



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 18 March 2018

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## INSTRUCTING THE HEART

## 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, THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF GOD;**

**JESUS, IN WHOM THE WORD FOUND JOY AND LIFE;**

**JESUS, GENTLY INSTRUCTING THE HUMAN HEART.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Corvedale

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than in God's heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader  
than the grasp of mortal mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make God's love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify God's strictness  
with a zeal too greatly grown.
3. There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.  
If our love were but more simple,  
we would take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-63), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Wideness in God's mercy;

**GRACE ENOUGH FOR THOUSANDS;**

a most wonderfully kind heart;

**THE JOY OF CHRIST OUR LORD.**

*Silence*

The feeling in heaven of the sorrows of the earth;

**KINDLY JUDGMENT OF HUMAN FAILINGS;**

liberty and dignity restored and given;

**INSTRUCTION OF THE HUMAN HEART.**

*Silence*

And so we treasure your promise in our heart;  
**WE DELIGHT IN YOUR WAYS.**

We meditate on your statutes;  
**WE SHELTER IN YOUR WISDOM.**

*Silence*

Would that we were like you;  
**WOULD THAT WE WOULD NURTURE AND LOVE;**

Would that our words would save and bless;  
**WOULD THAT ALL WAS WELL.**

And yet, have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness.  
**WE KNOW OUR TRANSGRESSION,  
AND OUR SIN IS EVER BEFORE US.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
**AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN US;**  
cast us not away from your presence,  
**AND TAKE NOT YOUR SPIRIT FROM US.**

For thoughts, words and deeds,  
**FOR WHAT WAS DONE,  
AND WHAT WE FAILED TO DO,**

for unkind words,  
**OR SILENCES THAT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN,**

for the battering of the heart,  
**RATHER THAN ITS INSTRUCTING,**

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 have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our heart is restless  
until it rests in you.”

*Augustine of Hippo*

Hold us, O God, within your loving-kindness,  
**UNTIL OUR HEARTS GROW WISDOM AND GRACE,  
UNTIL OUR LIVES ARE FULL OF YOUR GOODNESS,  
AND UNTIL YOUR GOOD SPIRIT  
MAKES ALL PEOPLE WELL.**

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 119: 9-16

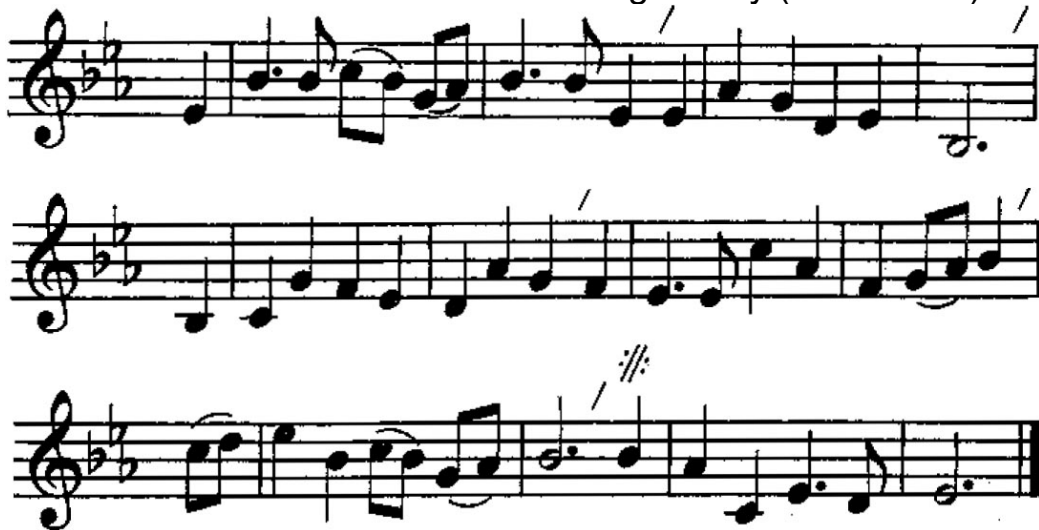
In this is the Word of God  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Second Lesson:** Psalm 51: 1-12

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

**Hymn:**  
Repton

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Dear God, embracing humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of your word,  
let us, like them, by spirit stirred,  
rise up and followers be.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above!  
There Jesus met you prayerfully:  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
4. Drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
your coolness and your balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

## Sermon:

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:

**Hymn:**

## William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



- Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Philippa Ranby*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the offering*

Giving attention to God's ways,  
**WE MAKE OUR OFFERING.**

Valuing God's kindness more than riches,  
**WE PART WITH OUR MONEY.**

Protesting the hunger of the poor,  
**WE OFFER THIS FOOD.**

May Christ continue to instruct our hearts  
**AND OPEN OUR HANDS,**  
in the service of Christ,  
**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

*We stand for*  
**The Lenten Litany:**

O Christ,  
by your Holy Spirit,  
you fashion and form God's image within us.  
In your kindness  
you teach us faith and hope.  
Along the Lenten path  
**LEAD US, LORD JESUS.**

O Christ,  
because commandments are never enough,  
and because love is greater than obedience,  
because creation's body is broken,  
you instruct the human heart.  
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:**

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*



## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation on “O Breath of Life”  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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## **NOTICES**

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>18 March – 24 March 2018</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm Knox Fireside Meeting – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>25 March – 31 March 2018</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.15am Book Group – <b>See below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

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

**Book Group** – Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15am in the Committee Room. Len Pierce will present the inspiring book “The Choice” by Edith Eger. This is the true story of an Auschwitz survivor who has used her experiences to build a meaningful life and help other people. . All welcome.

