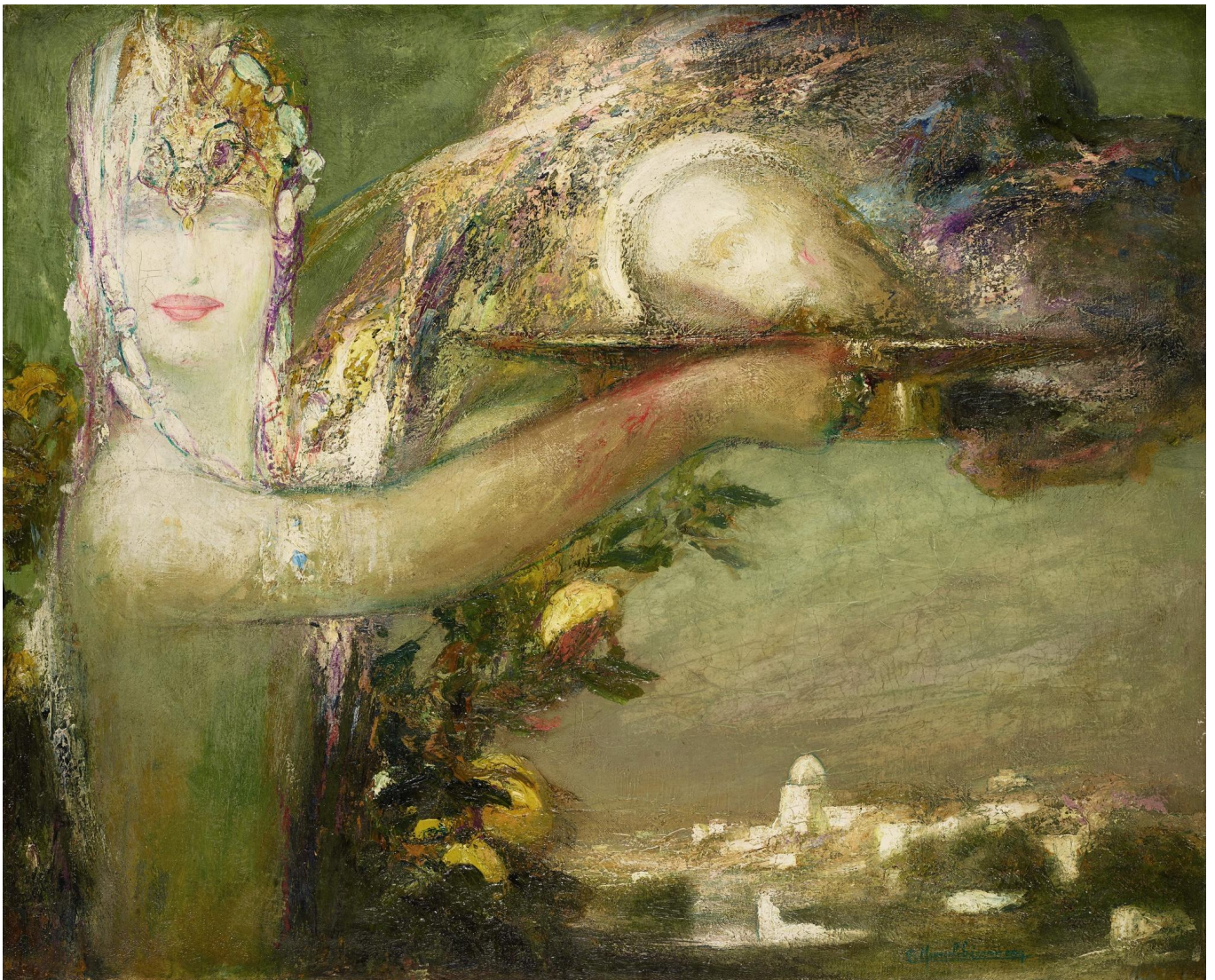




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 15 July 2018



Pierre Amédée Marcel-Béronneau (1869-1937)

AND YET THE VOICE CONTINUES

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, WHOSE ARRIVAL WAS ANNOUNCED BY JOHN;

JESUS, WHOSE ACTIVITY WAS NOTICED BY PEOPLE IN POWER;

JESUS, RISEN AND AT LIBERTY IN OUR WORLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Bring to our God a glad new song,
children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong -
to instruments of music sing!

