



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 17 February 2019

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*St John resting on the bosom of Christ, early 14<sup>th</sup> Century,  
Master Heinrich of Constance, Mayer Van den Bergh Museum, Antwerp*

**PEACE SUCH AS  
THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE**

## 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, WHO SOMETIMES WITHDREW FROM HIS BUSY LIFE;**

**JESUS, WHO TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY;**

**JESUS, GIVING PEACE SUCH AS THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Quam Dilecta

Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)



1. We love the place, O God,  
wherein thine honour dwells;  
the joy of thine abode  
all earthly joy excels.

2. It is the house of prayer,  
wherein thy servants meet;  
and thou, O Lord, art there,  
thy chosen flock to greet.

3. We love the word of life,  
the word that tells of peace,  
of comfort in the strife,  
and joys that never cease.

4. We love to sing below  
for mercies freely given;  
but O we long to know  
the triumph song of heaven!

5. Lord Jesus, give us grace,  
on earth to love thee more,  
in heaven to see thy face,  
and with thy saints adore.

*William Bullock (1798-1874)  
and Henry Williams Barker (1821-1877)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

They loved their place of prayer, O God:  
high on a hill in Jerusalem,  
sacred space in a busy city.  
**WE TOO LOVE OUR PLACE OF PEACE.**

They set within it  
their hopes and their prayers,  
their faith and their worship.  
Deep spoke to deep  
and some of them found stillness.  
**WE TOO COME WITH OUR LONGING AND PRAYERS.**

Outside their sacred place  
came a man of wisdom and wonder.  
He said "tear it down,  
and I will raise it up in three days".  
They didn't understand;  
**NOR FULLY DO WE.**

Now, O God, the temple is gone,  
but Christ is here.  
Still teaching us how pray,  
still bringing calm to the storm,  
**HE HAS BECOME OUR PEACE.**

We love the place, O God,  
wherein thine honour dwells,  
but it does not love us.  
**WE ARE LOVED BY CHRIST.**

Therefore, in the quiet of this place,  
**WE SEEK THE COMPANY OF CHRIST.**

*Silence*

Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves  
and your billows  
have gone over me.

For within the white noise of the world,  
**THE PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS.**

Within the rushing and running,  
**THE PEOPLE ARE SPINNING.**

Within the pop psychology,  
**THE PEOPLE ARE THIRSTING.**

We have built a troubled world.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
**WHEN SHALL I COME  
AND BEHOLD THE FACE OF GOD?**

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, for whom we thirst,  
drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
**AND LET OUR ORDERED LIVES CONFESS  
THE BEAUTY OF YOUR PEACE.**

We pray this as Jesus taught us to pray,  
saying:

**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**

#### **Young People's Blessing:**

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.  
**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;  
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.  
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.  
AMEN.**

*Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.*

#### **The First Lesson:**

Psalm 42

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

#### **Knox Singers:**

God that madest earth and heaven  
Trad. Welsh, arr. David Thorne (b. 1950)

#### **The Gospel Lesson:**

Romans 8: 18-28

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

**Hymn:**  
Finlandia

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)



1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, eternal friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: for God will undertake  
to guide in future days as in the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here  
when we shall be with God whom we adore,  
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,  
sorrow replaced with joy for evermore.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Katharina von Schlegel (1697 - after 1768)*

*trans: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.*

**Sermon:** Rev. Len Pierce

**Hymn:**  
Repton

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Dear God, embracing humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of your word,  
let us, like them, by spirit stirred,  
rise up and followers be.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above!  
There Jesus met you prayerfully:  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
4. Drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and  
stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of your peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
your coolness and your balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Liz Baxendine*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

In bringing this offering,  
we keep in mind and heart those who are in need.

**MAY GOD DIRECT,  
TO THEIR BENEFIT,  
THE USE OF WHAT WE OFFER,**

through Jesus Christ,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me,  
my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

2. O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
Lord, speak to reassure me,  
to chasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.

