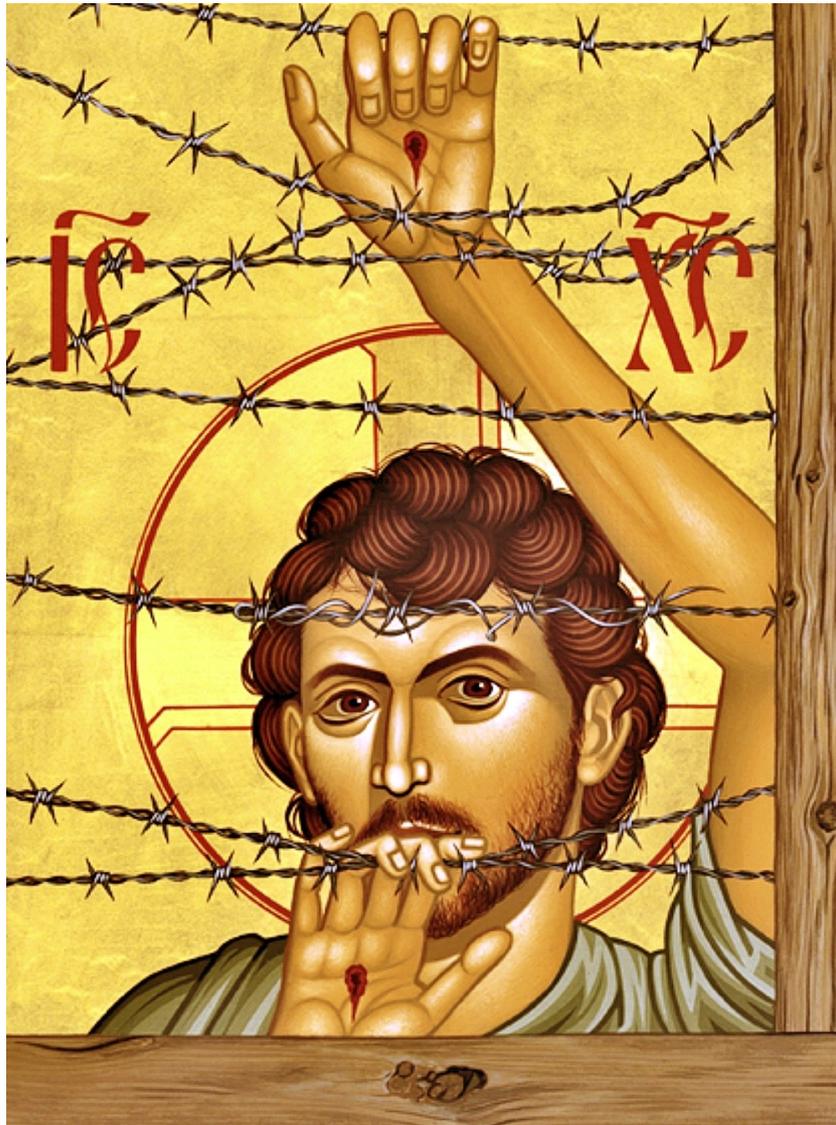




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 10 February 2019



MAKING PEACE AMID THE VIOLENCE

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, CALLING THE PEACE MAKERS “CHILDREN OF GOD”;
JESUS, MAKING PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS;
JESUS, CALLING US OUT OF THE CHAOS, INTO GOD’S SHALOM.**

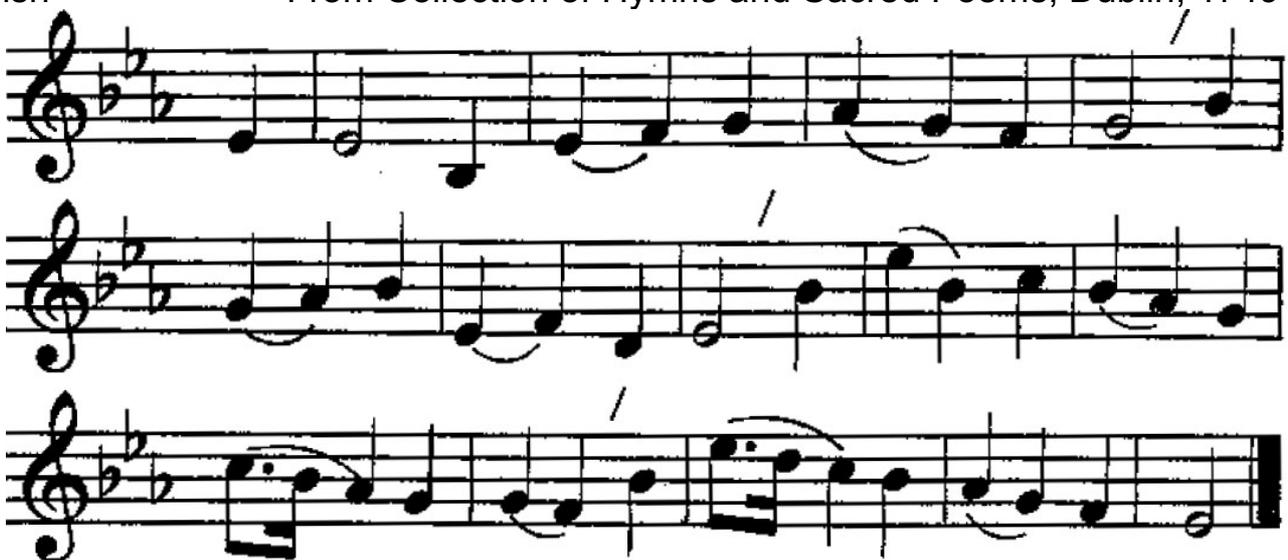
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Irish

From Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749



1. "Your kingdom come!" - on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad, -
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Prayer of Approach

The vision is of the promised day.
It is of knowledge and peace
walking hand in hand.
It is a vision of completion,
perfection,
GOD'S SHALOM.

God calls to us from that day.
We are dared to hope,
to believe,
to live a spirited life.
We are called into an exodus
INTO GOD'S SHALOM.

We are challenged by God
to be makers of peace,
to live towards the perfect day.
We are asked by God
to become children of God,
A PEOPLE OF GOD'S SHALOM.

Lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear.
And people of hope astonish us by saying
"THE PROMISED DAY IS NEAR".

It doesn't seem near.
With all honesty we confess
that it seems very far away.
**THERE IS VIOLENCE,
THERE IS WAR.**

There is pushing
and the giving of black eyes.
**THERE IS FEAR
AND THERE IS HURTING.**

Cain kills his brother, Abel,
**BLOOD CRYING FROM THE GROUND
AND FROM THE CROSS.**

Peace-makers may be blessed,
THEY MAY BE CALLED "CHILDREN OF GOD";
they may be critical to the birth of the new creation,
BUT ONE OF THEM IS CRUCIFIED.

There is a long way to go.
THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO.

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 of the peace makers;
in Jesus, you not only called us to make peace,
you showed us the cost of making peace.

Enable us,
as we engage with the violence of the world,
**TO BE AS JESUS WAS,
TO DO AS JESUS DID,
TO RISE AS JESUS ROSE,
TRIUMPHANT OVER THE HORROR.**

Blessed are the peace makers:
**THEY SHALL BE CALLED
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.**

We offer our prayers
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: Colossians 1: 15-20

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

Anthem: Splendour of Creation
Lucien Diess (1921-2007)
Francine Bills

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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

Hymn:

Concord

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



1. Let there be light,
Let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather,
Let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,
Open our minds to ponder,
Open the door to concord
Opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword,
Perish the angry judgment,
Perish the bombs and hunger,
Perish the fight for gain.

4. Hallow our love,
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom,
Hallowed be your name.
5. Let there be light,
Open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror,
Hallow the world God made.

Frances Wheeler Davis (b.1936)

Sermon:

Not very good at all

*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.*



Hymn:

Londonderry Air

Irish traditional melody



1. Fold to your heart your sister and your brother:
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
the holier worship, which he deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.
2. Follow with reverent steps the great example
of him whose holy work was doing good:
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We give thanks that Jesus had integrity and courage.

WE GIVE THANKS THAT HE STOOD FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT.

We give thanks that he defended the vulnerable

AND UN-SEATED THE MIGHTY.

We give thanks that he stood with the meek

AND GAVE THEM THE EARTH.

Offering not just money and food,
but also our fledgling capacity for bravery and goodness,

WE ASK GOD'S BLESSING,

through Jesus, the peace maker,

AMEN.

Notices



Hymn:

Woodlands

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of the word;
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Tea and coffee are served following the service

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NOTICES

This Week: 10 February – 16 February 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship

Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study

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Acting Council Clerk - from 14 February Jean Brouwer will be acting as Church Council Clerk. Jean's phone No. is 355 6534.

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.

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.

Saturday 24 February Outing to Turanga Library 60 Cathedral Square led by Trudy Heney who works at the library This is an opportunity to have a close look at the new Library. Please meet on the ground floor at 2 pm . There is parking opposite the library and some around the corner. All are welcome.

Knox Life The new issue of Knox Life will be published in March. We would love to receive your contributions for it. Please email any items to the Knox office before the end of February.

Sunday 10 February 5pm: Film Group in the lounge. "The Bookshop" which is about a young woman who opens a book shop in a small town. Here is the link to the trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9CT-dLPTkY>

Food bank Collection Good tea towels, towels and face cloths are especially welcome, also cleaning products.

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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