



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 4 February 2018

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# ACHIEVEMENT AND THE ART OF BOASTING

## 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. The table at Knox is open to members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely.

### The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world:

**JESUS, WHO BECAME FOR US THE WISDOM OF GOD;  
JESUS, AGAINST WHOSE CHARACTER OUR GOALS ARE MEASURED;  
JESUS, IN WHOM THERE IS DIGNITY AND DELIGHT.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
you my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me;  
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you my inheritance, now and always:  
you and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent*

*Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Be now our vision, Jesus, the Christ,  
for your heart is good,  
your soul is right,  
your way is dignified.

**BE NOW OUR VISION.**

Be now our vision, Jesus, the Christ,  
for your word is true,  
your step is sure,  
your path is full of light.

**BE NOW OUR VISION.**

Be now our vision, Jesus, the Christ,  
for your mind is agile,  
your insight is great,  
your presence is inspiring.

**BE NOW OUR VISION.**

Be now our vision, Jesus, the Christ,  
for those who see you find life,  
those who receive you find peace,  
those who follow you have cause to boast.  
**BE NOW OUR VISION.**

And yet there is something exposing about you . . .

*Silence*

As your truth is spoken,  
**OUR WORDS FEEL SHALLOW.**

As your life is expressed,  
**OUR LIVES LOOK MEAN.**

As your dignity shines,  
around our goals and achievements  
something forms  
that feels like shame;  
**THE THINGS OF WHICH WE BOAST  
BRING US NO HONOUR.**

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.**  
**AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

**Bible Lesson:**     1 Corinthians 1: 26-31  
In this is the Word of God.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*If there are younger ones present*  
**A Conversation with the Younger Ones**

*Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones will find activity sheets and toys in the play area at the back of the church.*

**Knox Singers:** Our God, our help in ages past  
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

**Sermon:** Politics, values and boasting

*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**

*To the minister's words "Reflecting on Christ, feeling for the shame;"  
you are invited to respond "**BOASTING ONLY IN GOD**".*

... **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:

St Botolph

Gordon Archbold Slater (1896-1979)



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
God's grace revealed to me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

*Brian Arthur Wren (b. 1936)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, 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, eternal God,  
to give you thanks and praise . . .

**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:**

Woodlands

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



1. Stand tall in Christ, all people of our God,  
no other idol will suffice this hour.  
In Jesus Christ all captives are set free,  
all hurts are healed and hope is born anew.
2. Stand tall in Love, all people who would dare  
be reconcilers where divisions lie;  
in love will pain and loneliness be eased  
and rainbows hung in all our hearts again.
3. Stand tall in Peace, all people who love life,  
whose lives are candles in earth's darkest place,  
who plead for justice and support the weak  
that all might live in hope and harmony.
4. Stand tall in Faith, all people who would share  
as trusting partners in God's enterprise,  
whose lives would speak in deeds, not just in words,  
of grace, forgiveness and a generous heart.

*Margaret Kouvelis*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Voluntary No. 5 in D, Andante Largo  
John Stanley (1712-1786)

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

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## Waitangi Day 2018

*Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria*

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul

The whole point of the Treaty, as I see it, was to form a partnership between two peoples – a partnership which valued the culture of each fully and equally. What formed the basis of this agreement was a deep understanding that each culture had significant taonga (treasures) to offer a combined people.

One of the fundamental treasures of each culture was, without doubt, the language. Yet today – despite the fact that it is an official language of this country and despite the fact that the government has supported spending on the development of Te reo within a Maori context – the language remains unknown by the majority of New Zealanders. This is a huge loss, both to the personal development of all New Zealanders and, indeed, to our nation.

The one thing that will forever be unique about this country is Te reo Maori. No other nation can ever lay claim to that. Furthermore Te reo remains the very best pathway to the treasures of Maori, and therefore to true partnership.

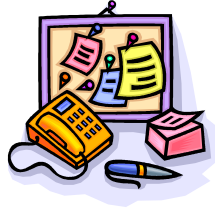
This Waitangi Day, as Moderator, I call for this language to be placed on the same footing as English in our education system and to become the true possession of everyone who is a citizen of this country. It is not just those who identify as Maori who should have to work to preserve this treasure. This is the birth-right of everyone who calls themselves a New Zealander – a citizen of Aotearoa, and it should be treated as such, I believe.

Many countries teach multiple languages from the start of school. Many teach more than two. It is not a hard thing, but it is the right thing to do, so I call upon the new government of this land to honour the Treaty in this way and to give Te Reo Maori the same resources we give to teaching English. In doing so, this will make the language what it truly is: the legacy of a Treaty between two peoples who desired to become stronger not through conflict, but by sharing their treasures.

We are weaker than we should be because we do not truly hold this treasure. Let us correct this today and more fully resource every educational institute in this country to teach and to speak this wonderful language.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Dawson'.

Richard Dawson, Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand



## NOTICES

**This Week: 4 February - 10 February 2018**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 11 February – 17 February 2018**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
5.00 pm Faith Film and Fiction – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study  
Saturday 2.00 pm Fireside Outing – **see below**

**Faith, Film and Fiction** – The book and film groups will start again this year on Sunday 11 February in the lounge at 5pm when we will watch the film Poi E! The first book presentation will be on Sunday 25 February in the Committee Room at 11.15am. For dates and details of the year's programme please contact Bronwyn at [bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com](mailto:bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com)

**NT Greek reading group** - The NT Greek reading group begins in 2018 on 14 February at Theology House from 12.30 pm until 2pm. This year the group is to read the Epistle in the Lectionary for the following Sunday and is also working through A First John Reader by S.M. Baugh. The group meets on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month. There is no cost, but a knowledge of NT Greek is necessary. Further details from Bishop Henry Paltridge.

**Fireside Outing, Saturday February 17 th-** All are invited to visit the Canterbury Museum to see the display of the 50 greatest photographs published in the National Geographic over the past 120 years. Followed with coffee at Robert Harris Cafe in the YMCA Building Hereford Street. Please meet in front of the Museum by 2pm.

**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,**

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### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 50: 1-6
- Mark 9: 2-9

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