



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 2 September 2018

PIGLET NOTICED THAT EVEN THOUGH
HE HAD A VERY
SMALL HEART,
IT COULD HOLD
A RATHER LARGE
AMOUNT
OF GRATITUDE.



- A.A. MILNE

It's an Inside Job

A COMMUNION SERVICE

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, who knows what is in our hearts and minds;

Jesus, who warms our hearts to love as he loves;

Jesus, give us grace to love as you love.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Michael - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

God, on you my hope is founded;

you do still my trust renew.

through all change and chance you guide me,

only good and only true.

Though unknown,

you alone,

call my heart to be your own.



**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray your trust;
what with care and toil we build here,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But your power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**Your great goodness lasts for ever,
deep your wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend you,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from your store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily you the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
your desire delights our spirit,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love shall stand
at your hand;
joy shall wait on your command.**

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ God's Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
you who follow shall not fall.**

Joachim Neander (1650-80), trs Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Prayer of Approach

We know the blessings we have been given. We have no need here to eke out a fragile existence, wrested with pain and sweat from a difficult land. Your bounty is all around us and the delights of many places come to us.

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

But still we search for what really lasts and the things that really matter - not the private benefits, but the things that make for true community, for there is the source of peace and harmony, for

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

Your great wisdom lasts for ever, and beauty is all around us, not just in nature but in the people we meet and the generosity we encounter on our journey. In all our engagement with each other we can trust that you are with us, for

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

If we will follow what truly delights our soul, we know that your love and joy will fill us. This we find in Christ, our way, our truth, our life. In him we find held out to us the love at the heart of all things that will not let us go, and therefore

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

Silence

And yet, we know only too well that the trust you have placed in us to build well is so easily betrayed. We shorten our horizons and focus only on what matters to our own interests and those of our kind. Give us a larger vision, for

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

Sometimes we are afraid to acknowledge what flows from within us. Both love and hate, generosity and pettiness, come from within. We forget to trust your way and yours alone, and yet

OUR HOPE, O GOD, ON YOU IS FOUNDED.

For you are a God of deep compassion. You know us through and through and yet have never given up on us, and so we pray:

Lord have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

God our creator brings us new life, forgives and redeems us. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

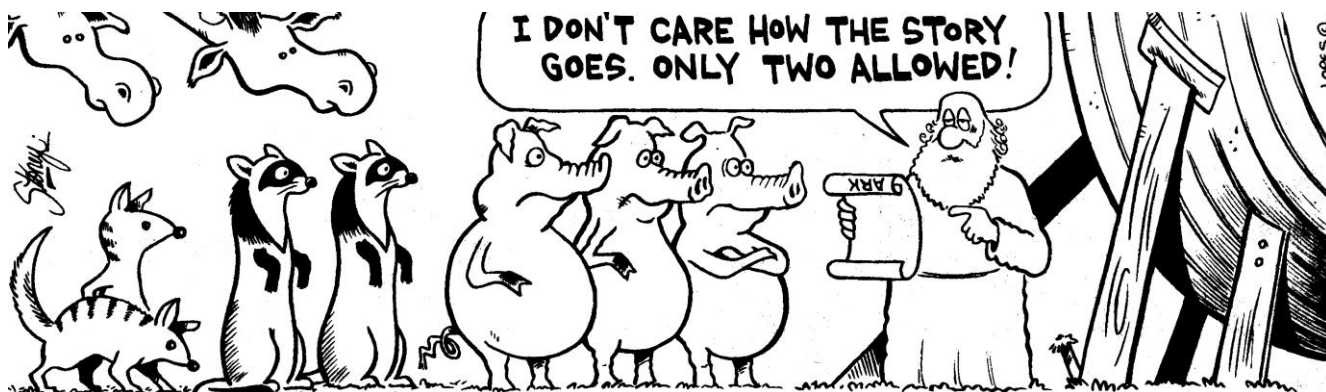
In the name of Christ I say to you:

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

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



First Reading: Psalm 15
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

Knox Singers: “God be in my head”, by Walford Davies

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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

Sermon: “Our real self comes from the heart”

*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

Prayers for all people and especially those in need.
God of love, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

for we pray it, even as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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 FOR EVER,
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:

Franconia - Harmonischer Liederschatz 1738,
arr. WH Havergal (1793-1870)



Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866)

We sit for

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

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

Let us pray.

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, eternal God, . . .

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
all honour and glory is yours, eternal God,
now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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, take some bread from the loaf, 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.

KEEP US FIRM IN THE HOPE YOU HAVE SET BEFORE US,

SO ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:

Lucerna Laudoniae - David Evans (1874-1948)



For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

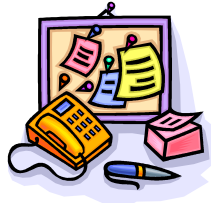
FS Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude "Processional" by William Mathias

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 2 September – 8 September 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 9 September – 15 September 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship – Spring Sunday
4.00pm Knox Film Group – “**Boy**”
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Catholic Women’s Movement – Retreat Day Saturday 8 September 2018.
“The Parallel Path” led by Joy Cowley at the McFaddens Centre, St Albans.
Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. Cost \$50. Inquiries to Helen
3822302 or Maree 3829539.

SPRING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th - To celebrate Spring it is intended to deliver small bunches of flowers to our Shut In and other Senior members after the Service. It would be great if you could bring Spring flowers to be distributed after the service – the flowers can be already bunched or will be bunched after the service. *Also needed will be people to deliver the flowers - this will be an opportunity to connect with other church people*

Kate Sheppard Memorial Trust Suffrage 125th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser – Wednesday 19th Sept. at Knox Church start 6.30pm (seated by 6.15pm). An evening of entertainment, mixing and mingling with refreshments. Tickets: KSMT Friends/Unwaged \$25, Waged \$45. Tickets from Eventbrite (visit goo.gl/ykQ9vC) or contact Judith Sutherland 021 031 3705.

ADVANCE NOTICE - A New Zealand Prayer Book: Past, Present and Future All welcome to this evening seminar. A Celebration of Geoffrey

Haworth's recently published history of *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. 7.00 pm to 9.15 pm, Wednesday 19th September, 2018 at St Barnabas' Church Hall, Fendalton Road, Christchurch. Gold coin donation. Organised by Theology House (enquiries, Claire Bonner, admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz)

This seminar features Geoffrey Haworth speaking about his book, *He Taonga Tongarewa: A highly-prized and precious gift: A history of a New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*. With responses from liturgical scholars in the Diocese of Christchurch, including Bosco Peters, Ken Booth, Brian Carrell.

Time and Space/s – The Knox Singers Chorus with Daniel Cooper Director. Arvo Part – *Salve Regina*, *Missa Brevis in D* – Benjamin Britten. Sunday 30th September at 7.30pm, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Programme entry \$20/\$25.



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Arvo Pärt *Salve Regina*
Benjamin Britten *Missa Brevis in D*

The Knox Singers Chorus
Daniel Cooper *Director*

Sunday 30th September 7:30pm, Knox Church 28 Bealey Avenue
Programme entry \$20/\$25
www.knoxchurch.co.nz

Acting Council Clerk – From 1 September for approximately 3 weeks Jean Brouwer will be acting Council Clerk. Jean's phone is 355 6534.

Pastoral Needs At present Matthew is on annual leave. He returns to work on Wednesday 5 September. For any pastoral needs before then please contact Janet Wilson (338 7203) until 31 August, or Jean Brouwer (335 6534) from 1-4 September.

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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