



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 20 January 2019



IN THE HANDS OF GOD . . .

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, WHOSE HUMAN HANDS DID THE DEEDS OF GOD;

JESUS, TURNING DESOLATION INTO DELIGHT;

JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TO THE WONDER OF OUR WORLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Highwood

Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)



1. O God of every shining constellation
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky:
grant us your Spirit's true illumination
to read the secrets of your work on high.
2. You, God, have made the atom's hidden forces;
your laws its mighty energies fulfil:
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,
in all we use, to serve your holy will.
3. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue;
from flower to bird, from beast to humankind:
help us to trace, from birth to final issue,
the sure unfolding purpose of your mind.
4. You, God, have stamped your image on your creatures
and, though they mar that image, love them still:
lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features
we may discern the beauty of your will.
5. Great God of nature, shaping and renewing,
you made us more than nature's child to be;
you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing,
the road to life and immortality.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)

Prayer of Approach

By the hand of God,
atoms came into being,
wheels of splendour were hung in the sky.

By the hand of God,
there was energy,
and richness.

The world is a sign
of the goodness of God.

**GIVE US EYES TO SEE THIS,
AND LIPS WITH WHICH TO GIVE OUR PRAISE.**

By the hand of God
an ancient people
were saved from disgrace.
By the hand of God

they were led from brokenness to healing,
they were led from shame to dignity,
and from fearing to faith.

Compassion and caring
are signs of the goodness of God.

**GIVE US EYES TO SEE THIS,
AND LIPS WITH WHICH TO GIVE OUR PRAISE.**

By the hand of God
water turned to wine,
hospitality was increased,
the people were fed.
Celebration and generosity,
rejoicing and sharing
are signs of the goodness of God.

**GIVE US EYES TO SEE THIS,
AND LIPS WITH WHICH TO GIVE OUR PRAISE.**

We give thanks
that we were witnesses to the life of Jesus -
that we saw in him
such signs of the goodness of God.

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR HIM,
AND, IN HIS NAME,
WE OFFER OUR SILENT PRAISE.**

Silence

We have been witnesses to other things, O God:
witnesses to lives that are short and difficult,
witnesses to flames and twisted metal.

We have been witnesses to war and violence,
to deliberate and ignorant fault.

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:

O God, in whose hands we live,
at a wedding in Cana,
Jesus did his first sign,
and the disciples believed.

**GIVE US GRACE
TO SEE THE MANY SIGNS,
ALL AROUND US,
OF THE LOVE THAT IS OURS
IN JESUS.**

Make us joyful participants
in his gospel work,
that continues in our day.

**INDEED, THIS WE PRAY,
USING THE WORDS HE GAVE US:**

**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

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.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62: 1-5

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 2: 1-11

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

Hymn:
Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)

Sermon: Signs of what might be

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: Chorale
William Mathias (1934-1992)

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



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| 1. Jesus come, for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored. | 3. Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power
divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples –
come, our first and greatest Sign! |
| 2. Jesus come, transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your
servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done. | 4. Jesus, come, surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live! |

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnston

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Water is turned into wine,
DESOLATION INTO DELIGHT.

Into the keeping of the God who transforms
WE PLACE THIS OFFERING.

May the blessing of God
guide its use,

**THAT LOVE MAY BE SHOWN,
GRACE MAY BE GROWN,
AND PEACE MAY BE KNOWN,**

through Jesus Christ, God's sign,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose 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 bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Please join us for morning tea and coffee following the service

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NOTICES

This Week: 20th January – 26th January 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Next Week: 27th January – 3 February 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship

11.15am Book Group – *see below*

Can you help with Sunday School? The Knox Church Sunday School needs some more teachers. A commitment of no more than one Sunday per month and not during school holidays. Please contact Matthew in the first instance, who will introduce you to new PCANZ “Child Protection” policies, and connect you with Abby for further details: abbyandalan@xtra.co.nz 0210362122.

Book Group - will start again on Sunday 27th 11.15am in the committee room. The book is **The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend** by Katarina Bivald.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As intimated in the Mission Discernment document circulated with the Knox Life in early December last year, a congregational meeting will be held following the morning service on **Sunday 3 February 2019**. At the meeting, the congregation will be asked to adopt the mission plan in the document. Hard copies of the mission document are available on the table in the new foyer. Alternatively, an electronic version can be viewed or downloaded from the news page of the Knox website:

http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/201811300000_Mission%20Plan%201.pdf

The mission plan will give shape to much of our mission over the next five years, so it is important that the document is well understood by the whole community.

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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Peace

**a plan arising for 2019 - 2025
from a mission discernment process**

Near the end of a sustained mission discernment process, we discovered that our major mission concerns could easily be brought under the umbrella of the theme of “peace. We have chosen “peace” as the theme under which we will re-frame our current work and form our emerging mission work. To explore what we mean by peace, and to help us choose our first peace projects, we will follow this schedule:

During February of 2019,

there will be four services and several studies on peace (what it is, what it isn't, what it requires and means).

- Shalom (3 February)
- War - and its absence (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 (press releases and signage).

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



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Luke 4: 14-21

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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