



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 15 April 2018



THE GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP



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, GREETING HIS PEOPLE WITH DEEP PEACE;

JESUS, TENDING LOVINGLY TO HIS PEOPLE'S FEAR;

JESUS, CALLING US ALL INTO A BRAND NEW DAY.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic melody



1. This day God gives me
strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining,
flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning,
wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean,
firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me
strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me,
wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking,
friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way,
God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me,
saving from ill.
Angels of heaven,
drive from me always
all that would harm me,
stand by me still.
4. Rising, I thank you,
mighty and strong One,
king of creation,
giver of rest,
firmly confessing
three-ness of persons,
oneness of Godhead,
Trinity blest.

James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Rising, I thank you,
mighty and strong One,
KING OF CREATION,
GIVER OF REST.

Thanks for the warmth of the duvet,
THANKS FOR THE SOFTNESS OF THE PILLOW,
thanks for the quiet of the night,
THANKS FOR THE GLOW OF THE MOON.

Thanks for the rising of the morning,
THANKS FOR THE COMING OF THE LIGHT,
thanks for the breaking of the fast,
THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF THE DAY.

Rising, we thank you,
mighty and strong One,
KING OF CREATION,
GIVER OF REST.

Silence

Rested and refreshed,
the soul takes up again
its duty of worship:

**TO SING, TO PRAY,
TO BLESS, TO HOPE.**

To love, to believe,
to forgive, to long,
**TO SERVE, TO NURTURE,
TO ENCOURAGE, TO FEED.**

Strengthened by the strong One,
rested by the night,
**THE SOUL GREETES THE MORNING
WITH PRAISES FOR GOD.**

Silence

And yet, there is weeping in the night,
HURTS RUNNING CIRCLES IN THE MIND.

There is disturbed sleep,
WORRIED CONSCIENCE.

There is fear in the darkness,
GHOSTS IN THE GLOOM.

There are regrets around the bedhead,
CONFESSIONS THAT NEED TO BE SAID.

For what we have said
or failed to say,
for what we have done
or omitted to do,
for the harm we have done
to our brothers, sisters, ourselves,
and the good creation,
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 who made the day for living,
and the night for resting,
who blessed us with conscience
and a sense of eternity,

**BLESS US WITH THE CAPACITY
TO LOVE AND TRUST YOU,
THAT SLEEPING, WE MIGHT FIND REFRESHMENT,
AND WAKING, WE MIGHT RISE WITH PRAISE.**

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 4

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

Knox Singers:

Prayer of St Francis
Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 24: 36-48

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

Hymn:

St Bernard

from Hémy's Easy Hymn Tunes for Catholic Schools, 1851-3



1. Give ear unto me when I call,
God of my righteousness:
have mercy, hear my pray'r; thou hast
enlarged me in distress.
2. O children of the earth! how long
will ye love vanities?
How long my glory turn to shame,
and will ye follow lies?
3. But know, that for himself the Lord
the godly one doth choose:
The Lord, when I on him do call,
to hear will not refuse.
4. Fear, and sin not; talk with your heart
on bed, and silent be.
Off 'rings present of righteousness,
and in the Lord trust ye.
5. O who will show us any good?
is that which many say:
But of thy countenance the light,
Lord, lift on us alway.

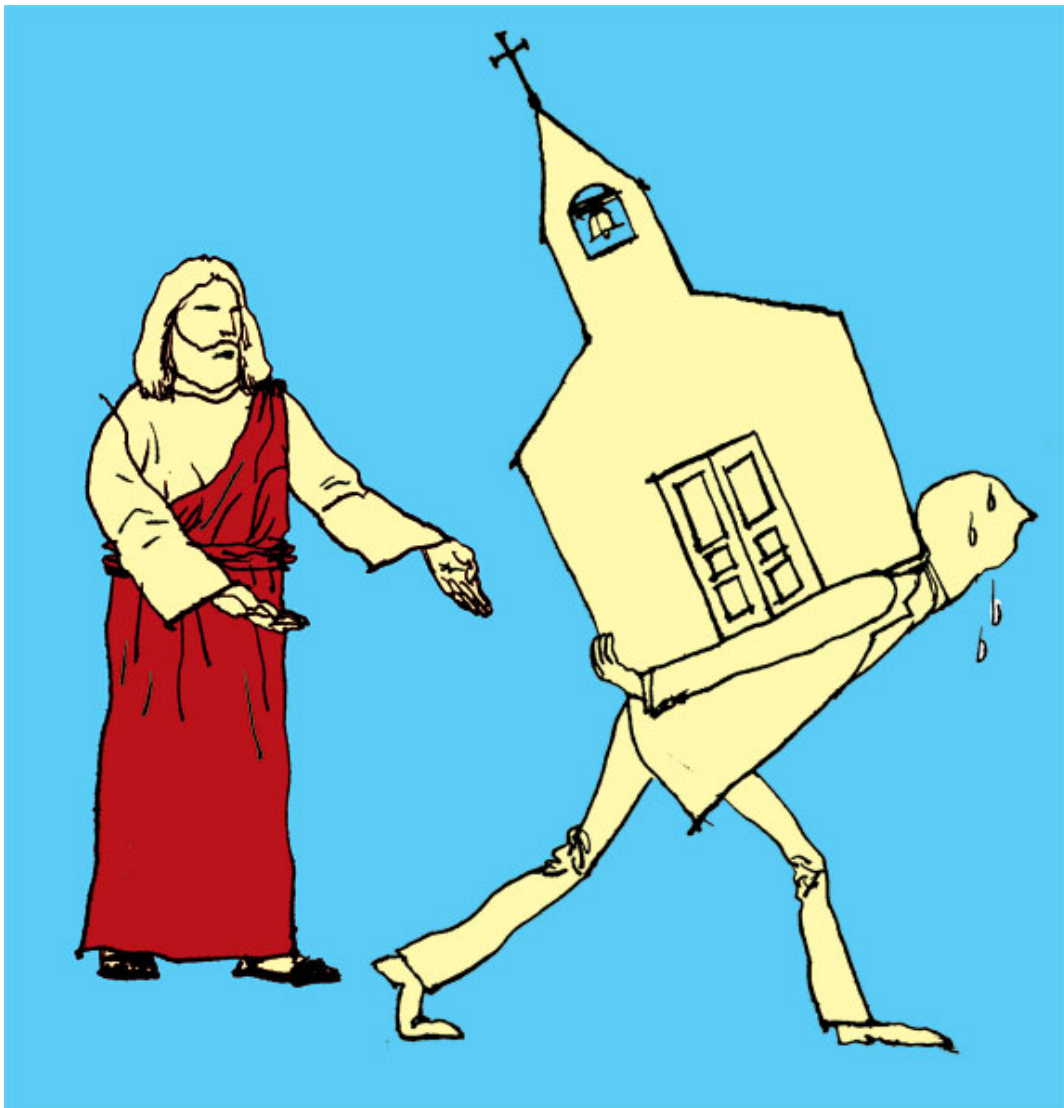
6. Upon my heart, bestowed by thee,
more gladness I have found
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine
did most with them abound.
7. I will both lay me down in peace,
and quiet sleep will take;
Because thou only me to dwell
in safety, Lord, dost make.

