

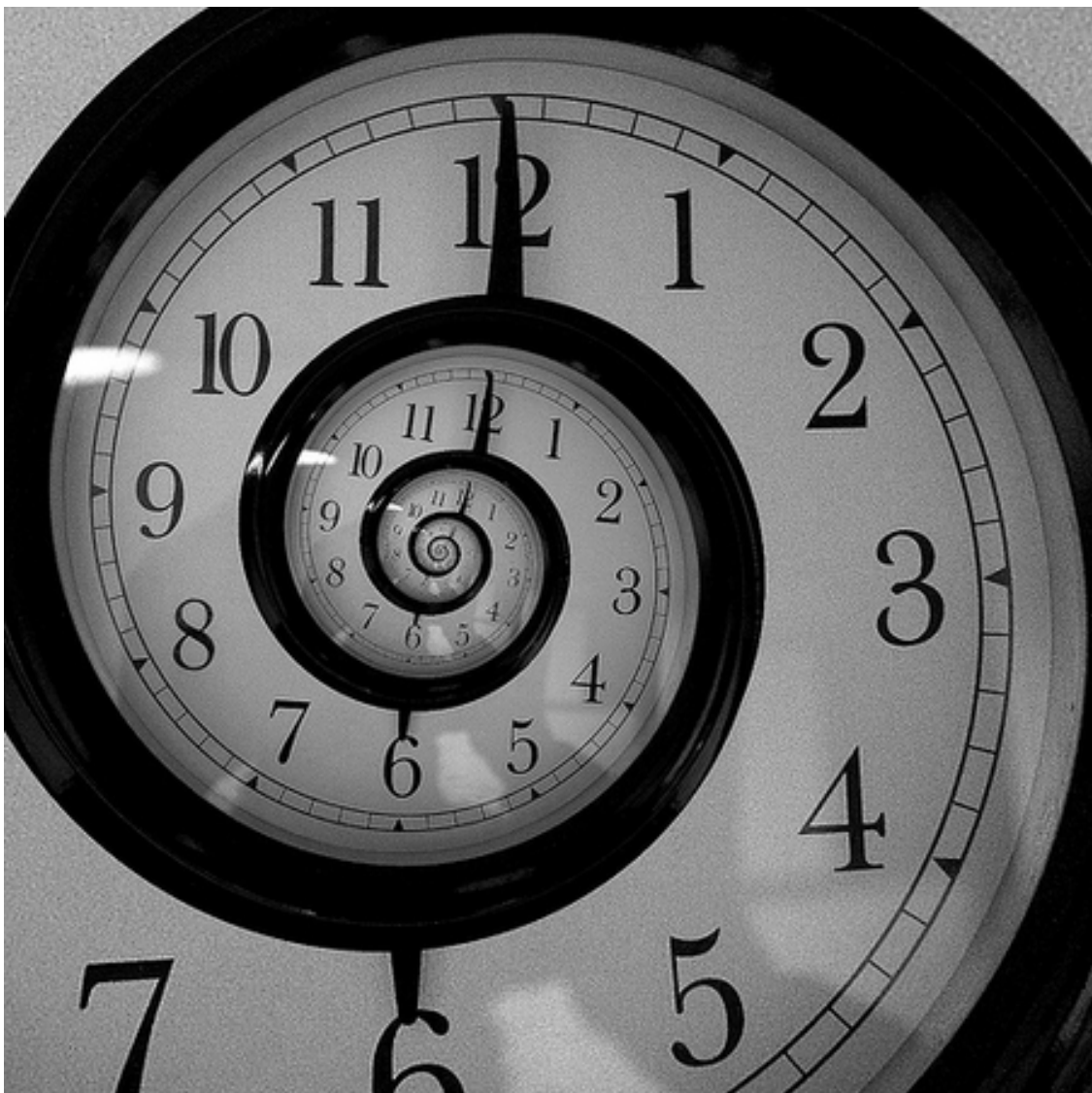


# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 3 December 2017

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**OF THAT DAY OR HOUR . . .**  
ADVENT 1 - 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, PRESENT AS BREAD IS BROKEN AND WINE IS POURED;  
JESUS, BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE SONS OF THE MORNING;  
JESUS, LIGHT OF GOD'S GRACE, FOR WHOM WE WAIT.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Stuttgart

Melody attrib. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)



