



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 3 June 2018

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*Sunset at Anse Vata, New Caledonia*

# THE GIFT OF A LOVELY DAY

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## 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.

This is a communion service. On the understanding that God desires to nurture people at every stage of their journey, the table at Knox is an open one.

Members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

### The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**JESUS, COME AMONG US AS HEALING AND BLESSING;  
JESUS, REMINDING US THAT WE ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT;  
JESUS, CALLING US TO LIVE THIS DAY WITH PRAISE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Laudes Domini

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



1. When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the word on high  
the hosts of angels cry:  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
their voice in hymns of praise:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth’s wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air, and sea, and sky,  
from depth to height, reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, when day is past,  
of all my thoughts the last:  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”  
The night becomes as day,  
when from the heart we say  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
5. Be this while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”

*Anon, German, early 19th cent  
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The sun rises.  
Jesus rises.  
Faith rises.  
The day rises.

**MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.**

He comes with healing.  
He comes with insight.  
He comes with kindness.  
He comes with resolve.

**MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.**

He challenges human hardness of heart.  
He challenges meanness of spirit.  
He challenges the weaponizing of religion.  
He challenges cruelty to others.

**MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.**

May Jesus also be asked for mercy.  
For many of the things which he challenges  
are features of our shared life.  
The human family fails to love,  
fails to serve,  
fails to respect the other,  
fails to liberate and heal.  
It perpetuates suffering,  
encourages nit-picking,  
and despises the gifts of God.

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.**  
**AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

*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.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 2:23 – 3:6

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Anthem:**

O God beyond all praising

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Jeni McKinnon and Graeme Downie

**Sermon:**

Reclaiming the lovely day

*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.*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*To the minister's words, "May this day become for them",  
you are invited to respond **"A DAY OF HEALING AND BLESSING"**.*

. . . **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 Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.

Through your goodness, we have this money to offer,  
which we have earned

using the talents that you have given us.

It will further the work of your kingdom.

**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us our spiritual drink.  
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.*

### Communion Hymn:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand  
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.  
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,  
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve  
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,  
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,  
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?

3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent  
to love the selves we famish and resent,  
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,  
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request  
that each around your table should be guest,  
that here the ancient word should live as new,  
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'?
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;  
no more we stand indifferent, sacred or shy.  
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,  
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, Setting Apart of the Elements**

**The Great Eucharistic Prayer:**

May God be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts.

**WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.**

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

It is right indeed . . .

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Lamb of God:**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

**JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS,**

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

**JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,**

**GRANT US YOUR PEACE.**



## The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,  
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.  
If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread  
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

## The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,  
we give you thanks and praise  
that while we were still far off  
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

**MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD  
LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;  
WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP  
BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;  
WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS  
GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,  
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,  
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.  
AMEN.**

## 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,  
deeps 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  
threeness of persons,  
oneness of Godhead,  
trinity blest.

*James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Rhapsody in G minor, Op. 79, No. 2  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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

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*The boys of Walnut Springs Church, Virginia, enjoying Sabbath School, c. 1920*



## NOTICES

### **This Week: 3 June -9 June 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 10 June – 16 June 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Film Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Friday	5.10pm	Daniel Cooper Exam Recital – <b>see below</b>

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

**Film Group** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the Lounge. We will be watching the film “Lion” at true story of a young boys journey through India. All welcome.

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

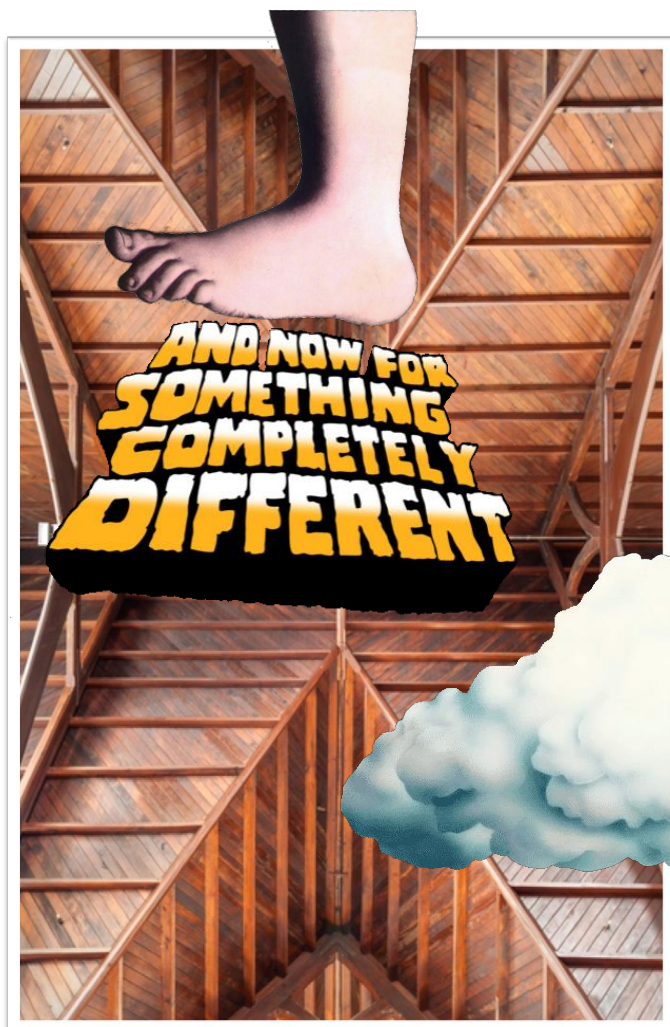
**APW/MWF Service** – June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am – A retiring offering will be gathered at the conclusion of the service. This year’s recipients are the children of Uganda and the children of PILLARS.

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be held on Monday 18 June at 7 30pm in the Lounge. The speaker is Pauline McKay from Christian World Service who will speak about some of her CSW related travels. All welcome

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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)



*Honours Exam Recital*

# **Daniel Cooper** *Organ*

Friday 15th June, 5:10pm,  
Knox Presbyterian Church,  
28 Bealey Avenue,  
free entry

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as this is a formal examination

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

- 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20
- Psalm 138

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