

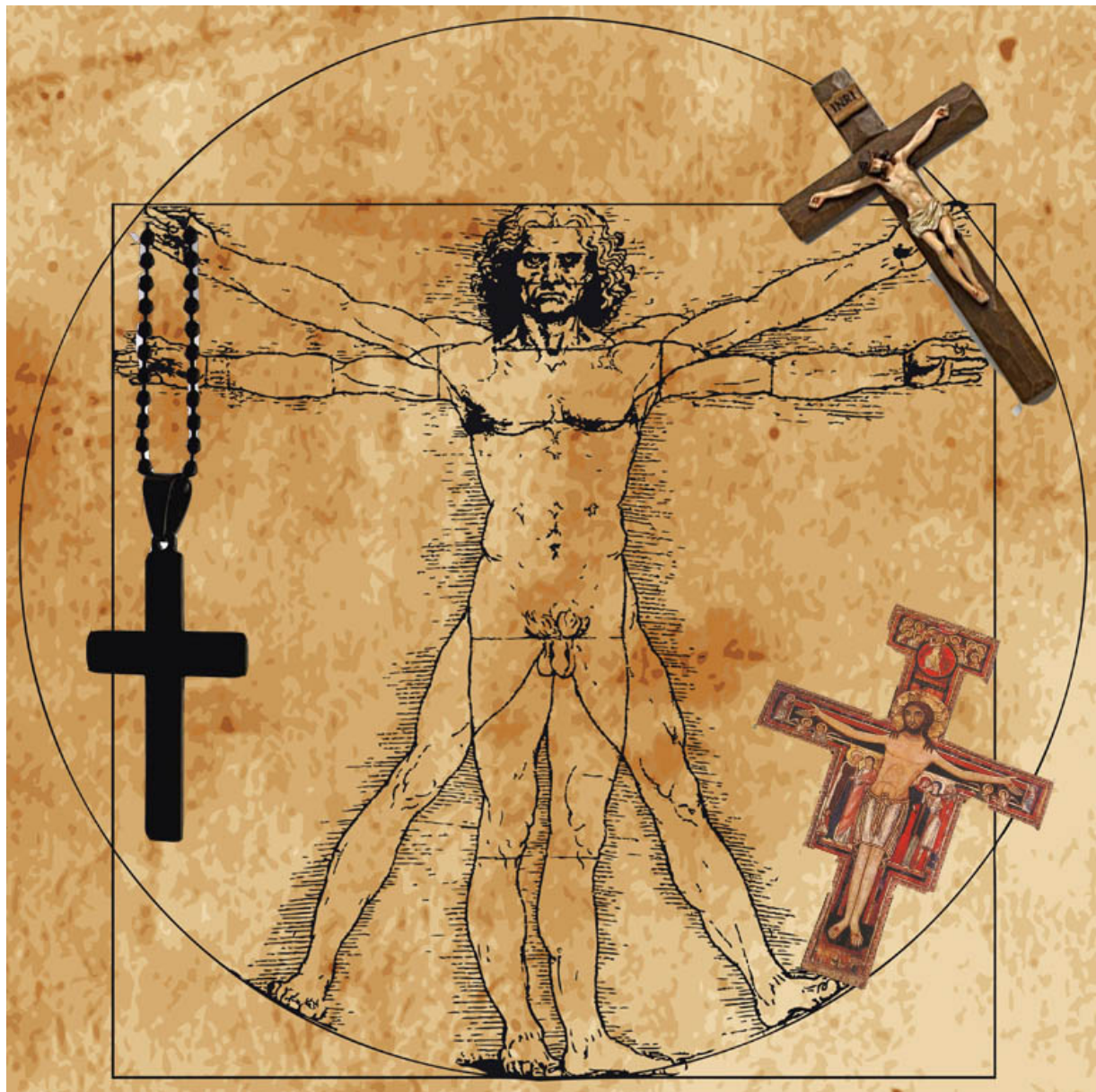


# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 25 February 2018

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## HUMAN BEINGS AND CROSSES

# 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:

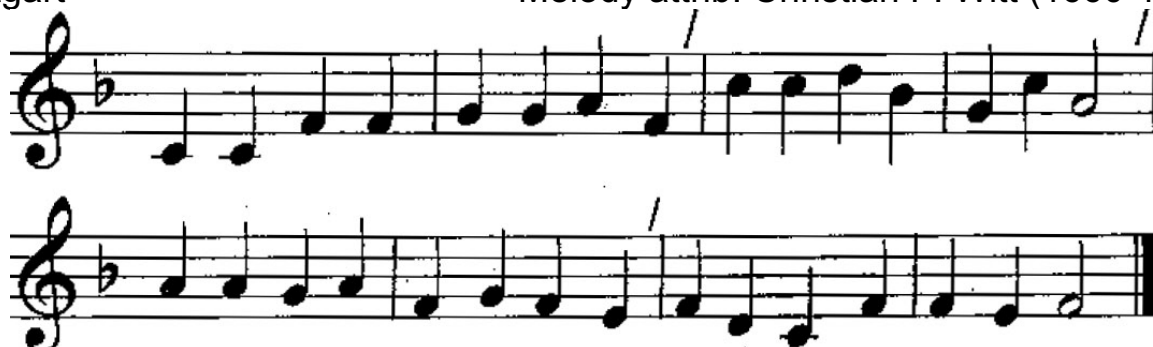
**JESUS, OPENING DIVINE THINGS TO HUMAN MINDS;  
JESUS, SPEAKING BOTH OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION;  
JESUS. CALLING HIS PEOPLE TO TAKE UP THE CROSS.**

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. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

2. Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us  
worldliness and self deny;  
by his Spirit it inspires us  
him, through love, to glorify.
3. When the woes of life o'ertake us,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake us,  
from it shines our peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

*John Bowring (1792-1872), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

How odd, O God, to glory in the cross.  
How strange to attribute to it  
such peace and joy.

**FOR THE CROSS  
WAS SOMETHING UPON WHICH  
PEOPLE WERE KILLED.**

How odd, O God, to glory in the cross.  
How strange to call it "faithful"  
and "sanctifying".

**FOR WHEN PETER FIRST HEARD OF IT,  
HE SAID, FOR US ALL,  
"NO LORD,  
LET IT NEVER BE".**

How odd, O God, to glory in the cross.  
How strange to set it up  
as "counter" to the world of woe.

**FOR THE CROSS IS TERRIBLE,  
EERIE  
AND HAUNTED.**

An electric chair,  
a lethal injection,  
a rope tied into a noose.

**NO LORD,  
NEVER AGAIN!**

Yet this is the season of the cross,  
**A TIME OF DYING.**

And Jesus says to us  
“If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me -  
**AND FOLLOW ME.**

*Silence*

We can't help but feel  
that already  
there is too much pain in the world,  
too much judgment,  
too many burdens lain across innocent shoulders.

**WE CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL  
THAT HUMANITY ALREADY  
KNOWS TOO WELL,  
CONTRIBUTES TOO FULLY,  
TO THE REALM OF THE CROSS.**

So, 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:**

You spoke to Peter, O Christ,  
of the reality of the cross,  
of the sharp edges of rejection and loss.  
You spoke also,  
though he did not hear it,  
of the winning of eternal life.

**SPEAK ALSO TO US,  
THAT, AMID HARSH REALITY,  
WE MIGHT HEAR GOOD NEWS,  
AND OVERCOME OUR FEAR,**

that we might love and follow you  
to your Easter Day  
**AND THE RISING OF LIFE ITSELF.**

We pray this in your name;  
and even as you 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 toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 22: 23-31

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 8: 31-38

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

**Hymn:**

Bow Brickhill

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



1. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,  
'if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart  
and humbly follow after me.'
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord refused not even to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.