The Scottish Psalter, 1650

Sermon:

Counting sheep

*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:

Tallis' Canon

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)



1. All praise be yours, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, kind Maker of all things,
beneath the shelter of your wings.
2. Forgive me, by Christ's victory won,
the ill that I this day have done,
that from the fear of sin set free,
I, ere, I sleep, at peace may be.
3. O let me on your love repose,
let welcome sleep my eyelids close,
sleep from whose balm new strength I take
to serve my God when I awake.
4. Praise God who gives all blessings birth;
praise God all creatures on the earth;
praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free:
one holy God in persons three.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The psalmist calls upon the soul
to offer right sacrifices to God,
to commit to God what can be done,
and to trust in God to bless the rest.

SO WE MAKE THIS OFFERING,
TRUSTING GOD TO BLESS THE WORLD.
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

St Clement

Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)



1. The day you gave us, God, has ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank you that your church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world a watch is keeping,
nor rests from worship day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the song of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
your children 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous deeds resound on high.
5. So be it God; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude No. 1, from “Four Postludes”
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 15 April – 21 April 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <i>see below</i>
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 22 April – 28 April 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Film Group - Sunday 15 April 4pm in the lounge: The film is **Main Street**, about a small city in southern USA which welcomes a newcomer who has plans to revitalise the town centre and create jobs. Great actors (Colin Firth, Ellen Burstyn, Patricia Clarkson) and a story with many layers to think about.

St Albans Community Choir and the New Brighton Silver Band– “They sang as they marched along”. An ANZAC tribute. Sunday 15th April , 5pm at St Paul’s Church, 1 Harewood Road, Christchurch. Admission by donation to a local charity. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

Knox Fireside Group – Monday 16th April in the Lounge. Speaker is Sheila Cuthbertson, talking about her recent travels to China. All welcome.

Behn Quartet Concert at The Piano - Tuesday, 01 May at 7:30pm

The Behn Quartet are four young women, Kate Oswin (1st Violin) from Christchurch, New Zealand, Alicia Berendse (2nd Violin) from the Netherlands, Lydia Abell (Viola) from Wales, and Ghislaine McMullin (Cello) from England, who met at the Royal Academy of Music in London. They take their name from Aphra Behn, the seventeenth century female playwright, political activist and philanthropist of the arts. The quartet has won some prizes and competitions in Europe. During April / May they are coming out to NZ to do a tour for Chamber Music New Zealand; hence their concert at The Piano, which is the final stop on their ten concert tour. They will play the 'American' quartet by Dvorak, Ravel's quartet, and 'Three Transcriptions' by NZ composer Jack Body.

You may find out more about the quartet at their website <https://www.behnquartet.com> and hear some tracks which they have recorded:

Tickets can be purchased for the Behn Quartet's concert at The Piano on Tuesday, 01 May commencing at 7:30pm or at the following link:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/behn-string-quartet-at-christophers-classics/christchurch/tickets>

Voices for the Earth - Talk on Climate Change. Sunday 6th May. Seminar 2-5pm in the Hall. Seminar speakers include Bronwyn Hayward, author of "Sea Change: Climate Politics and New Zealand".

Liedertafel Male Voice Choir – presents Songs of Screen and Stage. Sunday 6 May 2.15pm at St Andrews College Chapel, Normans Road. Programme entry \$15. Musical Director – Daniel Cooper. Accompanist – Lynley Fuglestad.

Acting Council Clerk – Jean Brouwer will be acting church council clerk for the first 3 weeks in April. Contact details: Phone: 355 6534. Email: brouwerj3@gmail.com

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,

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 23
- Jon 10: 11-18

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