**Wednesdays at One** – 28<sup>th</sup> March “Digital Dexterity on the Infinity Platinum Organ” with Daniel Cooper – at St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St. Cathedral Café opens at 12.45pm for delicious food. Concerts begin at 1.10pm. Donations of \$10 & \$5 with proceeds to the CBS Building Fund.

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

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

### **25 March, Palm Sunday**

10:00am - morning service with Palm Procession  
shared with Durham Street Methodist Church

### **29 March, Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm - Tenebrae – Service of the Shadows  
shared with Durham Street Methodist Church  
and St Mark's Methodist Church

### **30 March, Good Friday**

10:00am – a solemn service commemorating Jesus' death

### **1 April, Easter Day**

10:00am – a celebratory communion service



# Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Christchurch is hosting the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 120 world leading climate researchers working on the issue of Land use and Climate Change gather here at the end of March 2018

There are three FREE special public events:

- 1) **How can we teach, talk and write more effectively about climate change?** Free Workshop Friday 23 March 5-7pm including refreshments register here <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/active/uc-events/new-ideas-about-how-to-talk-teach-and-write-about-climate-change.html>
- 2) **World Expert Panel Discussion: Land use and Climate change:** free but places filling fast Wed 28 March 7-8pm in the Piano Centre <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/active/uc-events/land-use-and-climate-change-how-can-we-respond-to-new-pressures-and-new-possibilities.html>
- 3) **Christchurch Pop-Up Climate Exchange:** a climate science fair all day from 10-7pm in the 'parklet' next to the Piano centre. If you'd like to display your research centre work or students research contact [Sylvia.nissen@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:Sylvia.nissen@canterbury.ac.nz)





# ***Voices for the Earth***

*... a Climate Change Initiative*

# **Climate**

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**Knox  
Christchurch  
&  
Opoho  
Church  
Dunedin**

***Working  
Together***

# **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**

**SUNDAY 29 APRIL:**

**Opoho Presbyterian Church, 50 Signal Hill Rd, Dunedin**

**SUNDAY 6 MAY:**

**Knox Church, Bealey Ave, Christchurch**

**Service: 10am**

**Seminar: 2-5pm**

**(with afternoon tea)**

Seminar speakers include Bronwyn Hayward (author of *Sea Change: Climate Politics and New Zealand*.) In each city, a panel of voices from the church, city, personal example and the arts will speak and answer questions

**[www.opohochurch.org](http://www.opohochurch.org)**

**[www.knoxchurch.co.nz](http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz)**



**a spacious way**  
featuring images & poems by Andrew Norton

**a reflective space for holy week**  
@thevillagechurch – papanui  
cnr papanui rd & frank st

9am – 5pm 26 March – 1 April 2018

Some days you need to go far from the city where the outlines are clear to breathe a soulful of air.

This exhibition of landscape photography and poetry inviting you into a conversation of land, sky, sea and soul leading to a spacious way. This conversation is not to be rushed; allow an image to choose you and let the conversation begin.

This is a deeply personal and sacred place for me as I have journeyed with change, transition, surgery for pancreatic cancer and subsequent chemotherapy.

While I would rather not be in this place I am full of gratitude for the opportunities gifted to me as I have explored my creativity and an invitation to a spacious way.

The poetry and landscapes of this exhibition have been a vital part of my healing and recovery.

*Andrew Norton*

Images available for purchase or order on high quality canvass





# Wednesdays at One

A weekly feast of music at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

**373 Manchester Street**

Concerts begin at 1:10 pm.

The Cathedral Café opens at 12.45 to provide delicious and good value food.

## Concert Schedule: February – May 2018

Enjoy a delicious light lunch from the Cathedral Café and a weekly feast of magnificent music in the superb acoustics of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

(programmes are subject to change without notice)

### February 28

Veronica van der Knaap

Chopin and the mazurka: the dance continues

### March 7

Joe Gorman

Bach to the harpsichord – a Baroque re-creation

### March 14

Jan-Piet Knijff

International keyboard virtuoso solo recital

### March 21

Keith Sayers and Friends

A feast of fipple flutes and double reeds

### March 28

Daniel Cooper

Digital dexterity on the Infinity Platinum organ

### April 4

50's Up Brass Band

Brass favourites for the sacred space

### April 11

Grant Bartley and Cheena Rae

Steinway support for a versatile young performer

### April 18

Oriana

Choral gems from the city's newest vocal ensemble

Donation \$10 & \$5, proceeds to the CBS Building Fund



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

- Philippians 2: 5-11
- Mark 11:1-11

## Knox Directory

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