



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 19 August 2018

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## **A TEMPLE TO MEET THE DIVINE OR A GOD WHO MEETS WITH ALL PEOPLE**

A service conducted by Rev. Hugh Perry

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## 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.

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

### The Theme and Greeting

The peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### The Call to Worship:

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 4'  
(Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1990) p.1-26

### Hymn:

Moscow

ad. from Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

As we come to worship this morning we open our mind to the wonders that surround us and marvel at the divine wisdom that brought all things into being.

**Science proposes a big bang and scripture suggests a divine command.**

At this time of the year with contrasts of hard frosts, brilliant sun, cold biting wind, rain, and even snow we remember the balance of seasons that brings both death and renewal to all life and refreshes and reshapes our planet.

**For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.**

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As communities faced famine, domination and slavery the Spirit called them to migration upon migration in a wisdom beyond our knowing that brought humanity to every corner of the globe stimulating creative diversity out of sterile uniformity.

**The Spirit continually leads people and peoples to new beginnings beyond adversity and despair**

In the struggle for wisdom beyond humanity's immediate needs the Divine Spirit continues to call out leaders, prophets, scholars, scientists and theologians to open people's minds to the world around them and focus their imagination on the mystery beyond their knowing.

**From anonymous beginnings surprising people achieve the unexpected**

In Jesus Christ his followers found a human image of the unimaginable loving mystery that calls people to an empowering empathy that makes true community possible.

**In a meal shared the world was gifted an ongoing reminder of the divine spark within all humanity and a recommitment to live as Christ to others.**

**Revised August 16th 2015 1st Kings 2: 10-12, 3:3-14 John 6:51-58**

*Lament*

But in the darkness of winters wetness and the buffeting of chilling winds.....

.....We pray for a world were all people have the wisdom to live in harmony with each other and with the natural world.

**May humanity be motivated by justice and lovingkindness rather than greed and self-interest.**

*Words of Assurance.*

Christ is the bread of life,  
the living food that empowers all who choose his hospitality  
to live lives of infinite procreative opportunity

**Thanks be to God.**

We pray in the name of God we image in Jesus Christ using the words tradition gives us as Jesus words.

**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 forever. Amen.**

**The Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all  
**And also with you**

*We exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

## Children's Time

## Children's Prayer

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

**The First Lesson:** 1<sup>st</sup> kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Knox Singers:** Panis Angelicus  
Cesar Frank (1822-1890)

**The Gospel Lesson:** John 6: 56-69

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

### **Hymn:**

Camberwell

John Michael Brierley (b. 1932)



1. God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
We will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge

of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life, and  
find our future there.

*Elizabeth J Smith*

## **Sermon**

*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:**

Marching

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)



1. Faith has set us on a journey  
past the land marks that we know,  
taking risks with no insurance  
but the Word that tells us "go!"
2. Friend or job or home or lover  
we may have to leave behind,  
outworn truths and ways of thinking,  
baggage to the past consigned.
3. Some are swags of easy conscience  
who with others hitch a ride,  
some are tourist-package Christians,  
dollar safe with book and guide.
4. There are others on this journey –  
those who long and pray and search,  
heave the stones to free the structures,  
love the Christ and leave the Church.
5. We are this unlikely people  
in the Body knit as one,  
company of clowns and cripples –  
some are wise and some can run.
6. Prophets are our travel agents,  
gospel-makers lay this road:  
to the place of peace and promise  
faith will take us to our God.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Philippa Ranby*

## **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

## Notices

### Hymn: Columbus

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,  
where we come to the edge of today,  
be the God of Abraham for us;  
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,  
the faith that gave us birth.  
We look to you, our ending,  
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on  
to the rim of the sky and the sea,  
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ;  
lead us on to eternity.
3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,  
when tomorrow's storm draws near,  
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead  
who will take away our fear.

*Colin Gibson (b. 1933)*

## Commissioning and Benediction with Sung Amen

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 1'  
(Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1975)pIV-4

Postlude: "Prelude" from Prelude, Fugue and Variation  
By Cesar Frank (1822-1890)

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