



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 12 November 2017



**FIRST AND FALSE DUTIES**  
- being there, and not being there -

## 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, TELLING TALES OF BRIDESMAIDS AND LATE ARRIVALS;**

**JESUS, CALLING US TO KEEP AWAKE;**

**JESUS, GRANTING TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE.**

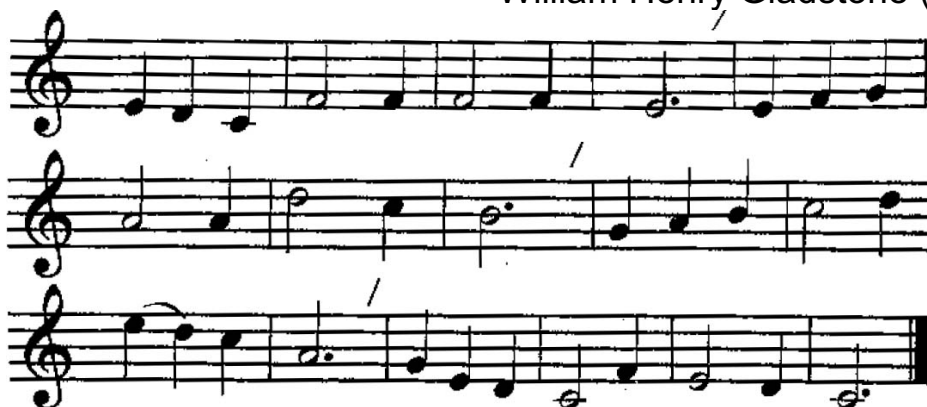
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

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

### Hymn:

Ombersley

William Henry Gladstone (1840-1891)



1. Lord of all being, throned afar,  
thy glory flames from sun and star;  
centre and soul of every sphere,  
yet to each loving heart how near!

2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray  
sheds on our path the glow of day;  
star of our hope, thy softened light  
cheers the long watches of the night.
3. Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,  
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,  
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;  
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.
4. Lord of all life, below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no lustre of our own.
5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Within the care of the God of all being,  
who gives glory to the sun and the stars,  
and who gives hope to the people,  
**WE OFFER OUR SILENT WORSHIP.**

*Silence*

God, in Christ  
you have shown us what is good,  
what is important,  
what is true.  
**SO WE OFFER OUR PRAISE.**

Jesus Christ,  
you have called us to follow you,  
to discover life in you,  
to have our hearts set free.  
**SO WE OFFER OUR THANKS.**

Holy Spirit,  
you blow through our thinking,  
you set a flame within our feeling,  
you put right in our doing.  
**SO WE OFFER OUR WILLINGNESS.**

Gracious God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,  
you call us to give ear to your teaching.  
**YOU COME TO US,  
UTTERING DARK SAYINGS OF OLD:**

things that we have heard and known  
from the beginning,  
**THINGS TREASURED BY OUR ANCESTORS,  
THINGS TO ROUSE AND FOCUS THE SOUL.**

Yet sometimes we are busy hearing other things.  
Sometimes we are distracted,  
preoccupied.  
Sometimes we are pursuing other matters  
we consider important,  
but are not.  
**SO WE MISS HEARING YOU.  
WE MISS “BEING THERE” FOR OTHERS.**

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.**

### **Prayer of Supplication:**

In our life experience  
of absence and presence,  
of loneliness and company,  
enable us, O God,  
to be people who hear your wisdom.