1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,  
born to set all people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
grant us your true liberty.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope to all the earth impart;  
dear desire of every nation,  
enter every longing heart.
3. Born all people to deliver,  
born a child, you came to reign!  
Born to rule on earth forever,  
come, be known to us again.
4. By your own eternal Spirit  
come to claim us as your own;  
by your all-sufficient merit  
let us share your cross and crown.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

To a world made by God,  
bearing the marks of the creativity of God,  
singing a song of the glory of God,  
**COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.**

To a people called by God,  
in search of God,  
longing for God,  
**COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.**

To a house dedicated to God,  
wherein is told the story of God,  
in which is articulated the human need for God,  
**COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.**

You are long-expected here.  
There have been many mornings and evenings,  
many midnights and times of cock crow,  
there have been many days  
when our fading cry has been  
**“COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”.**

There have been times of hurting  
and times of sorrowing.  
There have been times of giving up  
and times of condemnation.  
There have been times when,  
in our bad treatment of one another,  
many have said “There is no God”.

In confession, we say  
**COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.**

. . . 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**

#### **The Advent Wreath: The Candle of Watchfulness**

Jesus said  
“Of that day or hour, nobody knows.”  
He said “be watchful; keep alert!”

We light a candle to show that we are  
willing  
to look for Christ’s coming among us.  
**OPEN OUR EYES, O GOD,  
TO SIGNS OF YOUR PRESENCE.**

Make us expectant Advent people.  
**AMEN! COME, LORD JESUS.**



#### **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.*

**Knox Singers:** The Lord will soon appear  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 13: 24-37

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

**Sermon:** Evening, midnight, cock crow, morning  
*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.*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*In our prayers, to the minister's words "Keep us alert, O Christ,"  
you are invited to respond **"THAT WE MIGHT SEE AND SERVE YOU"***

**. . . 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:**

Miniver

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)





1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation** and **Institution**

**The 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.*

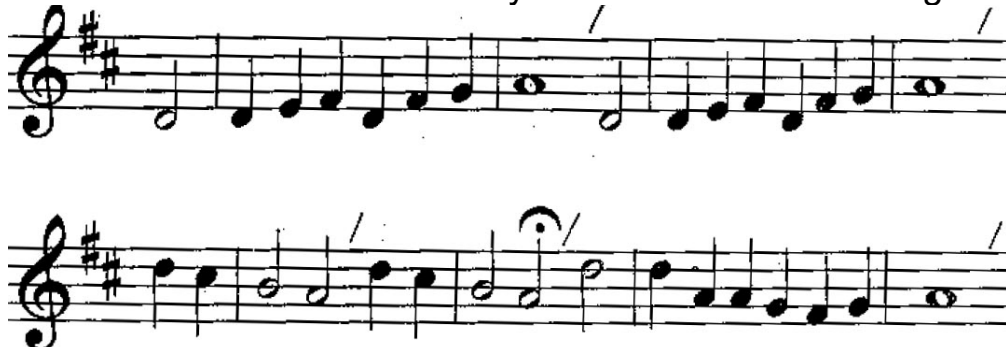
## The Prayer After Communion

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:

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Melody from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623





1. From all who dwell below the skies,  
let the Creator's praise arise;  
Hallelujah!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
through every land, by every tongue.  
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, Lord,  
eternal truth attends your word:  
Hallelujah!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Hallelujah!

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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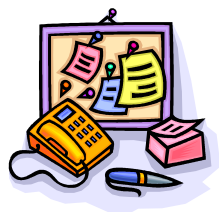
# Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

## Advent 1



The memory of Typhoon Haiyan drives 74 year old Clarita who lives near the coast of Aklan province in the Philippines. In 2013, her house and crops were badly damaged. She wants to have a cushion against future calamities and make her community stronger. Together they have planted fruit trees and root crops, and started their very own farmers' market. In the face of climate change, they are preparing with hope for an uncertain future.

**Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story!**



## NOTICES

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

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.15am Parish Lunch – **See below**  
Wednesday 11.00am Bible Study – **see below**

### **Next Week: 10 December – 16 December 2017**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

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

**Bible Study – Wednesday 6 December at 11am– Final Bible Study of the year followed by lunch.**

**Carols at Riccarton Bush**, 6.30pm, Sunday 10 December 2017. Come and join us in singing Christmas carols with Addington Brass.

**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 [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**



## **Ecumenical Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols**

**Churches  
of Northwest Christchurch  
at Christchurch North  
Methodist Parish**

**5:00pm today**



### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 40: 1-11
- Mark 1: 1-8

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