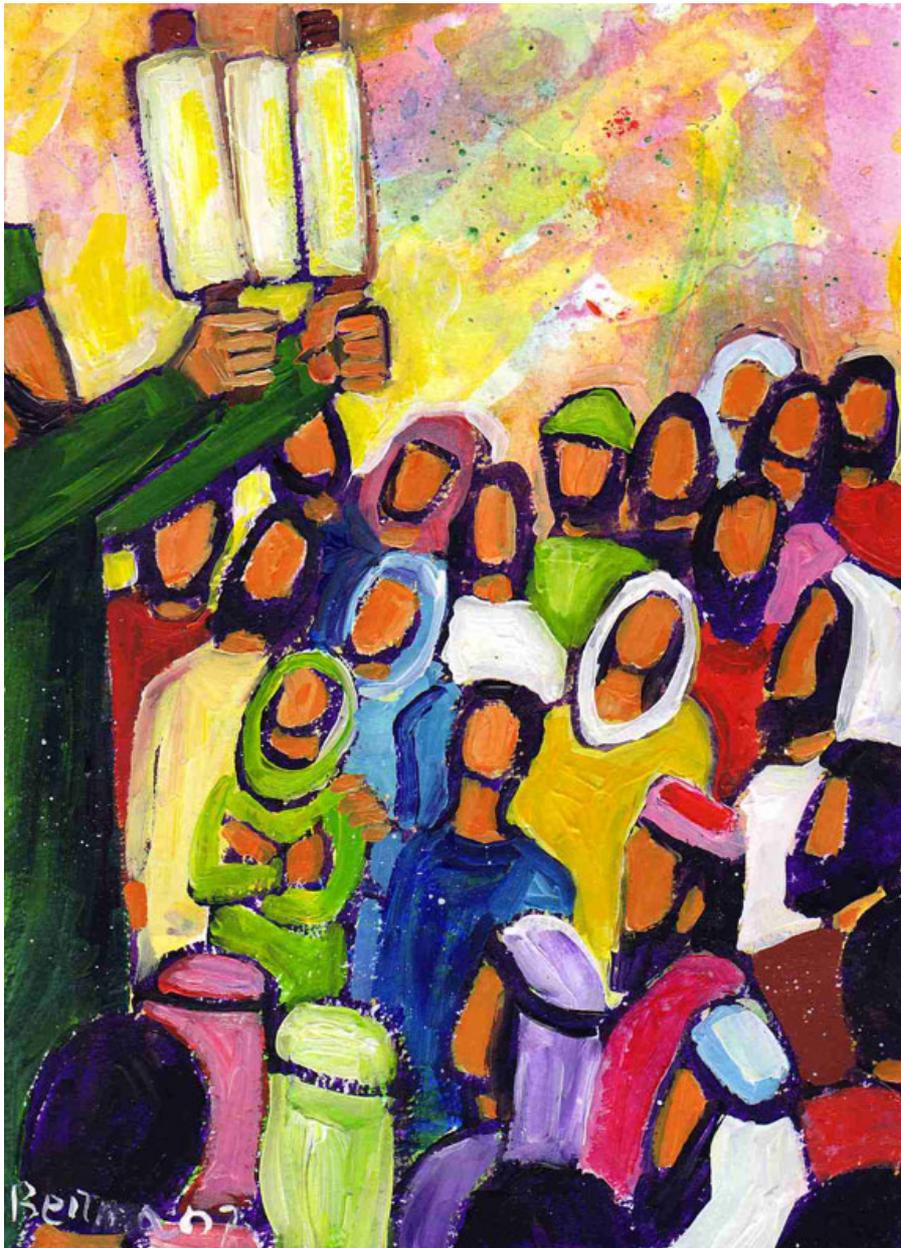




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 27 January 2019



GATHERED INTO THE HOLY DAY

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, GATHERING AROUND HIMSELF A PEOPLE OF HOPE;
JESUS, SETTING US FREE TO LIVE WITH GRACE AND GOODNESS;
JESUS, CALLING US TO WORSHIP GOD, HERE AND NOW.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Old 100th

Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551



1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice:
delight in God whose praise you tell;
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2. Know that there is one God, indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls;
extol and bless our God always,
as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good;
whose mercy is for ever sure;
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe (d.1594) alt.

Prayer of Approach

Through the sacred gates come the people:
the joyful, the sad,

THE SLAVES, THE FREE,

the poor, the rich,

THE TIMID, THE VISIONARY,

the quiet, the ebullient,

THE STRONG, THE WEAK,

the lost, the found,

THE FORGETFUL, THE MINDFUL.

