



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 23 December 2018



NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

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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.

Pre-service Music: O Holy Night
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Soprano: Elizabeth Christensen

The Welcome:

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

The Notices

The Advent Wreath of Peace:

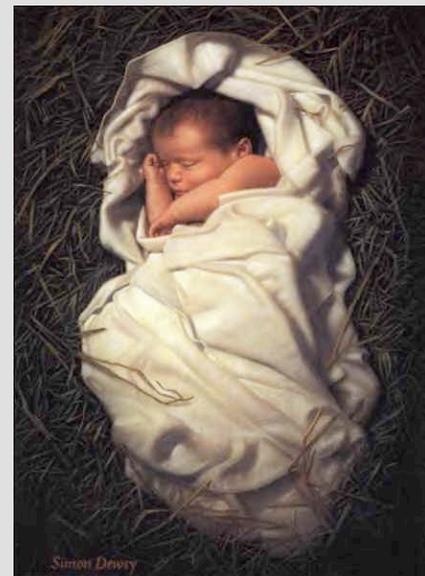
The Candle of making room

“She laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” [Luke 2: 7]

. . . We light a candle, seeking peace for the world through the making room for the other, the offering of shelter to the displaced, the welcoming of the vulnerable. Glory to God in heaven, and on earth, peace.

(The candle is lit)

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



Although Sunday School does not begin again until next year, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area.

The Opening Hymn:

Irby

H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)



Verse 1 is sung by a soloist.

Verse 2 is sung by choir only.

The congregation stands and starts singing at verse 3

1. *Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*
2. *He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*
3. **And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**
4. **Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

The Bidding Prayer

**... 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.**

First Lesson: Genesis 3: 3-15

Carol: For Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Bass: Graeme Downie

Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15-18

Carol: Magnificat in C
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Carol: The People That Walked in Darkness
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Bass: Matthew Harris

Carol: Unto Us is Born a Son
Piae Cantiones, 1582,
Arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Carol: Sans Day Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)



Hymn:
Silent Night

Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)



1. Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night:
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'
3. Silent night, holy night:
wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.

*Joseph Mohr (1792-1848),
tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) alt.*

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38

Carol: The Angel Gabriel
Basque Traditional Carol

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1: 18-23

Offertory Hymn:

The First Noel

English traditional melody



| Refrain

No - well, no - well, no - well, no -

well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*
2. They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell . . .
Organ solo verse
3. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood salvation bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell . . .

English traditional carol, arranged by David Willcocks

We remain standing for
The Dedication of the Offering

We make this offering in love, hope and praise.

**MAY GOD DIRECT ITS USE,
MOVE US TO LIVE LIVES OF SERVICE,
AND BLESS ALL PEOPLE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.
AMEN.**

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16

- Carol:**
1. "There were shepherds abiding in the field"
 2. "And lo, the angel came upon them"
 3. "And the angel said unto them"
 4. "And suddenly there was with the angel"
 5. "Glory to God"

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Soprano: Jeni McKinnon

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11

- Carol:** Nativity Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

- Carol:** Star Carol
John Rutter (b. 1945)



Hymn:

Adeste Fideles

John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord!

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him . . .
Christ the Lord!

2. God of God,
Light of light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him . . .
Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
'Glory to God,
glory in the highest':
O come, let us adore him . . .

John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude:

Hallelujah Chorus

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

CWS uses your gifts carefully. We have strong and direct relationships with local partner groups and confidence in their ability to improve the lives of people in their communities. We are proud of how much they have achieved with the gifts you have given to CWS over 70 years. The stories featured in this year's Christmas Appeal explore a small part of the work they do.

In the last year, we have sent funds to 28 partners and in response to 5 emergency situations in 20 countries. We received matching government funding for Ama Takiloa's response after Cyclone Gita devastated Tonga.

We are part of the [ACT Alliance](#) (Action by Churches Together), a coalition of 146 churches and faith-based organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance, advocacy and development in over 100 countries. We do not have offices or staff overseas. We work in partnership with skilled local groups who are the experts and the activists in their communities. They are building strong communities that stand up for themselves. Help is provided regardless of religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality and to the highest international codes and standards.

Examples from our partners' plans for 2018/9:

- In the Philippines, \$2,536 will buy approximately 6,000 new trees and root crops to improve food security and boost income for 200 households.
- In India, \$637 will enable EKTA to run a training programme for college students who want to monitor public facilities like bus stations as part of their Safe Madurai campaign.
- In Nicaragua, \$3,700 will pay for one community of farmers living on 1-2 hectares of land to access training and support from CEPAD staff, purchase 320 plants to start a community nursery and assist with 160 water dams or other rainwater harvesting system.
- In the West Bank of Palestine, \$17,490 will enable the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees to complete the purchase of a new machine to package the herbal teas Palestinians are growing in Aqaba village in Area C.

Christmas Services

Monday
24 December,
11:15pm

A Christmas Eve service of
Carols, Candlelight and
Communion

“There shall be endless peace”



Tuesday
25 December,
10:00am

A simple celebration for
Christmas Day

“The Prince of Peace”



Services over New Year

From 30 December through to 27 January, Knox and Durham Street Methodist hold combined morning services at Knox



Sunday 30 December
10:00am

Durham Street provides leadership

Sunday 6 January
10:00am

Communion service, with Durham
Street providing leadership

Sunday 13 January, 10:00am
Durham Street provides leadership

Sundays 20 & 27 January,
10:00am

Knox provides leadership.

Sunday 3 February, 10:00am
We return to our usual service schedule.



Knox – a place of peace

During our mission discernment process 2017 / 2018, it seemed to us that we were being called to become a place of people.

It seemed to us also that the word “peace” can mean many different things. In order to tighten up our understanding of what peace might mean for a Christian community, it was resolved that the Sunday services in February would explore the theme of peace.

So, during February of 2019, there will be four services and studies on peace (what it is, what it isn't, what it requires and means).

- Shalom (3 February)
- Conflict, War, Peace making (10 February)
- Spiritual practices for inner peace (17 February)
- What a community of peace needs to consider as its standard on the ground - what does it mean to be a people of peace (24 February) - final confirmation of the first project options and consideration of second-wave projects.

On 3 March 2019, at a special service, Knox will declare itself a place of peace, inhabited by a people of peace, for the purposes of peace.

By 5 May 2019, Knox will release news of two projects it will support during 2019 in the pursuit of peace.

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