



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 22 July 2018



ONE NEW HUMANITY

Ephesians 2:15

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, THE SURE FOUNDATION STONE OF FAITH;

JESUS, BUILDING US INTO A LIVING TEMPLE;

JESUS, SILENTLY, SUBVERSIVELY BRINGING PEACE TO THE WORLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Westminster Abbey

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)



1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever
and her confidence alone.
2. Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God, today;
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.
3. Praise to God, the great Creator,
and to Christ, th' eternal Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in love and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

*Urbs beata Hierusalem,
Latin, c. 7th cent.*

Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Prayer of Approach

A firm foundation was set long ago:

A LIFE OF GRACE AND SERVING LOVE.

A carpenter began to build God's house,

**YET NOT WITH STONES
AND DEAD MATERIALS.**

Living stones were gathered together,

**HUMAN LIVES FASHIONED
INTO BEAUTIFUL UNITY.**

Strangers were turned into friends,

ENEMIES WERE RECONCILED.

The prophets of division were dismissed,

A NEW CREATION GLIMMERED WARM.

In Christ, a new way was found,

IN THE SPIRIT

A NEW UNITY SANG OUT LOUD:

Believe in love!
BELIEVE IN HOPE!

Believe in forgiveness!
BELIEVE IN GOD!

Praise and thanks to God,
**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
THE LORD.**

Silence

Yet to God's new temple
came forth the wrecking ball:
SUSPICION,

prejudice,
STEREOTYPING,

the caricaturing of the other,
THE DEMONISING OF THE DIFFERENCE,

the building of walls,
THE RAISING OF BARRIERS,

the shutting doors,
THE SHOUTING OF SLOGANS,

the "you are not welcome",
THE "YOU ARE NOT WORTHY",

"Just go away Jesus",
"GET OUT OF HERE GOD".

We failed to love you.
WE TURNED OUR NEIGHBOURS AWAY.

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:

God of unity and love,
you continue to build a living temple
from which your glory may shine.

**FORM AND FASHION US
IN HEART AND MIND
TO BE THAT TEMPLE.**

Give us love for you,
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER,

that peace may come upon this world
AND MAKE EVERYTHING NEW.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
and using his words, together we pray:

**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

Young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The Baptism of Joseph David van Tulder

Introduction:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we come now to baptize Joseph David van Tulder.

Baptism reminds us that God values each one of us. God's love is already around Joseph. God wants for him a life of love, joy and achievement.

Through this baptism we receive him into the fellowship of the church and begin to care for him as a member of our church family.

In this act we are declaring our faith in God and we are stating our responsibility as parents, grandparents, extended family, friends, and as Christians, to help Joseph to grow into someone who will be able, with energy and joy, to live a life of faith, hope and love.

By sharing this sacrament we all take on ourselves the responsibility to play our part in spreading love, joy, hope and faith to all people.

(Joseph's parents, God-father, and other supporters come forward to the font.)

Baptismal vows:

Minister: (to parents) Do you promise, as far as you are able to, to build your family life on the love and truth that the church has taught us?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: And do you promise to go on giving expression to that love and truth, for the sake of your own child, all the children among us and every human being?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: (to congregation) And all of you, relatives and friends, do you receive this child in the name of Christ?
Congregation: **YES, WE DO.**

Minister: Will you endeavour to support him and his parents through life with Christian love and understanding?
Congregation: **YES, WE WILL.**

The congregation stands for
The Prayer of Consecration

Joseph's sister, Charlotte, pours water into the font.

The minister says:
May God be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Eternal God,
we thank you for the gift of water:
in the beginning you moved over the waters
to bring order out of chaos;
from the great flood in the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark;

through the Red Sea you led your people to freedom
from slavery in Egypt;
across the river Jordan you led Israel
to the land you promised;
in the waters of the Jordan our Lord was baptised by John
and anointed by the Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless **this** water
and Joseph who will be baptised in it;
that he may be born anew
of water and the Spirit,
be raised to new life in Christ,
and continue to be his faithful disciple;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Baptism

The people remain standing for the act of baptism.

In the name of God, our Father;
in the name of Christ our Lord;
in the name of the Holy Spirit
we baptise you.

