



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 18 February 2018



ANGELS, DESERTS AND WILD ANIMALS

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, DRIVEN BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE DESERT;

JESUS, SURROUNDED BY WILD ANIMALS AND ANGELS;

JESUS, ENABLING US TO GROW INTO THE STRENGTH OF GOD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Dam Busters March

Eric Coates (1886-1957)



1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

2. There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at God's presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us
evermore!

3. Come, see the power of our maker,
revealed in Jesus' courage:
wars will cease across the world
when is shattered the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplifted in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us
evermore!

*From Psalm 46,
Richard Bewes (b. 1934), alt.*

Prayer of Approach

It is a bold song of faith,
dear Jesus of the Lenten journey.
We sing of bravery and confidence.
We sing of power and courage.
Our song knows where it's going:
GOD IS WITH US EVERMORE.

It is a proud song of providence.
A river flows through the city,
watering the land and people.
Help is swiftly given, and all is well.
Our song is good news to the thirsty:
GOD IS WITH US EVERMORE.

It is a song of being still,
of knowing the Creator.
It is a song of wars ceasing
and peace coming.
Our song is of a "being held"
within purposes that are good.
GOD IS WITH US EVERMORE.

Yet, as the Lenten journey begins,
our Lord is taken from the healing waters,
subjected to the drying heat.
He is circled by wild animals,
maybe doubts or faltering confidence.
Life becomes complicated,
as he hears things that test him.
MAY GOD BE WITH HIM ESPECIALLY NOW.

Indeed, may God be with him,
and with us all,
as we pray our confession:
for the destructiveness of our nature,
for the fear that we visit one upon another,
for the words that lie, that threaten, that demean.

As ministering angels came to Jesus in his moment of need,
**SO MAY GOD COME TO US
WITH LOVE AND PROTECTION
WHILE, IN THE SILENCE, WE PRAY:**

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 call us to responsible discipleship,
to true knowledge of our capacity for good and bad.
You long to grow us into people
who bear the likeness of Jesus.

**AS HE WAS STRENGTHENED BY YOU
AND BY THE “ANGELS” YOU GAVE HIM,
SO MAY WE GROW BY YOUR GRACE
AND SERVE YOU WELL IN THE WORLD.**

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 at the moment, young ones are welcome to
enjoy the toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

The First Lesson: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

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

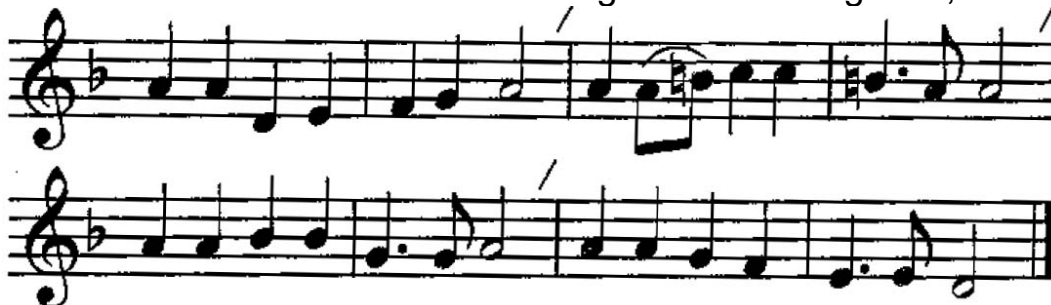
Knox Singers: The Lord bless you and keep you
John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1: 9-15

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

Hymn:
Heinlein

Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch, 1677, alt.



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| 1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled. | 3. Shall not we thy sorrows share,
learn thy discipline of will,
and, like thee, by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of ill? |
| 2. Sunbeams scorching day by day;
chilly dewdrops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed. | 4. If the tempter, vexing sore,
flesh and spirit should assail,
thou, our truth, our way, our life,
will not suffer us to fail. |
| 5. Watching, praying, struggling thus,
victory ours at last shall be;
angels minister to us
as they ministered to thee. | |

*George Smyttan (1822-1870)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.*

Sermon:

Five enquiries: characters in the picture

*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.*

Hymn:

Caithness

Modern form of melody from Scottish Psalter 1635



1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,

a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?
3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
4. Return, O holy Dove return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.
5. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.
6. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer our desire
to be ministering angels to those being tested.
MAY GOD GIVE US COURAGE AND FAITHFULNESS.

We offer our desire to engage the wild animals,
and to challenge the words that are false.
MAY GOD GIVE US NIMBLENESS AND WIT.

We offer this money and food,
for the blessing of the desert.
**MAY GOD GUIDE AND GUARD ITS USE,
IN JESUS' NAME,
AMEN.**

Notices

We stand for
The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
driven by the Spirit into the wilderness,
having spent forty days being tested,
you emerged victorious and whole;
you call us to examine our hearts also.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS

O Christ,
knowing the presence of both wild animals
and ministering angels,
you know what frightens and encourages us;
you call us to minister to the small and scared.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your will.
**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY
IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,
THIS LENT
AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.**

Hymn:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Minuet, from Suite Gothique
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 18 February – 24 February 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	BibleStudy

Next Week: 25 February – 3 March 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	BibleStudy
Friday	10.00am	World Day of Prayer – see below

Faith, Film and Fiction – 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

February Re-birthday Appeal - Please consider supporting our first annual appeal. Information about the Re-birthday Appeal is available on Sundays during February. Please include your clearly-marked contribution with the offering during February or see the information sheet for other ways to contribute. Email office@knoxchurch.co.nz or ask a member of Council for more information.

World Day of Prayer – You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at a service prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee, Suriname. Friday 2 March 10am in Knox Church Hall.

Parish Picnic - Sunday 4 March at about noon. Bring your own food, drink and chair and relax with other Knox folk in the shade of the beautiful trees at Abberley Park. If the weather is not so good we'll meet in the Knox lounge instead.

Knox Life - Contributions are invited for the next issue of Knox Life, which will be circulated in March. Please send contributions to the office by the end of February.

Acting Council Clerk - Jean Brouwer will be acting council clerk from Saturday 24 February till Friday 2 March inclusive. She may be contacted on 355 6534.

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



CWS APPEAL FOR TONGA AFTER CYCLONE GITA

Christian World Service has launched an appeal to assist Tongan communities affected by Cyclone Gita.

The category four storm hit Tongatapu and 'Eua overnight on February 12 causing extensive damage. Power lines, trees and buildings including Parliament House were flattened by winds that reached 233 km/hour and heavy rain. Authorities report 70% of the population have been affected. Most families are salvaging what they can and carrying out immediate repairs. Surface flooding is expected to clear, but the threat of Dengue fever remains. Root crops and fruit trees have been badly damaged or destroyed. Tongans are working hard to clear roads and restore infrastructure including power and water supply. The Tongan Government declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the cyclone and the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) is coordinating the response. The New Zealand government is helping to assess the situation and delivered the first relief supplies on 14 February.

“People will have food for the first days from their own supplies and fallen fruit but then will need help to get through. Shelter and safe water are major concerns. We want to make sure no one misses out,” says Pauline McKay from CWS. CWS is working through the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) of which it is a member and the Tonga National Council of Churches. In anticipation of the storm, local churches opened halls and other buildings for those needing shelter. ACT Alliance will deploy a staff member to Tonga when flights to Tonga resume.

Donations may be made

- Online to the Cyclone Gita Appeal and by direct deposit
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72
- By Post to: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 22: 23-31
- Mark 8: 31-38

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