Let those be warned who spurn God's name,
nations and kings attend God's Word;
God's justice shall bring tyrants shame:
let every creature praise our God!

2. Praise God within these hallowed walls,
praise God beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls
let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice -
then, join God's praise with full accord
all living things with breath and voice:
let every creature praise our God!

*From Psalms 149 and 150,
Michael Arnold Perry (1942-1996)*

Prayer of Approach

Let every creature find its voice for praise:

the child leaping in the womb,
**THE ELDERLY LOOKING BACK
OVER YEARS OF LONG-LIVED LIFE;**

the privileged and secure,
THE POOR AND VULNERABLE;

the strider of the corridors of power,
THE PERSON LOCKED IN PRISON;

the person with all the cards,
THE PERSON WITH AN EMPTY HAND;

the one who speaks the truth,
**THE ONE WHO REGRETS
NOT HAVING SPOKEN WELL.**

Let every creature come before its God,
AND FIND ITS PROPER VOICE.

Silence

God who hears the praises of the people
hears also the other kinds of conversations:

the unwise promises made
IN THE CONTEXT OF PRIDE AND LUSTING.

The advice sought and delivered
ABOUT PUTTING A HEAD ON A PLATE.

The weakness of character
BEFORE THE COURT OF TRIVIAL ASSESSMENT.

The setting of the price
AT THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

In light of a story of terrible injustice
and moral failure,
**AND IN LIGHT OF ITS HAVING BEEN REPEATED
MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY,**

we make our confession, saying:

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:

O God,
when a privileged but character-wanting person of power
sacrificed the life of one of your prophets,
your voice sounded louder
through the coming of Jesus, your anointed.

**MAY WE, HIS PEOPLE,
BECOME MORE FULLY A PART OF HIS WORK,
FLOURISHING IN OUR TIME AND PLACE
AS WITNESSES TO HIS RISEN PRESENCE.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,
and conclude, using the words he gave 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: Psalm 85: 8-13
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers: Father most holy, merciful and tender
Tune Iste Confessor, 10th Century

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 6: 14-29
This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Passion Chorale

Melody from Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)



1. In halls of wealth and power where shadowed deals are made,
the heartless ones devour; the helpless are betrayed.
The ones who make decisions seem confident and strong
yet sometimes blur divisions between the right and wrong.
2. When Herod chose to wander from living as he should,
John preached with mighty thunder, "Repent and do the good!"
Then power danced with anger; revenge went dancing, too.
when they all join together, what evil they will do!
3. O God of love and justice, when we feel sure and strong,
may power never tempt us to venture toward the wrong.
In all of our endeavours, give wisdom, Lord, we pray,
that we may love our neighbours and seek your kingdom way.
4. In halls of wealth and power, in home and neighbourhood,
may we reject the evil and turn to what is good.
May justice dance with mercy and service dance with grace;
may nations lift the lowly till peace and love embrace.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

Sermon:

Strengths, vulnerabilities and the fear of resurrection

*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:

Heartbeat

Jillian Bray (1939-2018)



1. Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout from God's Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
2. Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
Here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
3. Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia,
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931, alt.)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon



The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer food and money,
in the hope that it will find sacred deployment in the world.
**WE ALSO OFFER OUR RELINQUISHMENT OF POWER,
OUR AVAILABILITY FOR THE TRUTH,
AND OUR WISHING TO OPERATE WITH JUSTICE AND INTEGRITY.**

May the God of resurrection enable that bold offering genuinely to be made,
**THROUGH JESUS
WHOSE WORK IS ETERNAL.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Woodlands

Walter Greatedorex (1877-1949)



1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of the word;
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Praeludium in C Major
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	15 July – 21 July 2018
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	4.00pm Film Group – see below
Monday	7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Next Week:	22 July – 28 July 2018
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Congregational meeting on 15 July (today) A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 15 July in order to approve the budget for 2018-2019. The meeting will be held immediately after the morning service and copies of the budget will be available prior to the meeting.