*The people respond: **AMEN.***

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Joseph's God-father, Steven Lawson, leads the
Baptismal Prayer:

Loving God, you know us by our names, and we belong to you.

We thank you for your grace and faithfulness; for the new life you have created; for this child who has been born among us, and whom you have entrusted to our care.

You have given Joseph ears with which to hear, and eyes with which to see.

Bless too his mouth, so that he may learn how to laugh, and to use human speech.

Bless his hands and feet, so that he may learn to walk and dance and run.

Bless also his mind, so that he may learn from his own experience that everything you have made is good.

May he be secure within his family, growing in wisdom and strength, learning to take the ups and downs of life in his stride.

May we who are mature and responsible never cause him to stumble, but rather love him, and lead him to the truth.

Above all, may we help him to grow in knowledge of your love and acceptance and find fulfilment in following the way of Jesus Christ.

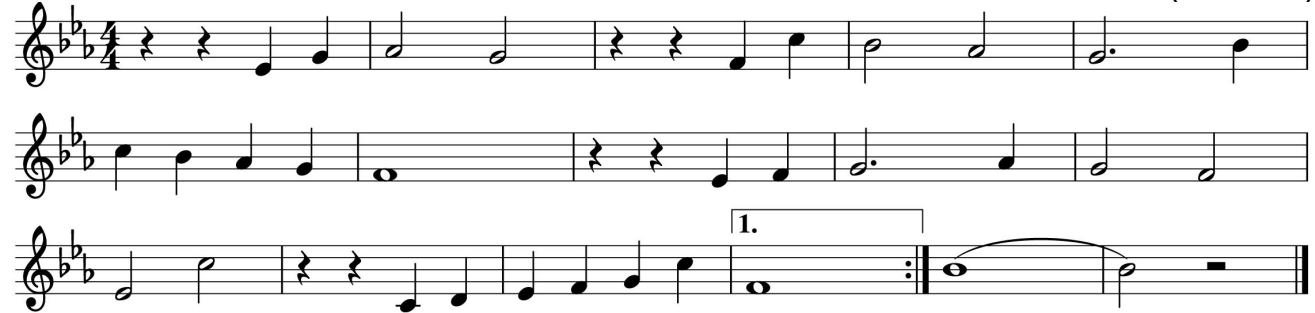
We ask these things in Jesus' name,
AMEN.

The Presentation of Baptismal Gifts

Hymn:

Ellen

David Dell (b. 1959)



1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.
5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

The Scripture Lesson:

Ephesians 2: 11-22

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

A Video Clip: “The danger of the single story”

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a feminist novelist born in Nigeria, speaks about stereotyping, cultural assumptions, and barriers to the recognition of equal humanity.

Sermon:

Some words to Joseph as he launches into life

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: "Two Idylls", Set I, No. 2
Clifford Harker (1912-1999)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "God of grace and peace",
you are invited to respond "**BUILD YOUR LIVING TEMPLE**".

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

What is separate and anxious
**YOU BRING TOGETHER IN
PEACE.**

What is scattered and chaotic
**YOU TURN INTO A
BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE.**

We bring this offering,
**CONFIDENT THAT
IN YOUR HANDS
IT WILL SERVE
A HOLY PURPOSE.**

Bless and guide its use
**IN JESUS' NAME.
AMEN.**



Notices

Against Division

In case you are interested in hearing some American church leaders speak against the politics of division, follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/SojournersMagazine/videos/10155595106027794/>