They come to hear a Word of Life.

THEY COME TO BE NOURISHED BY WHAT IS GOOD.

They come to rejoice in who they are:

PEOPLE MADE AND LOVED BY GOD.

In the gathering,

in the listening,

in the speaking

and in the silence,

MAY ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

FIND HOPE AND JOY.

May we offer worship that is sincere,

AND PRAISE THAT IS TRUE.

May we know, by the time of the great "Amen",

that we have been addressed by wisdom,

defended by grace,

AND GIFTED WITH PEACE.

Silence

God of forgiveness,
sometimes we gather;
SOMETIMES WE STAY AWAY.

Sometimes we listen;
SOMETIMES WE REFUSE TO HEAR.

Sometimes we cry;
SOMETIMES WE ARE PROUD IN OUR UNFEELING.

Sometimes we will share what we have;
SOMETIMES WE WON'T.

Sometimes we pass on our joy;
SOMETIMES WE DON'T.

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:

God by whose Word the world was made,
from early days
your people have gathered
to listen for your voice.

**MAY WE,
WHO HAVE GATHERED IN THE HERE AND NOW,
DISCERN YOUR SPEAKING,
FIND OUR HEARTS STRENGTHENED,
AND COMMUNICATE YOUR HEALING JOY
TO THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he taught 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: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 14-21

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

Hymn:

Liebster Jesu Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Sermon:

And today?

*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:

Intermezzo
Christopher Morris (1922-2014)

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic melody



1. This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is round me, God's host defends me, saving from ill. Angels of heaven, drive from me always all that would harm me, stand by me still.
4. Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, king of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing threeness of persons, oneness of Godhead, trinity blest.

James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

This is God's holy day;

**WE WILL REJOICE
AND BE GLAD IN IT.**

This is God's holy day;
WE WILL OFFER MONEY AND FOOD.

This is God's holy day;
**WE WILL SHARE WITH OTHERS
THE GOODNESS THAT IS OURS IN CHRIST.**

This is God's holy day;
**MAY THIS OFFERING *FIND BLESSING,*
GIVE BLESSING,
AND *BE A BLESSING.***

We pray this in Jesus' name,
AND THE PEOPLE SAY "AMEN, AMEN"

Notices

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion
shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Finale alla Fuga
Frederick William Holloway (1873-1954)

Tea and coffee are served after the service

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NOTICES

This Week: 27th January – 2 February 2019
Sunday 10.00am Morning worship
11.15am Book Group – *see below*

Next Week: 3 February – 9 February 2019
Sunday 10.00am Morning worship

Book Group – Today, Sunday 27th January, 11.15am in the committee room. The book is **The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend** by Katarina Bivald.

Morning Tea in the Church Sunday 10th February - to celebrate the recommencement of Morning Tea in the church for 2019 we will be having a 'Fancy' morning tea. If you would be willing to bring a medium plate of fancy food would you contact Jennifer McKinnon, Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or 3380333

ExtravORGANza – Inaugural Organ Concert on the new Rodgers 351 Infinity Organ by Martin Setchell. Sunday 10th February at 2pm. All Souls Anglican Church, Merivale. Tickets \$10.

Morning Tea Roster - We are looking for additional people for our Morning Tea Roster. If you are able to assist, would you please contact either Jennifer McKinnon Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or Janet Wilson jmwil507@gmail.com

Door Duty Roster - Due to retirements etc, we are looking for additional people to assist on our door duty teams. If you are willing to be part of the door duty roster would you contact either Janet Wilson jmwil507@gmail.com or Jennifer McKinnon Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz please.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study - begins for 2019 at 10:00am on Wednesday 13 February. (Wednesday 6th, Waitangi Day, is a public holiday.)

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.

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.

'It's Hot! Welcome to the Anthropocene'. Friday March 8th at St Ninian's, Riccarton, 5 Puriri St. 7-9.30pm. The Rev Dr Clive Pearson will present two lectures exploring the age of humans, ie the anthropocene – an age which signifies the extent to which the human species has affected the planetary Earth systems. First session 7-8pm then half hour break for questions and break. Second session, 'Believing the Anthropocene, 8.30-9.20pm. All Welcome. Further information available from smith.yvonne21@gmail.com

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

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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:

- Genesis 1:26 - 2:3
- Colossians 1: 15-20

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