



KNOX CHURCH

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PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

A COMMUNION SERVICE
AND A DEDICATION OF KNOX
AS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY OF PEACE

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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.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

This is a communion service. On the understanding that God desires to nurture people at every stage of their journey, the table at Knox is an open one.

Members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

JESUS, CALLING PEOPLE TOGETHER;

JESUS, MAKING FRIENDS OF STRANGERS;

JESUS, BREAKING BREAD FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)





1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.
3. Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Prayer of Approach

Called to meet Christ,
we gather as a community.
Who is this odd One
who dares to claim he makes humanity one?
WE STAND, ADDRESSED BY CHRIST.

Called to be part of something
bigger than the wee fragments
of our separate lives,
WE LOOK FOR THE FOOT PRINTS OF JESUS.

Called to pray for peace in the world,
dared to give ourselves to prayer and action,
**WE BREAK THE BREAD
AND LIFT THE CUP.**

Here we shall meet the Prince of Peace
AND WE SHALL BE FILLED.

Silence

We confess before God
that often we do not pray for peace.
Often we divide and despise.
Often we hate and demean.
Often we use the other person
as fodder for our appetite.
We are sorry, and 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.
AMEN.

The Notices

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.

Bible Lesson: Psalm 122

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

Knox Singers: Song of Joy
Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)

Sermon: For the other

*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.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Peace for Jerusalem",
you are invited to respond "**PRAYERS FOR THE OTHER**".

. . . **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.**

Litany of Commitment to Peace

For God's shalom,
harmony, wholeness,
completion and fulfilment,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

For the hard work
of wresting peace from chaos,
of standing before the violence,
for being makers of peace in times of trouble,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

For seeking the rested spirit,
the good conscience,
the waters through which we never again will thirst,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

For peace with who we are,
peace with who we are not,
peace with our loss
and peace with our hope,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

Giving ourselves to praying for the other,
living for the other,
working for the sake of the other,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

Declaring this house
to be a house of peace,
declaring ourselves to be a people of peace,
dedicating our next few years to peace,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

We make this commitment
in the name of the Prince of Peace,
AMEN.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this money to offer,
which we have earned
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
 It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
 THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



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| <p>1. Put peace into each other's hands
 and like a treasure hold it;
 protect it like a candle flame,
 with tenderness enfold it.</p> | <p>3. Put peace into each other's hands
 like bread we break for sharing;
 look people warmly in the eye:
 our life is meant for caring.</p> |
| <p>2. Put peace into each other's hands
 with loving expectation;
 be gentle in your words and ways,
 in touch with God's creation.</p> | <p>4. As at communion, shape your hands,
 into a waiting cradle;
 the gift of Christ receive, revere,
 united round the table.</p> |
| <p>5. Put peace into each other's hands
 he is love's deepest measure;
 in love make peace, give peace a chance
 and share it like a treasure.</p> | |

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,

GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread from the loaf, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.*

*If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks and praise that while we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD

LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;

WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP

BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;

WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,

THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Passacaglia
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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 **today**, 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.

Notice of Lenten Spiritual Growth Programme

Len Pierce

The season of Lent begins on 6th 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:

10th March, 5pm - 7pm

17th March, **7pm - 9pm (note later time)**

24th March, 5pm - 7pm

31st 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:	3 March – 9 March 2019
Sunday	10.00am Morning worship
Wednesday	10.00 am Bible Study
Saturday	10.15 am Bus Trip to Rangiora – see below

Next Week:	10 March– 16 March 2019
Sunday	10.00am Morning worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

APW MORNING TEA – 13th March 9.45 am, Oderings ‘Secret Garden’, 93 Stourbridge Street, Spreydon.

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 am 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 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



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Romans 10: 8b-13
- Luke 4: 1-13

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