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

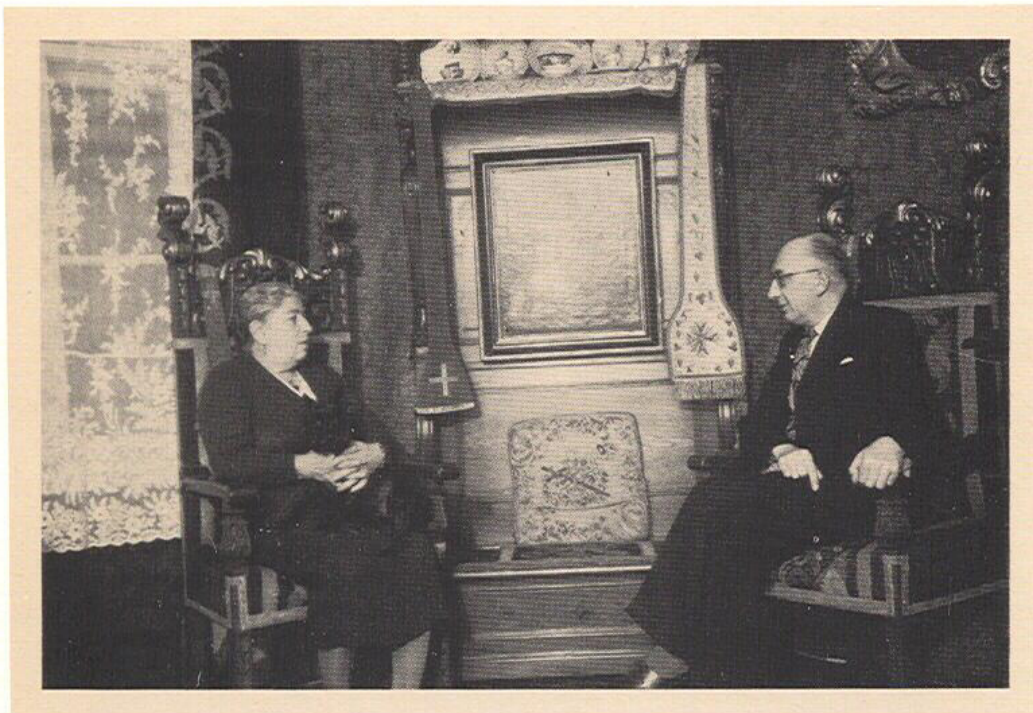
Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Praeludium in F-sharp minor
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Today, following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church - with the added delight of cake! Thanks to the van Tulderts.

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*Wir verstanden uns eigentlich großartig, aber irgendwas
war zwischen uns...*

"We understood each other extremely well, but something was between us . . ."

On a separate matter, according to Matthew, the gospel writer, Jesus said "let your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no' be 'no'. Anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Matthew 5:37



NOTICES

This Week: 22 July – 28 July 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 29 July – 4 August 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Book Group – **see below**
7.00pm Knox Café – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.
<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 National 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. Professor Clements, will also 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 - The PCANZ's highest court meets at St Andrew's College, Christchurch, from Wednesday 3 October to Sunday 7 October. The focus for GA18 is relationship: the relationship between God and you, you and your maker, and the relationship between you and others. The Assembly website <http://ga2018.nz> is now live and ready to take registrations.

Baking Needed - All Christchurch parishes have been asked to help the General Assembly of the PCANZ by providing baking for the morning and afternoon teas at Assembly. 300 dozen biscuits will be required! In the past Knox people have been able to help with baking and it is hoped that we may do so again. If you are willing to bake some biscuits for 3-7 October please put your name on the lists at each entrance to the church. Please note that biscuits can be baked any time and frozen till October. They should be packed into containers which do not need to be reclaimed.

Open Day - We are holding an Open Day at Knox on Sunday 5 August from 1-3pm to allow the public to come in and see our new window. John and Dame Ann Hercus plan to be present and possibly also Graham Stewart, the creator of the window. We will need a few Knox people to be in attendance and to provide cups of tea for anyone calling in. Please put your name on the lists at the entrances of the church if you will be able to help with the Open Day.

Christchurch Philharmonia Concert - Sunday 12 August at 2pm in the Charles Lundy Auditorium at St Margaret's College. Entitled “Birds” the concert will include music on an avian theme, including Tchaikovsky's Dance of the Cygnets, The Swan by Saint-Seane's, and pieces by Delius, Rossini, Beethoven and NZ composers Brian Hodges, Jenny McLeod and J Ritchie. Tickets available at the door - adults \$25, under 18 years \$10. For pre-paid tickets, available for \$20, contact Erika White <erikawhite@xtra.co.nz>.

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



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 2 Samuel 11: 1-15
- Ephesians 3: 14-21

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