4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength  
and calmly every danger brace;  
it guides you to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only you who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*Charles William Everest (1814-1877)*

**Sermon:** A mind for human things

*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:** “Hostias” from Requiem, Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)  
Baritone: Matthew Harris

**Hymn:**

Stracathro

Charles Hutcheson (1792-1860)



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| 1. Immortal love for ever full,<br>for ever flowing free,<br>for ever shared, for ever whole,<br>a never-ebbing sea.                   | 3. We may not climb the heavenly steeps<br>to bring the Lord Christ down;<br>in vain we search the lowest deeps<br>for him no depths can drown. |
| 2. Blow, winds of God, awake and blow<br>the mists of earth away;<br>shine out, O Light divine, and show<br>how wide and far we stray. | 4. And not for signs in heaven above<br>or earth below, we look,<br>who know with John his smile of love,<br>with Peter his rebuke.             |
| 5. In love alone, too great to tell,<br>to us is Jesus giv'n;<br>to turn aside from him is hell,<br>to walk with him is heaven.        |   |

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Madeleine Church*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We lay down the money and the food;

**WE TAKE UP THE CROSS.**

We lay down our time and talent;

**WE TAKE UP THE CALL OF CHRIST.**

We ask God to bless what we offer,

**IN THE NAME AND SPIRIT OF JESUS.**

**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

*We stand for*

#### **The Lenten Litany:**

O Christ,  
foretelling the day of the cross,  
you confront your disciples  
with the harsh realities of faithfulness;  
you call us to take up our cross  
and to follow you.

Along the Lenten path

**LEAD US, LORD JESUS.**

O Christ,  
you say that those who seek life  
shall lose it,  
and those who lose life  
for the sake of the gospel  
shall find it.

Though we do not understand,  
you speak of resurrection.

Along the Lenten path

**LEAD US, LORD JESUS.**

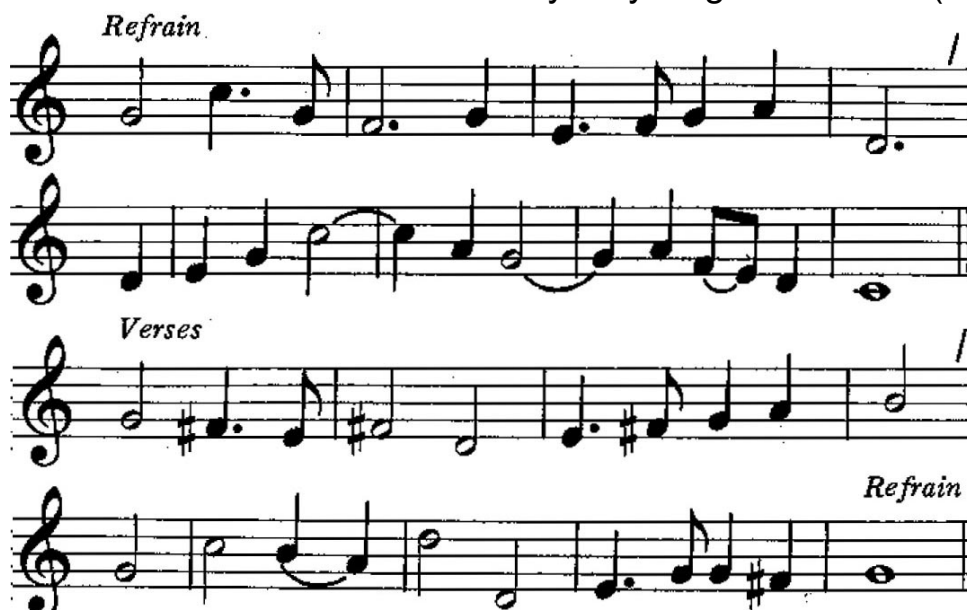
God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,



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:**  
Crucifer

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
'Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

1. Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out . . .
2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,  
Teach us compassion for each human life . . .
3. Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme  
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream . . .
4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
To follow and suffer with the Son of God . . .
5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be  
Come, take up this song into eternity . . .

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931),  
based on George William Kitchen (1827-1912) alt.*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Introit, from "Missa Brevis"  
Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)

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

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## **NOTICES**

### **This Week: 25 February – 3 March 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	BibleStudy
Friday	10.00am	World Day of Prayer – <b>see below</b>

### **Next Week: 4 March – 10 March 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Faith, Film and Fiction** –Book Group. Today:11.15 Committee Room: We will enjoy a special recording of **The Snow Goose** by Paul Gallico. A copy of the story will be available.

**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.

**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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) or ask a member of Council for more information.

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



*Carrying a cross down Barbadoes Street*



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
- John 2: 13-22

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