



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 27 May 2018



THE CALLING OF A PROPHET

new ways of living the prophecy

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, ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT TO DO THE WORK OF GOD;
JESUS, GOD'S INEXPRESSIBLE GLORY SHOWN FORTH;
JESUS, CALLING US TO FRESH EXPRESSION OF FAITH.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn: Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
from the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Approach

A prophet pays his regular visit to the temple.
Around him run the regular practices of praise,
some praying,
some singing,
some silence.

**WE TOO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP,
AS ON OTHER DAYS WE'VE DONE.
SOME PRAYING,
SOME SINGING,
SOME SILENCE.**

Into the prophet's experience
breaks the remarkable mystery of God;
vast,
fiery,
impossible.

**INTO OUR EXPERIENCE,
WHAT WILL COME?**

**A FURTHER VISION?
A WORLD-TURNING SURPRISE?
A TRANSFORMING OF LANGUAGE?**

God of the prophets,
God beyond description,
if you speak,
WE WILL HEAR.

if you appear,
WE WILL SEE.

if you call,
WE WILL ANSWER,

for that is our worship,
THROUGH JESUS, THE LORD.

God of grace and faithfulness,
often your prophets are ignored,
and your word not heard.
FOR THE WORLD IS BUSY SPEAKING TO ITSELF -

words of hatred,
WORDS OF FALSEHOOD,

words of blame,
WORDS OF SELFISHNESS.

From the words
THE HEART IS SHOWN.

We need a new way of speaking,
A NEW WAY OF LIVING.

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:

Holy God of fire and love,
you appeared to Isaiah in the temple,
changing the course of his life,
calling him to speak for you.

**GIVE US,
WHO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CHARACTER,
EYES WITH WHICH TO SEE YOU,
EARS THROUGH WHICH TO HEAR YOU,
AND LIPS FOR THE SPEAKING
OF YOUR POWER AND LOVE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he has given us:

**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: Isaiah 6: 1-8

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

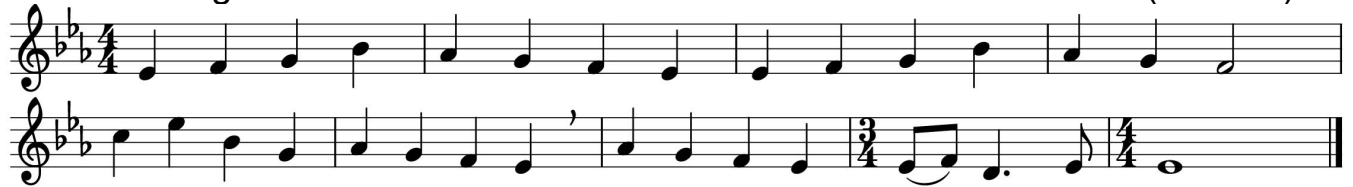
The Second Lesson: Roman 8: 12-17

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

Hymn:

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Sermon:

Coal to the lips

*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: Aeolian Harp
Henry Cowell (1897-1965)

Hymn:

Here I am Lord:

Dan Schutte S.J. (b. 1947)

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
3. I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Dan Schutte S.J. (b. 1947)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "God of the prophets",
you are invited to respond*

"GIVE US YOUR NEW WAY OF SPEECH AND LIFE".

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Answering the call to live prophetically,
we part with our money and food.

**MAY GOD MAKE US ALIVE, ALSO,
TO THE CALL TO LIVE LOVINGLY,
TRUTHFULLY,
FORGIVINGLY,
SELF-SACRIFICIALLY,**

**FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS
AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,
glory be to Christ, our Sun,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great Redeemer, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,
came our loyalties to claim;
glory be to God who won us,
caught our spirits in the flame;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the One whose love remains.

3. Glory be to God in this day,
with our current weal and woe;
glory be to God who calls us,
in whose name we've far to go.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the God in Christ we know.

4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
from our hearts our worship springs!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),
alt. Matthew Jack*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 27 May – 2 June 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Book Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 3 June -9 June 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT TODAY -

“Wander the World” with the St Albans Community Choir at 5pm today. Venue is St Paul’s Centre 1 Harewood Road and admission is by donation which goes to a local charity. Light refreshments are served following the concert.

Book Group – Sunday 27th May at 11.15 am in the committee room, Naomi will present the book **The Long Way Home** by Saroo Brierley, a true story about a young boy's journey through India. This has been made into the film **Lion** which we will watch on Sunday 10th June.

Atlas Voices Presents – Momentum – Past, Present, Future – Works by Laurison, Childs, Stroope, Ritchie, Gjeilo and Mozart. Featuring an encore performance of *When David Heard* by Eric Whitacre. Sunday 27 May 2.30pm at Knox Church. Tickets \$30. Book now at www.atlasvoices.nz

Interfaith Presentation and Discussion on Gender – Wednesday 30 May, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.45pm) at Baha'l Centre, 31 Domain Terrace, Spreydon. Parking on site. Free/koha appreciated. Light refreshments to follow.

RSCM Music Sunday – “Shine Jesus Shine!” – June 10th at 2pm, at Oxford Terrace Baptist Church. Hymns and songs old and new, with Medbury Boys' Choir and Barry Brinson Organ.

Daniel Cooper Organ – Honours Exam Recital Friday 15th June 5.10pm, Knox Church. Free entry. **Children under 5 are not permitted as this is a formal examination**

The Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago offers many opportunities to study Christian Theology, both on-campus and by distance. We are offering a range of papers in Semester 2. For further details on each paper go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago685430.html>. Second semester starts on 09 July and new enrolments are due by 25 June. To enrol go to www.otago.ac.nz. Enquires welcome to theology@otago.ac.nz or phone 03 479 8901.

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:

- Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
- Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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