



KNOX CHURCH

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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, GIVING MORNINGS OF JOY FOR EVENINGS OF TEARFULNESS;
JESUS, GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVING-KINDNESS;
JESUS, LIFTING HIGH THE HUMAN HEART.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Was Lebet

from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.
2. Low at God's feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high in God's heart it will be born for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter the courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on the shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
God will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Dare we hope,
dare we utter the tender conviction,
that at the heart of God's world,
there is kindness?

JESUS, GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS.

Silence

Dare we wonder at what we have seen in Jesus,
dare we marvel at his love,
dare we remember his words "this if for you"?

JESUS, GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS.

Silence

Dare we trace through the unfolding of our lives,
dare we search the fabric of our days,
dare we see in one another
JESUS, GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS?

Silence

Dare we lay our burdens of carefulness,
our sorrows,
our prayerfulness,
at the feet of Jesus?
JESUS, GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS.

Yes, we dare,
for with Christ is kindness,
grace and goodness.
With Christ is our safety and life.

We put also, before God's goodness
our confession.
For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
for the thoughts, words and deeds
that have made others angry or sad,
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:

God, in whom there is kindness and grace,
when your people cried to you from their trouble,
you saved them from their distress.
They praised you for your wonderful works to humankind.

**BLESS US ALSO, OUR GOD,
THAT WE TOO MIGHT SING WITH JOY
AND BLESS YOUR NAME.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
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 toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

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

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2: 1-10

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

Hymn:
Martyrdom

Hugh Wilson (1766-1824)



1. Up from the depths I cry to God:
O listen, Lord, to me;
O hear my voice in this distress,
this mire of misery.
2. If you, my God, should measure guilt
who then stands free from blame?
But true forgiveness comes from you;
we trust, and fear your name.
3. O Israel, set your hope on God,
whose mercy is supreme:
the nation mourning for its sin,
God surely will redeem.

*from Psalm 130,
Christopher Martin Idle (b. 1938)*

Sermon: May you be met by kindness

*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: Minuet No. 3, from the Klavier Book of Anna Magdalena
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn:
Kremser

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)



1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
now worship their maker with gladness and song;
all glory and honour we bring to God, singing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!
2. Our lives of God's making Christ brings to their waking
in darkness we've been held in deep, gracious care,
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!
3. God, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
that unto your glory be all that we do;
and here, as we worship, give faith and give healing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),
tr. Margaret Barclay (b. 1923),
adapted by Colin Gibson, then again by Matthew Jack.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

That the strugglers might find encouragement,
that the lonely might find company,
that the distorted might find form and peace,
MAY GOD BLESS US TO BE PEOPLE OF KINDNESS.

May God bless also the money and food we offer,
THAT GOD'S GRACE MIGHT BE DONE.
AMEN.

Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
God's kindness made real,
heaven's grace in human form;
you call us to nurture and love one another;
you call us to works that are healing and good.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US, LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
you lead the afflicted to liberty,
the lonely to community,
restless heart to peace.
You put a song of joy
into the hearts of your people
and make them live.
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:

Yr Hun Gan

Welsh traditional tune



1. Holy Spirit, gift bestower
breathe into our hearts today;
flowing water, dove that hovers,
Holy Spirit, guide our way.
Love inspirer, joy releaser,
Spirit, take our fears away.
Reconciler, peace restorer,
move among us as we pray.
2. Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,
wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,
Holy Spirit, come today.
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,
move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,
bless us as we go our way.

Author of text unknown

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: March in D Major, Klavier Book of Anna Magdalena
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 11 March – 17 March 2018
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
5.00pm Film Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 18 March – 24 March 2018
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Meeting – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Film Group Film “Fly Away Home” about a Canada Goose with Anna Paquin. 5pm on 11th March in the Lounge.

Knox Fireside Group – Next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Knox Lounge. Marjorie Colombus will be the speaker and talk about her recent travels. All Welcome.

Easter at Knox Flyer – We would greatly appreciate your help in delivering our flyer to the local area, with details of the Easter Services. We have identified seven areas of varying size needing volunteers to distribute them in the next two weeks. Please see Bronwyn if you can help. (Areas can be shared). Flyers are in the new foyer, or phone: 0274 797718 or 351 9445

Easter Day Breakfast – 1 April 2018

As we have done in other years we will be celebrating with breakfast on Easter Day 1st April. Breakfast will be served from 8.30-9am in the Knox Lounge.

Breakfast – Fruit and Cereal, Scrambled Eggs and Bacon, Toast and Spread, Tea and Coffee. Cost \$5 per person (children free). Durham St and St Luke’s have been invited to join us.

There are clipboards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday 25th March. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering, but there will be food for extras.

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





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 51: 1-12
- Psalm 119: 9-16

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