

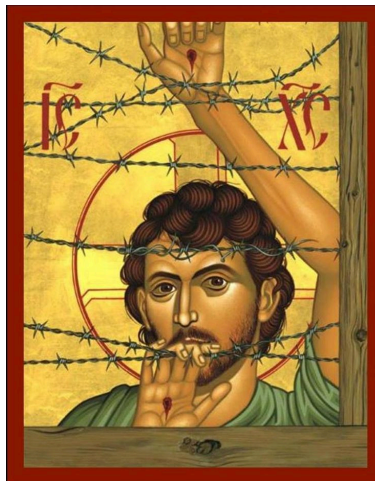


# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 22 October 2017

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**CAESAR, CYRUS  
AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS**

## 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, GOD'S ANOINTED ONE;**

**JESUS, PICKING THE POCKETS OF THE POLITICALLY PROPORTIONED;**

**JESUS, OFFERING HIS WHOLE BEING IN WORSHIP OF GOD.**

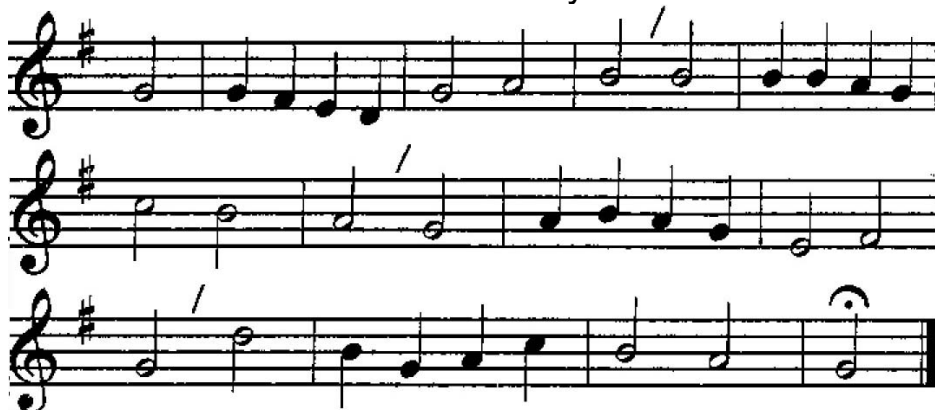
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

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

### Hymn:

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551



1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice:  
delight in God whose praise you tell;  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2. Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls;  
extol and bless our God always,  
as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good;  
whose mercy is for ever sure;  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*William Kethe (d.1594) alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

A hymn calls upon all people to enter the courts of praise.  
It calls people from the four corners of the world  
to worship the world's one Creator.

**SO WE COME WITH CHEERFUL VOICE.**

The keen and pious lead the way,  
the hungry in spirit,  
the ones who feel their life belongs to God.

**WE COME WITH EAGER REJOICING.**

Then the questioners,  
much more measuredly.  
Feeling a desire to come,  
because it is sensed that there is something deep here -  
just not so sure how the pieces fit together.

**INDEED, WE COME ALSO,  
SEEKING THE OPENING OF SACRED GATES.**

Then the broken, the exiled:  
those who carry heavy burdens.  
**INDEED, WE ALSO ARE HERE.**

Not coming, O God,  
are those who find no interest in this kind of thing.  
They're busy serving other gods,  
or exploring other thoughts.  
They may have skills and gifts,  
good contributions to make,  
**BUT JUST NOT HERE.,  
NOT UNDER THIS NAME.**

Perhaps, O God,  
you still call all people by name.  
Perhaps you speak to people who do not know you.  
Perhaps you love and enable all your children.

**ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL,  
SING OUT YOUR FAITH WITH CHEERFUL VOICE.  
DELIGHT IN GOD, IN WHOM YOU'RE WELL,  
WHOSE PRESENCE CALLS YOU TO REJOICE.**

Yet also, all people,  
confess your contribution to the pain and sorrow of the world.  
**WE HURT ONE ANOTHER  
AND OURSELVES.**

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:**

While we, O God,  
give enormous energy to dividing the world  
into sacred and secular,  
in and out,  
in your grace  
you continue to call all people by name,  
drawing everyone into your redeeming purposes.  
**TO US, WHO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU,  
GIVE US THE SPECIAL GRACE  
TO PRAISE AND BLESS YOU,  
AND TO REJOICE  
IN THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SURPRISING OTHERS.**

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**

*Although there is no Sunday School during Labour Day weekend, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity sheets in the children's area at the back of the church.*

**The First Lesson:**      Isaiah 45: 1-7  
In this is the Word of God  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Gospel Lesson:**      Matthew 22: 15-22  
This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.**