**GIVE US GRACE TO BE WISE,  
TO BE WELCOMING,  
AND TO BE PRESENT TO THOSE AROUND US.**

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:** Psalm 78: 1-7

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 25: 1-13

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

**Hymn:**

Suantrai

Irish traditional melody



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| 1. This is my will,<br>my one command,<br>that love should dwell<br>among you all.<br>This is my will,<br>that you should love<br>as I have shown<br>that I love you.  | 3. I call you now<br>no longer slaves;<br>no slave knows all<br>his master does.<br>I call you friends,<br>for all I hear<br>my father say<br>you hear from me.           |
| 2. No greater love<br>a man can have<br>than that he die<br>to save his friends.<br>You are my friends<br>if you obey<br>what I command<br>that you should do.         | 4. You chose not me,<br>but I chose you,<br>that you should go<br>and bear much fruit.<br>I chose you out<br>that you in me<br>should bear much fruit<br>that will abide. |
| 5. All that you ask<br>my father dear<br>for my name's sake<br>you shall receive.<br>This is my will,<br>my one command,<br>that love should dwell<br>in each, in all. |   |

*James Quinn (b. 1919)*



**Sermon:**

Being there

*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:** Voluntary No. 1 in C Major, “Adagio”  
John Stanley (1712-1786)

**Hymn:**

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)



1. First set your mind on the kingdom of God  
and on its justice and truth,  
then all you need will be given to you,  
Alleluia.
2. No one can live by bread alone;  
sharp is our hunger of soul;  
only the word of the Lord will sustain,  
Alleluia.
3. Ask and it will be given to you,  
seek and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened to you,  
Alleluia.

*Colin Gibson (b. 1933)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Madeleine Church*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We offer food and money,  
for the feeding and keeping of God's people.

**WE OFFER ALSO OUR PRIORITIES,  
AND OUR OPENNESS TO LEARNING  
WHAT REALLY IS IMPORTANT.**

May we be people who are present for others  
**OPENING DOORS IN JESUS' NAME.  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**

#### **Acknowledgement of the Restoration of Knox's War Memorials**

##### **The First World War**

Captain Francis B Kay  
Lieut. Joseph W Rutledge  
Eng. Comm. G R Rutledge  
2nd Lieut. A J Arnold  
Sergeant P S Nelson  
Corporal John Budge  
Corporal Fred Johnson  
Gunner W R Simpson  
Sapper Charles Brand  
Rifleman G M Haig  
Private A C W Bain

Private Ronald Bain  
Private Norman Brown  
Private Hugh Dempsey  
Private T L Hazelton  
Private Wm A Henderson  
Private C Johnston  
Private Wm Johnson  
Private Geo P Lattimore  
2nd Lieut. Allan McDonald ( RAF)  
Private F J McJennet  
Private E H Robertson

##### **The Second World War**

J E Barton  
A Dini  
L J Fairbairn

R J Heney  
I H Hercus  
J McIntyre  
F J McKerchar

F W Musgrove  
I A Scott  
F D Sutherland



## The Remembrance Sunday Litany:

ANZAC Ode

John Collins

### Hymn:

Nun Danket

*Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)*



1. Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
God, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
to Christ and Spirit too,  
our help in highest heaven:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Voluntary No. 1 in C Major, "Allegro"  
John Stanley (1712-1786)

Tea and coffee are served in the church following the morning service

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## **NOTICES**

### **This Week: 12 November – 18 November 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	2.00pm	Piano Students of Daniel Cooper – <b>see below</b>
	5.00pm	Faith, Film and Fiction – <b>See below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 19 November – 25 November 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Fireside Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Annual Students Recital – Piano students of Daniel Cooper.** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2pm, Knox Church. Come and enjoy some of Christchurch's talented "up and coming" pianists! Free entry.

**Faith, Film and Fiction:** Sunday 12 November 5pm in the lounge, the last film for the year is ***The Hundred Foot Journey*** about an Indian restaurant opening in a small village in France. The last book meeting for the year is on Sunday 26th November, followed by lunch together.

**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.

**Parish Lunch** – 3 December, after morning worship. Please bring finger food to share. All welcome

**Knox fireside group meeting** - Monday November 20 at 7 30pm in the Knox lounge.

**Christmas Baking Packing** - Saturday November 25, at 9.30am. We will pack the baking. All welcome.

**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)**



*Florence Nightingale, was known as “the lady with the lamp” because she visited injured soldiers at night with a small lamp in her hand. I’m sure the lamp was useful to her work, but were the soldiers blessed by the lamp, or by Florence being with them?*



## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 123
- Matthew 25:14-30

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