



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 24 June 2018



SKY MOUNTAINS RIVERS

GRATITUDE GENEROSITY PLACE

a service
during which
we dedicate
the
Hercus Window

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.

Before the service, Daniel Cooper, plays "Prelude"
from "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" by Douglas Lilburn

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, THROUGH WHOM GOD'S BEAUTY FULLY SHONE;
JESUS, THE LIVING EXPRESSION OF THE GENEROSITY OF GOD;
JESUS, OFFERING WATER THAT FLOWS TO ETERNAL LIFE.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your Spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Prayer of Approach

Mountains and skies:
speaking to the binding in love
of all humankind,
they become, for us,
expressions of the covenant sharing of life.

THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

The journeying of Christ,
from heaven's highest peak,
through the valleys and plains,
from source to ending:
it speaks of the ever-present aroha of the Creator.

THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

All along the line of creation's design . . .
For the beauty,
the creativity,
the generosity,
the catching of light,

THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

Yet beneath the skies
also there is conflict,
DIVISION AND ANCIENT GRIEVANCE.

There is the abuse of the land
AND THE POLLUTING OF THE RIVERS.

Beneath the skies
there is the unravelling of love,
THE ERUPTION OF ANGER.

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:

Creative and caring God,
the sky, mountains and rivers
are your gifts to us;
they speak to us of your love.
**GIVE US GRACE TO CARE FOR THEM,
AND TO EXPRESS, THROUGH OUR LIVES,
THAT STRONG FOUNDATION OF LOVE
UPON WHICH YOU ENABLE US TO STAND.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus;
and using the words he gave us,
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

Following the conversation, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The Dedication of the Hercus Window

A Narrative

A grateful remembering of the Hercuses: Mr John Hercus

Prayer of Dedication

Knox Singers: For the beauty of the earth
John Rutter (b. 1945)

A cycle of readings, reflections and pieces

The First Lesson: read by Alec Bruce,
business partner of the late Alun Wilkie
Psalm 57: 5, 7-11
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

A Reflection: Sky

Musical Reflection: Pegasus
Karen Tanaka

The Second Lesson: read by Dame Ann Hercus

Psalm 65: 5b-13

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

A Reflection: Mountains, valleys and hills

Musical Reflection: Extract from "Finlandia"
Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

The Third Lesson: read by Liz Baxendine

John 4: 4-14

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

A Reflection: Rivers

Hymn:

Dam Busters March

Eric Coates (1886-1958)



1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
2. There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;

God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at God's presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

3. Come, see the power of our maker,
revealed in Jesus' courage:
wars will cease across the world
when is shattered the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplifted in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

*From Psalm 46,
Richard Bewes (b. 1934), alt.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "In gratitude and hope",
you are invited to respond **"WE OFFER THIS PRAYER"**.*

The Offering

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We stand on the shoulders of those who went before us.

**WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER
BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED.**

We are able to nurture
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN NURTURED.

Take the food and money we here present.

**TAKE ALSO OUR DESIRE
TO SERVE GOD'S PURPOSES
IN THIS WORLD WE SHARE.**

This is our prayer,
in the name of Jesus.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude in B \flat Major, BWV 560
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Tea, coffee, champagne and orange juice, with finger food
will be served in the church following the service,
with more guests arriving shortly for the celebratory event (c. 11:15am)
at which Graham Stewart will speak.

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Follow-up from the Climate Change Panel Discussion

On 6 May we ran a Climate Change panel discussion. One of the panel members was Francesca Bradley, from Generation Zero. Generation Zero produced much of the material that the Green Party is using in their first draft of the Zero Carbon Bill. For more information about that process, and how you can become involved, visit www.zerocarbonact.nz

A letter of concern

At its meeting on Wednesday night, the Knox Church Council asked the minister to write a letter to the editor of the Christchurch Press concerning the United States' treatment of children on its borders. The letter was sent to the Press that night. The following morning, the US President changed his policy – so it is suspected the Knox letter will not be published. Nevertheless, here it is:

The Council of Knox Church, Christchurch, has watched the way that Donald Trump's zero-tolerance policy concerning border control is causing children to be separated from their parents. Regardless of how parents are assessed, and regardless of whether they have committed immigration crimes, we vehemently reject any process by which children are punished for the actions of their parents.

We notice that this implementation of separation coincides with the USA's withdrawal from the United Nations' Human Rights Council. We note Nikki Hayley's (US Ambassador to the UN) explanation for withdrawing from the Council: "The world's most inhumane regimes continue to escape its scrutiny, and the council continues politicizing scapegoating of countries with positive human rights records in an attempt to distract from the abusers in its ranks."

Knox urges the USA administration to hear the children, and to realise the thinness of its self-condemning rhetoric concerning inhumane regimes escaping scrutiny.

*Rev. Dr Matthew Jack,
for the Knox Church Council*



NOTICES

This Week: 24 June 30 June 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Dedication Service for Stained Glass Window
	11.15am	Celebratory Function
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 1 July – 7 July 2018

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

Retiring Offering for APW/ MWF - Knox Fireside Group is delighted to announce that \$560 was sent to Wellington for this Year's Special Project – our best ever . So thank you all very much

Next Issue of Knox Life

Items are invited for the July issue of Knox Life. Please email/hand in to the Knox office before the end of June.


Next Sunday 1 July 11.15am lounge Book Group - This month's book for discussion is **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee. Please bring your own copy if you have one, and let's share our impressions and ideas about this wonderful book. We will watch the film with Gregory Peck on Sunday 15th July, and in September we will see the Burnside High School production of the play adaptation. For the meeting on Sunday 29th July, bring a favourite book to share.

Bright on Vibes Gospel Choir – Presents Movin' On Up – a Winter Warmer Concert. Bright on Vibes will entertain and move you with the four part harmonies of choral music and the feet tapping joyous sound of gospel music. The evening will include small group harmonies and solo performances by Wendy Kington and Lisa Tui. Saturday 30 June, 7.30 – 9.30pm. At Opawa Community Church, Cur Aynsley Tce and Opawa Rd. Tickets \$25 includes a cuppa and ½ time treat.

Bites of Opera – Saturday 30 June, 7pm at the Transitional Cathedral. The Christchurch City Choir conducted by Dr John Linker. A degustation of food, music and wine. Familiar choruses from your favourite operas paired with fabulous nibbles by Moveable Feasts. Tickets \$80. Online bookings: www.eventfinda.co.nz

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prophets in the CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY EVENSONGS, 5PM
@ THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL
with Seminar, Discussion and Refreshments to follow

COMING UP ON SUNDAY 24 JUNE

Ven. Dr Peter Carrell

Director of Education, Anglican Diocese of Christchurch & Director of Theology House

Edge or Centre: Prophecy in the 21st Century

Peter Carrell sets the scene for 2018's Prophets in the Cathedral series, exploring prophets and prophecy in the Bible, digging deep into the meaning of prophecy with the aid of Heschel and Brueggemann, and asking what it means for the church to be prophetic and to nurture prophecy today. A critical question concerns where the edge and centre of society is and whether the church understands itself to be in either place or both places.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Exodus 20: 12-17
- Romans 12: 9-18

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