



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 11 February 2018

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## SEEING AND LISTENING Transfiguration

## 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, TRANSFORMED BEFORE THE EYES OF THE DISCIPLES;**  
**JESUS, DECLARED THE BELOVED SON;**  
**JESUS, FOR WHOM WE ARE CALLED TO LISTEN.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Thaxted

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Thaxted". The notation is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The music consists of simple harmonic patterns with occasional rests.



1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and act upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry (b. 1942)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

We marvel at the beauty  
of what God has made:  
seas and skies,  
mountains and hills,  
trees and animals;  
**THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S MAKING.**

We marvel at the beauty  
of what God has made:  
human beings,  
love and friendship,  
family and friends,  
generations providing for generations;  
**THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S MAKING.**

We marvel at the beauty  
of what God has made:  
music and the arts,  
science and industry,  
philosophy and critical thinking,  
wisdom and wonder;

**THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S MAKING.**

We marvel at the beauty  
of what God has made:  
prayer and worship,  
soul and spirit,  
the gospel of Jesus,  
the writing of eternity  
on the heart;

**THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S MAKING.**

We marvel at all these things,  
**GIVING THANKS**  
**THAT WE HAVE SEEN THEM,**  
**HEARD AND HELD THEM.**

God is generous and kind;  
**WE MARVEL AT THE BEAUTY**  
**THAT GOD HAS MADE.**

Yet sometimes we close our ears and eyes.  
**WE NEITHER SEE**  
**NOR HEAR**  
**WITH ANY DEPTH.**

We present others with ugliness  
and meanness.  
**WE FAIL TO LISTEN,**  
**AND ADD NO JOY TO LIFE.**

We pedal goods of negativity;  
**WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CULT OF PESSIMISM.**

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:**

Gracious, transforming God,  
you gave Peter, James and John  
a new light in which to see Jesus.  
You revealed his beauty to them  
and told them to remember it.

**GIVE US GRACE ALSO,  
THAT WE MAY SEE HIM ANEW  
AND FIND OUR LIVES PERVADED BY HOPE.**

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**

*Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the area at the rear of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 50: 1-6

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9: 2-9

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

**Hymn:**

Christ, be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus:*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us,  
make us your living voice.  
*Chorus*
  
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
*Chorus*
  
4. Longing for shelter people are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
*Chorus*
  
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.  
*Chorus*

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

**Sermon:** A new light

*The interview with David Benatar, mentioned in the sermon, can be found on Radio New Zealand's website:*

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2018624265/parenting-a-procreational-ponzi-scheme>

*It's not a great listen, but is a fine illustration of the kind of negativity-focussed world-view to which transfiguration might speak*

*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:** Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier  
Max Reger (1873-1916)

Hymn:

Concord

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



1. Let there be light,  
Let there be understanding,  
Let all the nations gather,  
Let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,  
Open our minds to ponder,  
Open the door to concord  
Opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword,  
Perish the angry judgment,  
Perish the bombs and hunger,  
Perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love,  
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
Hallow their holy freedom,  
Hallowed be your name.
5. Let there be light,  
Open our hearts to wonder,  
Perish the way of terror,  
Hallow the world God made.

*Frances Wheeler Davis (b. 1936)*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Janet Wilson*

The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We offer our eyes to God,  
**THAT WE MAY SEE DEEPLY.**

We offer our ears to God,  
**THAT WE MAY LISTEN CAREFULLY.**

We offer our gifts and skills to God,  
**THAT WE MIGHT CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.**

We offer this money and food,  
**THAT GOD'S PEOPLE MIGHT BE FED.**  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!

*John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.*

### Benediction and Sung Amen

**Postlude:** Chorale Prelude on 'Gelobet sei Gott'  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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## NOTICES

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

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

**Next Week:** **18 February – 24 February 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**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. The book will be The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico. 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,**

**Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**



*The beauty of Jesus*



## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Peter 3: 18-22
- Mark 1: 9-15

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