



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 26 November 2017

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## VISITING THE PRISONER

I was naked and you gave me clothing;  
I was sick and you took care of me;  
I was in prison and you visited me.

*- Jesus*

## 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, A CRIMINAL CONVICTED UNDER ROMAN LAW;  
JESUS, ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY UNDER JEWISH LAW;  
JESUS, VISITING US IN THE JUDGED AND BROKEN.**

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

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

### Hymn:

All For Jesus

John Stainer (1840-1901)



1. All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless,

2. In your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honor, peace, and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.
3. In your day of wrath and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"I must work while it is day."
4. For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.
5. Risen Lord! shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;  
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

*Erik Reginald Routley (1917-1982)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

In praise of the One who comes in love,  
whose way is grace,  
whose gift is community,

**FROM THE CITY**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE ARE MADE.**

In worshipful celebration of Christ,  
God's way of truth  
lived in human flesh,

**FROM THE CITY**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE ARE MADE.**

In ardent embracing of the Spirit of truth,  
in whom we live  
and by whom we are re-created,

**FROM THE CITY**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE ARE MADE.**

To the Creator,  
to the Redeemer,  
to the Giver of life,

to God's fullness expressed on earth,  
be all worship and praise.

**FROM THE CITY  
PRAYERS OF PRAISE ARE MADE.**

*Silence*

Within the city:  
**THE HUNGRY.**

Within the city:  
**THE THIRSTY.**

Within the city:  
**THE STRANGER.**

Within the city:  
**THE NAKED.**

Within the city:  
**THE SICK.**

Within the city:  
**THOSE IN PRISON.**

Within the city,  
**SO MANY REASONS FOR SHAME.**

So we say:  
Lord have mercy.  
**CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**  
Lord have mercy.

*Silence*

### **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, you are present to us  
through surprising people  
and in surprising places.

There is no circumstance  
in which we are not met by you.

**GIVE US GRACE TO LOOK FOR YOU  
IN ALL THE RIGHT AND WRONG PLACES,  
UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOU WITH OPEN ARMS  
AND FIND OURSELVES TRANSFORMED.**

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:**

Psalm 100

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

**The Gospel Lesson:**

Matthew 25: 31-46

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

**Hymn:**

Austria

Croatian folk tune



1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

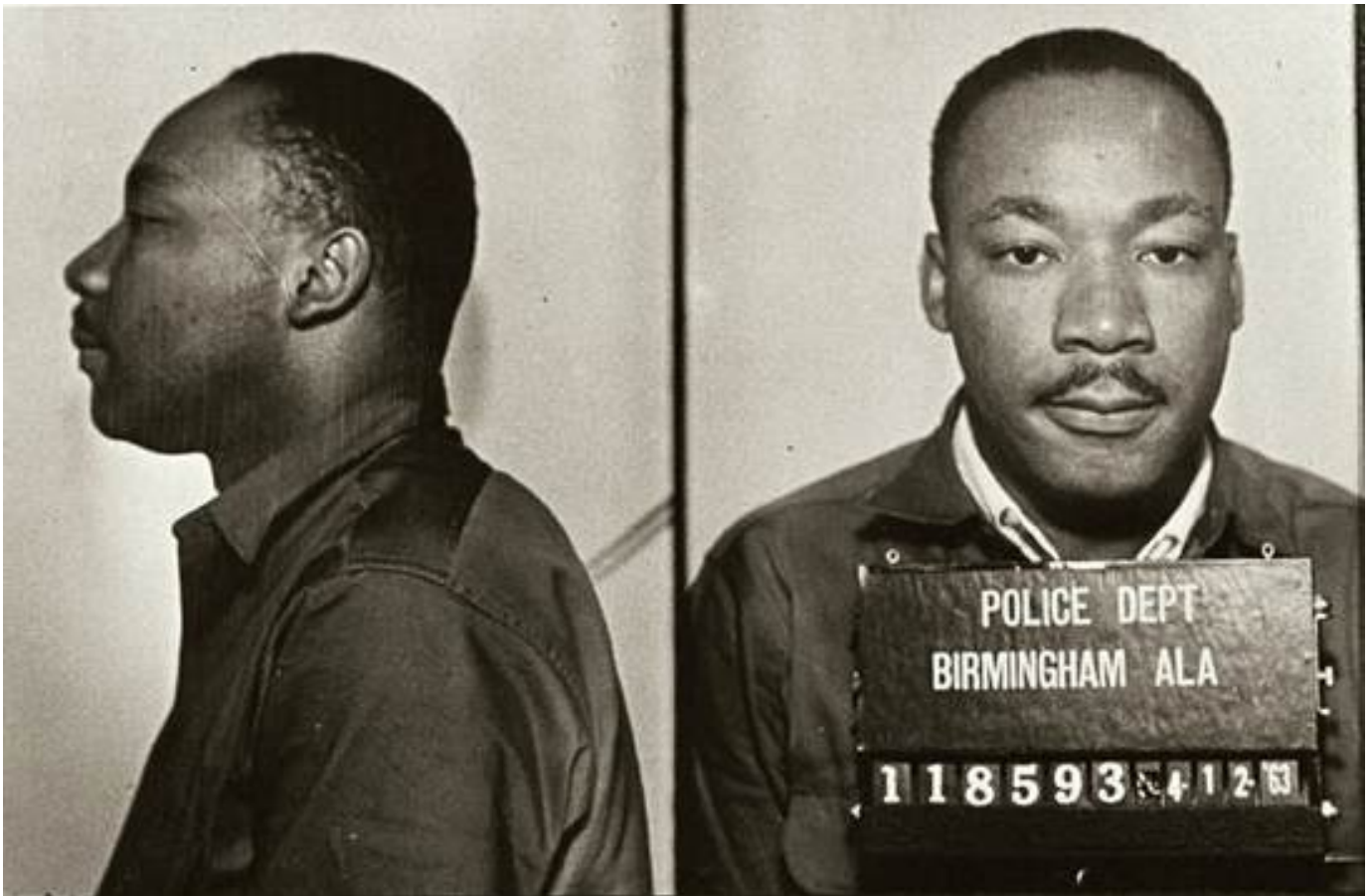
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

