



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 2 December 2018



REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH

MAKING PEACE
A COMMUNION SERVICE FOR ADVENT 1

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: INFANT, CHILD, ADULT, MESSIAH;
JESUS, GROWN BEAUTIFULLY IN THE GRACE OF GOD;
JESUS, INTO WHOSE LIKENESS GOD IS CALLING US.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Stuttgart

Melody attrib. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)



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| 1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set all people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
grant us your true liberty. | 3. Born all people to deliver,
born a child, you came to reign!
Born to rule on earth for ever,
come, be known to us again. |
| 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all the earth impart;
dear desire of every nation,
enter every longing heart. | 4. By your own eternal Spirit
come to claim us as your own;
by your all-sufficient merit
let us share your cross and crown. |

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of Approach

Come, you long expected Jesus.
The world has been waiting.
Skipping, stumbling,
rising, falling,
hoping, despairing.

AMEN! COME LORD JESUS.

Come, you long expected Jesus.
We have been singing,
we have been crying.
We have been living,
we have been dying.

AMEN! COME LORD JESUS.

Come, you long expected Jesus.
Crises have stretched us.
Decisions have been demanded to be made.
Questions have searched our hearts.
Our faithfulness has been tested.

AMEN! COME LORD JESUS.

Come, you long expected Jesus,
for now we have a big long list
of the sins of our youth,
the many illustrations of how we have not yet
grown into the people you would have us be.
Already loved, already blessed, already called;
just not quite "there yet".

So, with your grace and power,
come among us!

AMEN! COME LORD JESUS.

In the silence, we consider the grief and pain of our world,
the wrong decisions,
the mean priorities,
the ignorant and intentional wrongs
through which we have hurt one another
and our world.

Remember, not, O Lord,
the sins of our youth.
Remember instead your compassion and love.

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. AMEN.

The Notices

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

The Advent Wreath of Peace:

The Candle of Forgiving and Forgetting

“Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; remember me according to your
love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.”
[Psalm 25:7]

. . . We light a candle, seeking peace for the world
through forgiving and forgetting the past.

(The candle is lit)

Make us people of Advent peace, O Christ.
AMEN! COME, LORD JESUS.



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.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 25: 1-10

In this is the Word of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Knox Singers: Lord, I trust thee
Georg Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)

Sermon: The mirror speaks, the psalmist sings

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

*To the minister's words "Remember not, O Lord, the sins of our youth", you are invited to respond "**RATHER, GROW US IN YOUR GRACE**".*

. . . **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 FOREVER,
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:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?

3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'?
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, sacred or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

John Bell (b. 1949)

We sit for

The Invitation

The Institution

The Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

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 . . .

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,
receive 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,
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Nun kommt der Heiden Heiland
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 2 December - 8 December 2018
 Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group- **see below**
 Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study (final meeting for the year)

Next Week: 9 December – 15th December 2018
 Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Christchurch Liedertafel presents “A Classic Christmas” – Sunday 2 December 2.15pm at St Andrew’s College Chapel, Normans Road. Programme entry \$15. Eftpos is available.

Ecumenical Carol Service – This Sunday 2 December 5pm at All Souls Merivale. All are welcome and you will be able to see this newly rebuilt church.

Knox Fireside Group

The final meeting of the Knox fireside group for this year will be held on Monday December 3 at 7 30pm in the Knox lounge. This will have a Christmas theme and you are asked to bring a small wrapped gift around \$5 - \$10 to swap. All welcome

Bright On Vibes Concert Fundraiser - On 8th December 2018, at 7pm start at St. Barnabas Church, Fendalton. All proceeds for City Harvest Food Rescue. The money we raise will go to their fuel costs to keep their two vans on the road. John Milligan will be speaking at the event to tell people more about what they do.

Please bring something to “feed” into the food donations pile at the concert! We will also have special guests, doing a few spots during the programme. Tickets are \$20 on the door. See you there!

Morning Tea in the Church December 9 - Instead of a church lunch it has been decided to have a ‘Fancy’ morning tea on Sunday December 9 . If you would be willing to bring a medium plate of fancy food would you contact Jennifer McKinnon 3380333 or Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz

Carols at Riccarton Bush, 6.30pm, Sunday 9 December 2018. Hosted by Riccarton-Spreydon Anglican Parish (St Martin’s and St James). Come and join us in singing Christmas Carols.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 16 December. Plans for strengthening the Knox Centre, together with estimated costs, will be presented to the congregation for approval.

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

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The 2018 Appeal puts the spotlight on our responsibilities to each other and the planet our home. In 2015, the United Nations agreed to a new agenda for sustainable development made up of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Goal 13 is a commitment to [take action](#) on climate change by strengthening local resilience and enabling communities to adapt to climate-related risks and natural disaster in all countries. Climate mitigation, adaption, reduction and disaster risk reduction strategies are part of this goal which includes a US\$100 billion global fund for developing countries needing assistance to meet the Paris Agreement as well as providing specialised support to small island and least developed states.

In October the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [reported](#) there is only 12 years to make the changes necessary to keep global temperature rise to 1.5°C and avoid catastrophic environmental breakdown. Urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts is very important for Tonga. Sea level rise averages 6 mm per year, above the global average. Rain is less frequent but much heavier and therefore more dangerous when it comes. Its 36 inhabited islands are more vulnerable to disaster: cyclone, drought, flooding and tsunamis.

Cyclone season runs from November 1 to April 30. Tropical cyclones [are](#) low pressure systems which form over warm waters with gale force winds. In severe cyclones winds exceed 64 knots or 118 kilometres per hour. Each year an average of four cyclones [occur](#) in the western Pacific and seven in the east.





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 1: 68-79
- Luke 3: 1-6

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