real authority

*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 in A Major  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

To the minister's words "Dignified and loving Jesus,"  
you are invited to respond "**EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY**".

... **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:

Au clair de la lune

French traditional melody



1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall:  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

*Margaret Cropper (1886-1980)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, 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.**

## Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you, only you, resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect  
will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command,  
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,



and still on things eternal look  
and hasten to your glorious day;

5. for you delightfully employ  
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

### **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Postlude in D Minor  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

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## **NOTICES**

### **This Week: 1 October – 7 October 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 8 October – 14 October 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00 pm	Film Group – <b>See below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Faith Film and Fiction – Sunday 8 October 5pm in the lounge.** The film group will watch *The Viceroy's House* about the independence and division of India in 1947, focusing on Lord Mountbatten (the last Viceroy of India), Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru and Jinnah.

**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](mailto:bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com). There is also a sheet in the new foyer for names. The Beca Heritage Week programme is available in both foyers.

**Speaker at Knox Café – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com) and I will send it to you.

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](mailto:janetwilson@clear.net.nz)



**Christian World Service Supporters' Council: Friday 6 October, 6-8pm, Christchurch North Methodist Church, 68 Harewood Road**

***“Taking in the Big Picture”***

The Supporters' Council is an opportunity to hear what's been happening for CWS over the past year and listen to a panel discussion.

**Jo Spratt**, founding member of New Zealand Aid and Development Dialogues, will discuss aspects of the government's aid and development programme via Skype from Canberra.

**David Fielding**, Professor of Economics at Otago University and CWS Board member will reflect on global perspectives on development.

The Supporters' Council is made up of partner churches, organisations and individuals committed to the vision, values and objectives of CWS and who have provided financial support in the past two years. A light refreshment will be provided.

RSVP by Wednesday 4 October to Pam 03 366 9274 or [cws@cws.org.nz](mailto:cws@cws.org.nz)

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**Tim Davie**

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### **Bible readings for next week will be:**

- Psalm 37: 1-7
- Luke 10: 38-42

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