*Rusty Edwards (b.1955) alt.*

**Sermon:**

Hiding inside the prisoner: who would have thought it!

*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. 3 in G Major, "Adagio"  
John Stanley (1712-1786)

**Hymn:**  
Neighbour

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
4. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
5. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?  
When they put me in prison, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there'  
wherever you travel, I'll be there.  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Kim Bathgate*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We affirm Christ's presence  
in the hungry and thirsty,  
in the sick and naked.

We affirm Christ's presence  
in the prisoners  
and the judged.

**SO WE OFFER OUR WEALTH,  
OUR TIME,  
OUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE OTHERS SERIOUSLY  
AS DWELLING PLACES OF THE HOLY.**

Bless all we offer,  
**IN JESUS' NAME,  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**



*Robert and Grace Mugabe - prison guards of Benjamin Paradza*



**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:** Fantasia on “Scotland the Brave”,  
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: 26 November – 2 December 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 3 December – 9 December 2017**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Parish Lunch – <b>See below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Fireside Meeting Feedback** – 15 members attended Knox Fireside meeting this week and were enthralled to hear Sue Ricketts, Manager of MHAPS (Mental Health Advocacy and Peer Support) talk about the work they do. Their offices are at 826 Colombo St (cnr of Peterborough St) where they hold educational meetings, workshops and counselling. They are open 9 – 4.30 each day and people can just walk in with their mental health problems or worries. Please make MHAPS organisation known to friends or family who may be struggling with difficulties in their lives.

**Community Fun Day – St Albans Uniting Church** – Friday 1 December 4.30 – 7.00pm. Featuring carols with the Garden City Big Band. A free community event with fun for the whole family. If you would like to support the community, feel free to bring a children's gift or Pillars to place under the Christmas tree or a non perishable food item for the city mission food bank.

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

**Free Community Christmas Dinner** – Friday 15 December 6.30pm St Albans Uniting Church. Please RSVP to 3857545 by Wednesday 13 December.

**Theology House: Diploma Christian Studies courses 2018** - Study theology and ministry at NZQA Level 5 for minimal cost and maximal reward. Mix of face to face learning and online tutorials. Three courses offered in 2018. All details at [www.theologyhouse.ac.nz](http://www.theologyhouse.ac.nz) or ring Claire on 03 341 3399. Enrolment by 1 February 2018 for Semester 1 courses.



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)



**you're invited**

**FREE**

**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Friday 15th December, 6:30pm**  
**St Albans Uniting Church,**  
**36 Nancy Ave, Mairehau**

**Please RSVP to 3857545 by Wednesday 13th December**



St Albans Uniting  
Parish



Reflecting on the 27 years he spent in prison, Nelson Mandela wrote, "Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies".



# Community FunDay



St Albans Uniting Church, cnr Knowles St & Nancy Ave  
Friday 1st December, 4:30pm—7:00pm

- ◆ Cars Bouncy Castle
- ◆ Scooter Area
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Pre-School Zone
- ◆ Free Sausage Sizzle
- ◆ Free Sno-Cone & Popcorn
- ◆ Christmas Craft
- ◆ Big Games
- ◆ Relax at Café tables
- ◆ Men's Shed
- ◆ Free Coffee, Biscuits
- ◆ Dance displays

## Featuring Carols with Garden City Big Band

Bring your picnic and enjoy the entertainment on the lawn,  
pick some veges from the garden to take home,  
explore the men's shed.

If you would like to support the community, feel free to bring a  
children's gift for Pillars to place under the Christmas tree  
or a non perishable food item for the city mission food bank.

**A FREE event with fun for the whole family!**



St Albans Uniting Parish  
[www.stalbansuniting.org.nz](http://www.stalbansuniting.org.nz)







## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Mark 13: 24-37

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