**Hymn:**

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,  
glory be to Christ, our Sun,  
glory be to God the Spirit,  
great Redeemer, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,  
came our loyalties to claim;  
glory be to God who won us,  
caught our spirits in the flame;  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the One whose love remains.
3. Glory be to God in this day,  
with our current weal and woe;  
glory be to God who calls us,  
in whose name we've far to go.  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the God in Christ we know.
4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'  
thus its praise creation brings;  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
from our hearts our worship springs!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),  
alt. Matthew Jack*

**Sermon:**

A grabbed hand

*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:**

Largo, from Xerxes

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)



**Hymn:**  
Slane

Irish Traditional Melody



1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if I ever disown you, I stumble and fall;  
but, led in your service your word to obey,  
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

*Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Bob Fendall*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Although God may pick our pockets,  
using our time and gifts beyond our intending,  
we pray that we may want to serve God's purposes.

**DWELL IN OUR HEARTS, O GOD,  
UNTIL WE ARE GENEROUS.**

Receive our will, our mind,  
our heart, our all.

**RECEIVE ALSO THE OFFERING WE MAKE JUST NOW.**

In Jesus' name,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### 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.

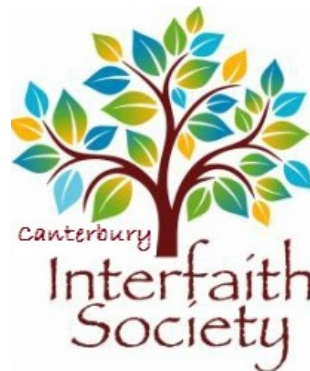
*Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** V. "Tutti", from Five Sketches for the Organ  
Daniel Cooper (b 1997)

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

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**Prayer for World Peace**  
**Today, Sunday 22nd October - 2:00pm**

The Canterbury Interfaith Society Invites you to join us for our annual Prayer for World Peace event held at the Peace Bell in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. We gather as a diverse group of people from a wide range of backgrounds and stand together in solidarity to pray for and express our hopes and desires for peace in our world.



## NOTICES

### **This Week: 22 October – 28 October 2017**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

### **Next Week: 29 October – 4 November 2017**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**University of Canterbury concert/exam recital – Today!!** 2pm in the Church. All welcome. No charge.

**Knox Fireside Group** -There will be NO Fireside meeting this Monday October 23. The next meeting will be Monday November 20.

**Jonathan Voon Piano Recital** – Featuring Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata". Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm at Knox Church. Jonathan is a diploma student of Daniel's. Entry \$5

**Knox Life** - Our next issue of Knox Life will be distributed in November. We would love to have your articles, reviews, poems, photos etc to share with the Knox community. Please email contributions to the Knox office by the end of October.

**Christmas Baking reminder**—all orders due in at the end of October – if you need more order forms they can be found in the foyer.

**Neighbourhood Week** - During Neighbourhood Week, Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November, we would like to reach out to some not-for-profit groups in our area by taking their staff some home-baked goodies for their morning tea one day. Would you be able to do a little baking for them? Or would you be willing to deliver our gifts to one of the groups? If so, please contact Jennifer McKinnon (338 0333) or Janet Wilson (338 7203).

**AGM** - The Annual General Meeting of Knox Church will be held on Sunday 5 November immediately after the morning service. Reports and accounts are available in the foyer.

**AFTERNOON COMMUNION** - At 2pm on Wednesday 8 November we will be having a short communion service in the chapel. This is particularly for those who do not get to our Sunday morning service very often, but of course everyone is most welcome to come. After the communion service we will have afternoon tea and time to chat with each other.

**PILLARS** - Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November instead of our food etc donations going to St Georges Iona they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc welcome and will be well used. This is the eighth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS.

**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)**

## **Commemorating the Reformation: a Christchurch-based ecumenical event**

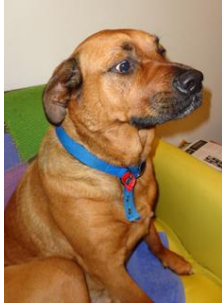
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, at 7:00pm**

**Knox Church** (corner of Bealey Ave and Victoria St)

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. We all know the story of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg. But how do we commemorate this across the churches of different histories? Well, we just do, with participants from many streams including the Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Independents. With old hymns and new worship styles we will bring our worship, prayer and expressions of unity together under the title "*From Conflict to Communion*."



## Blessing of the Animals Service



Animals display the wonderful variety of creation, and domestic animals in particular hold a special place in our affections. On Sunday 29 October you're invited to bring your pet to church. If your pet isn't easily portable (or has passed away) send a photo to the church office by noon on Friday 27 October. We'll include the photo in a slide show during the service.



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

- Mark 11: 1-6
- Luke 14: 1-6

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