



KNOX CHURCH
love faith outreach community justice



**Durham Street
Methodist Church**

Order of Service

14 January 2018



... OUT OF NAZARETH

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, FROM THE SMALL TOWN OF NAZARETH;

JESUS, REVEALING GOD'S GOODNESS TO ALL;

JESUS, PRESENT AMONG THOSE WHO GATHER IN HIS NAME.

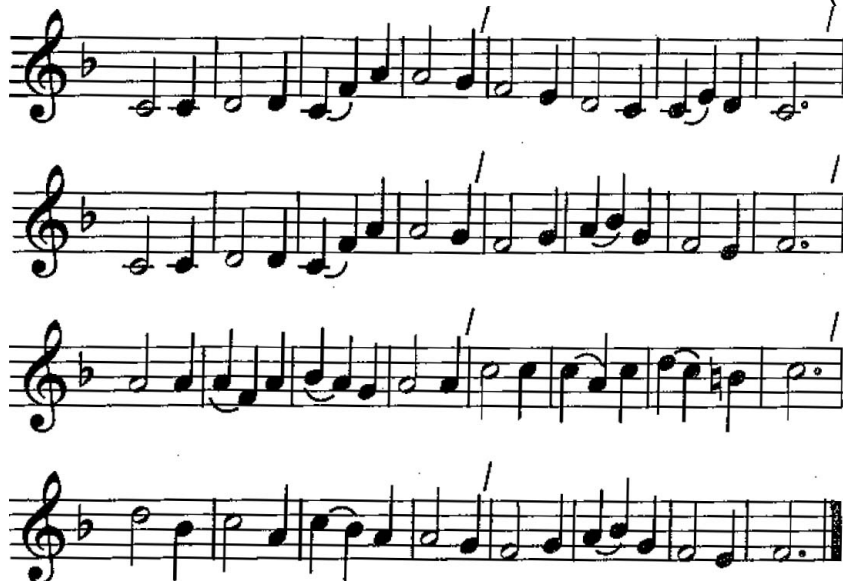
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God is here! as we, God's people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as gospel words are spoken,
Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of all creation,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out:
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer of Approach

In praise of the One who is here,
we set apart a place of worship.
We position pulpits and tables,
lecterns and crosses -

A SPACE THAT SPEAKS OF PRESENCE.

In praise of the One who is here,
we value community.
We greet one another,
we live a shared life,
A LIFE THAT SPEAKS OF PRESENCE.

In praise of the One who is here,
we care for creation.
We care for the plants and animals,
for the water and the air:
A CARING THAT SPEAKS OF PRESENCE.

In praise of the One who is here,
we speak of loyalty and attentiveness;
we speak of hope,
we seek to express love,
A LOVE THAT SPEAKS OF PRESENCE.

In praise of the One who is here,
however, also we confess the ways in which we have failed to seek the good.
For the cynicism,
for the mockery,
for the intolerance
and the ungenerous judgment,
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:

O God, by whose Spirit
Jesus of Nazareth
came to a profound new self-understanding,
**GIVE US GRACE NEVER TO DESPISE
THE SMALL TOWN
OR THE INSIGNIFICANT PERSON.**

Rather, open our eyes to see you,
our ears to hear you,
and our minds to perceive you,
**COMING TO US IN THE HUMAN THINGS,
WITH LOVE AND GRACE.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,
and even as we have been taught,
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 the summer break, young ones are
will find an activity sheet and toys in the play area at the rear of the church.*

The First Lesson: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 1: 43-51

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:

St Denio

John Roberts (1822-1877)



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Your life is life giving to both great and small,
in all life you're living, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish, as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish, but naught dims your powers.
4. So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we now render, as your angels do;
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Sermon:

Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

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:

Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein
Johann Pachelbel (1652-1706)

Hymn:

Forest Green

English traditional melody



1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see you lie!
above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in your dark streets shines forth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

2. How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the glorious love of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where yearning souls long to be
whole,
the dear Christ enters in.

3. O holy child of Bethlehem,
appear to us we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Jesus, God's goodness"
you are invited to respond **"BE BORN IN US TODAY"**.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Along with the food,
WE OFFER OUR CAPACITY TO "GO AND SEE".