4. Lord, let me see your footmarks  
and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly  
and in your strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)*



## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Praeludium in F Major  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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## **Notice of Lenten Spiritual Growth Programme**

**Len Pierce**

The season of Lent begins on 6<sup>th</sup> March, Ash Wednesday.

The meaning of Lent has been lost in trivial, almost comic ideas of “giving up chocolate and any other thing that is pleasurable. I would like to invite any who are seeking a deeper relationship with God to join me on four Sunday evenings in March for a free ranging exploration of ways to rediscover the real purpose of Lent: to break into our lives of routine and dull repetition, to rediscover the life, energy and freedom God’s grace means for all.

The dates are as follows:

10<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> March, **7pm - 9pm (note later time)**

24<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

31<sup>st</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

Some of the topics we will open are: Prayer (who still does it, and what is it anyway? Meditation (is it Christian or Easter?) New enquiry into the effectiveness of prayer in healing. New science of the mind that suggests that prayer is a basic human instinct. Why fast? What benefit? What is spiritual growth? Aids like journaling, spiritual friendship. Praying for peace - does it do any good?

If you are coming, we would like you to commit to the four sessions. We understand circumstances can prevent this - come when you can. Please ring the Church Office to let us know - 379 2456.



## NOTICES

### **This Week: 17 February – 23 February 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	11.15am	Book Group "Caleb's Crossing" Geraldine Brooks
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 24 February – 2 March 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Acting Council Clerk** - From 14 February Jean Brouwer will be acting as Church Council Clerk for about 10 days. Jean's phone No. is 355 6534.

**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.

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

**Flowers on Sundays** - For several years some Knox members have quietly provided a flower arrangement to brighten a Sunday service at Knox, in a private commemoration of a personally significant date. This is a lovely tradition which we would like to encourage other Knox members to consider adopting. For the next few weeks a calendar will be in the new foyer each Sunday. If you would like to make a gift of flowers on a particular Sunday during the year please put your name on that date - or you may prefer to email/phone the Knox office to reserve the date you wish to commemorate. A reminder will come from the office as your particular date draws near. Please contact the office if you would like the Order of Service to note that the flowers are in memory of a particular person or event - this is entirely your choice and anonymity is fine. Knox has an assortment of vases in which you may place your gift of flowers

and bringing a bunch or bouquet on Sunday morning before 9.30 am is fine, too. Contact Janet Wilson (338 7203). or Liz Baxendine (355 5137).

**BUS TRIP TO RANGIORA ON SATURDAY 9 MARCH** We're planning to go to Rangiora for coffee or lunch on Saturday 9 March and invite you to join us. As we're taking the regular Blue Line bus which passes right by Knox (- a small gesture towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions) - you can gather at Knox or catch the bus elsewhere along its route. We aim to be at the bus stop opposite Knox in Victoria Street by 10.25am at the latest, in order to board the bus which leaves the Central Bus Exchange at 10.22 and should come along Victoria Street about 10.30. If you miss that service - or we overflow the bus - the next bus for Rangiora will pass by at 11am. The trip takes an hour. Gold card holders travel free. Metro card fare is \$3.85 and cash fare is \$5.50. Those fares include a free transfer within 2 hours so the return trip could be free if you wish. Buses return from Rangiora at 20 to and 10 past each hour during the afternoon. See [metroinfo.co.nz](http://metroinfo.co.nz) for further information or pick up a timetable from the table in the new foyer. Janneke and Lacey can also answer any queries.

**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](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**

### **Peace theme review and first choices**

During February, in keeping with our recently adopted mission plan, we have been exploring the theme of peace. At 11:30am on Sunday 3 March, we will gather around the children's area (where we met for our discernment sessions) to review the February peace themes and to take a fresh look (in light of those themes) at the peace projects we identified as options for first adoption. This session is a thought-starter, so should close by 12:20pm.

We need to pick two projects in time to announce and launch them by the first Sunday in May.



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Deuteronomy 34: 1-8
- Romans 12: 9-21

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