Film Group – Meeting at 4pm in the Lounge. Movie – To Kill a Mockingbird by Gregory Peck. All welcome.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox fireside group is on Monday July 16 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. This meeting is the AGM with Matthew as speaker. All welcome

Travel Through Time – Baroque Music Community present “Back to Baroque” Saturday 21 July 2pm at Mt Pleasant Community Hall. With Daniel Cooper on Harpsichord. Tickets \$30 adults, Senior \$20, Students \$10. Children (under 14) are free (max one child per paying adult). Tickets available at door – cash only. www.barquemusic.co.nz for more events.

DEEP in Winter: Citywide worship - 8pm-11pm, 21 July at Benny's Barber Shop, 105 Disraeli Street, Sydenham. Gather with other believers across the city for a cosy night of coffee & worship. This is worship circle style with beautiful new arrangements of classic worship songs combined with modern favourites as we lift Him up and cast aside winter blues. Run by Prayer Collective Christchurch.

Prophets in the Cathedral - Sunday Evensongs, 5pm Sunday 22 July at the Transitional Cathedral. Lyndon Rogers will be giving a seminar on “Youth in the City” issues youth face in post-quake Christchurch. Lyndon speaks at 6pm . Discussion with soup and rolls to follow – all welcome.

Laidlaw Lecture Series Semester Two 2018 - Two new series will run for 5 weeks each, on a Monday evening. The first one is “Where’s God on Monday? God’s Work and Our Work” in Aug-Sept. The second one is “That Gap in the Middle: Supporting Church Goers in Midlife” in Sept-Oct. These series are designed to provide accessible and concise content from some of our Laidlaw Courses or Academic Research. See the poster (attached) and link below for further information. <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/lecture-series-chc-sem-two-2018>

The Christchurch Meditation Community - warmly invites you to a Day of Reflection, 28 July, 10:00 to 3:00pm, Chapel Street Centre, cnr Chapel St and Harewood Rd. The Rev. Hilary Oxford Smith will speak about Celtic Christianity; there will be short periods of meditation and good company. You would be most welcome if you joined us to see if this form of prayer would be of value to you. Please bring your own lunch; morning tea is provided. A Koha of \$10 to help cover costs would be appreciated.

Knox Book Group – Sunday 29 July 11.15am in Committee Room. Bring a favourite book to share.

Knox Café - The next Knox Café is on Sunday July 29 at 7 pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker is Dame Ann Hercus who will speak about the journey she and John went on to discover the Hercus family roots. Dame Ann is a fascinating speaker and this talk will spur us to investigate our own family roots. BYO nibbles and beverages tea and coffee provided. All Welcome

The Politics of Compassion – public lecture with Professor Kevin Clements, Chair and Foundation Director of The nations Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago.

Friday 10th August 7pm at Knox Centre, Bealey Ave, Christchurch. Complimentary light refreshments available from 6.30pm

Peacemaking Experiential Workshops - Professor Kevin Clements, Chair and Foundation Director of The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, will be facilitating two workshops: “The Place Called Reconciliation” and “Non Violent Tools for Social Transformation”. **Saturday 11 August, 9:30am - 12:30pm**, Knox Centre Hall, Bealey Ave.

Register for this free event at: office.chcwestmethodist@gmail.com

General Assembly 2018 - This year, the Church's highest court meets at St Andrew's College, Christchurch, from Wednesday . 3 October to Sunday 7 October. GA18 is the main event in our calendar this year. Please come and bring your best. Our focus for GA18 is relationship: the relationship between God and you, you and your maker, and the relationship between you and others. The General Assembly website <http://ga2018.nz> is now live and we are ready to take registrations. Here you will find information on the venue, registration costs, accommodation and more.

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 reading for next week will be:

- Ephesians 2: 11-22

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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