Along with the money,
WE OFFER OUR CAPACITY TO LISTEN CAREFULLY.

Along with what we offer today,
WE OFFER OUR HOPE AND LOVE,

praying that within God's nurturing
GREAT GOOD MAY COME.
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
3. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
4. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (b. 1949)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Nun danket alle Gott
Max Reger (1873-1916)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 14 January – 20 January 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Next Week: 21 January – 27 January 2018

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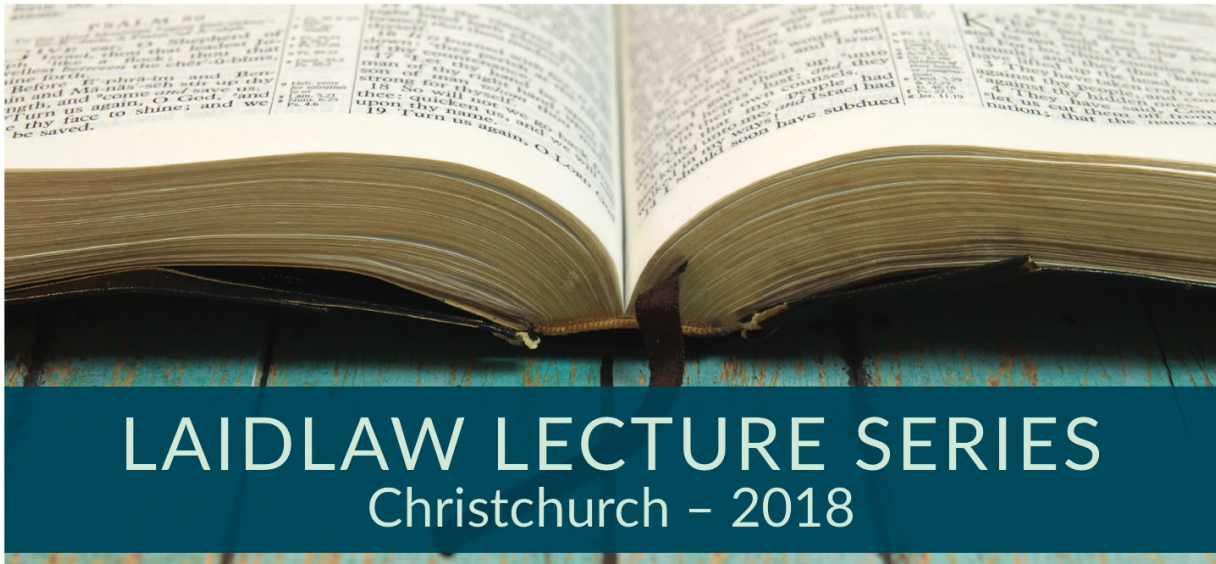
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Under a fig tree



Here's an opportunity to get a small taste of what study at Laidlaw College is like! The 2018 Laidlaw Lecture Series is designed to provide a concise selection of content from a Laidlaw College course over five weeks. You are warmly invited to join us for one or two of the courses on offer in the first semester of 2018.

God's Story, Our Place: Biblical Theology

Biblical Theology explores the unity, diversity and central themes of God's written word, the Bible. This five week course aims to assist students to make sense of the relationship between the Bible, theology and all of life.

Tuesday evenings | 7 – 9 pm
27 Feb and 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar
Cost is \$50 per person

Christ among the gods: Thinking Christianly about world religions

Each week will firstly set out biblical and Christian foundations for understanding religion and the religions. These will then be applied to a factual and fair understanding of: (1) 'primal' religion, (2) Hinduism old and new, (3) Buddhism old and new, (4) popular 'spirituality' in NZ, (5) Islam old and new. The approach will be Bible-based, Christ-centred, and balanced, but not naïve or fearful. The aim of the course is to build bridges not barriers.

Tuesday evenings | 7 – 9 pm
10, 17, 24 Apr and 1, 8 May
Cost is \$50 per person

For more information please contact:
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Phone: 03 354 4270 Email: chch@laidlaw.ac.nz
Register: <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/lecture-series-chc-2018>





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 26: 9-21
- Galatians 1: 11-24

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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