



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 17 March 2019



AFTER THE SHOOTING

On Friday 15 March 2019, Christchurch became the home to Aotearoa New Zealand's largest ever mass murder and first ever declared "terrorist attack". Shootings occurred at two mosques: one 2.3 kilometres west of Knox, and another 4.3 kilometres east. At the time of the printing of this replacement order of service, 49 Christchurch people were recorded as having been killed. 20 more are recorded as being critically ill in our public hospital.

We break our regular service schedule to attend to this.

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 ALL PEOPLE INTO ONE;

JESUS, WHOSE NEW COMMANDMENT WAS LOVE;

JESUS, IN WHOSE GRACE WE PRAY THAT HEALING WILL COME.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)





1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

A light shines in the darkness;
darkness does not overcome it.
The universe is created in love.

God is love, so love for ever
O'ER THE UNIVERSE MUST REIGN.

Jesus appears among the people;
“love one another” he says.
He loves them to the end.

God is love, so love for ever
O’ER THE UNIVERSE MUST REIGN.

A cross is erected on a hill -
violence for all the people to see.
“Forgive them” he says.

God is love, so love for ever
O’ER THE UNIVERSE MUST REIGN.

A gunman breaks into a house of prayer.
Crying, blood and death.

God is love, so love for ever
O’ER THE UNIVERSE MUST REIGN.

For our neighbours,
for our city,
for our world 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:

God,
whose love for all humanity
is unwavering and strong,
**INSPIRE US BY YOUR SON
AND FILL US WITH YOUR SPIRIT,
THAT WE MAY LOVE ANOTHER,
BECOMING PART
OF YOUR HEALING OF THE WORLD.**

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: Isaiah 53: 1-6

The Second Lesson: 1 John 4: 7-12

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

The Knox Singers: Grant us thy peace
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Reflection: What then?

*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

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

A small offering is made
WITHIN A GREAT NEED.

A fragile commitment is made
TO A MASSIVE CAUSE.

A tender shoot is growing;
MAY GOD FIND IT BEAUTIFUL.

We offer what we have and who we are
**FOR THE COMPASSION AND GLORY OF GOD.
AMEN.**

Notices

Candles and Post-it notes

Background Music: In a landscape
John Cage (1912-1992)

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 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,
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD.

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

Hymn:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

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.
4. 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.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Piano Concerto No 2 Op. 102, II. Andante
Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
Soloist: Professor Mark Menzies
Accompanist: Daniel Cooper

Today you are asked not to applaud at the conclusion of the postlude

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

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Dear all,

We are deeply shocked and saddened by the events in Christchurch which took place yesterday. Many of the people on this email list will have been personally impacted by these terror attacks. We send our deepest condolences to those who have been impacted by these events.

We invite you to join us at the Peace Bell in the botanic gardens Sunday 17 March at 2pm for a time of prayer for healing for the city and in support of the Muslim community. Please come along and invite others to show solidarity to those affected and to show the world that we are a loving a peaceful community accepting of all religions and beliefs and the events which occurred yesterday do not represent us in any way.

Canterbury Interfaith Society

Friday, 15 March 2019

**From the Christchurch Inner-City Christian Ministers' Association.
To the Muslim Community of Christchurch.**

In the face of today's horrific shooting, the combined inner-city Christian ministers and their congregations wish to extend our love to the wider Muslim Community of Christchurch and assure them of our friendship and support at this time of great loss. Be assured of our continuing prayers as our joint city community and people struggle to understand what has happened in the wake of this unconscionable act. As members of two faith traditions, born out of a shared Abrahamic inheritance, we stand in solidarity with you. Looking, and crying, to God, the source of all.

Peace be with you, The Inner-City Churches of Christchurch

On behalf of the wider association,

Oxford Terrace Baptist Church - The Rev'd Chris Chamberlain

Holy Trinity, Avonside - The Rev'd Jill Keir

St Michael & All Angels - The Rev'd Christopher Orczy

Knox Church - The Rev Dr Matthew Jack

St Mary the Virgin, Addington St Luke's in the City - The Ven Helen Roud

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral - The Rev'd Fr Christopher Friel

Durham Street Methodist Church - The Rev'd Philomeno Kinera - the Rev'd Darryn Hickling

The Salvation Army, Christchurch - Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Daly

Kings Church - The Rev'd Ken Shelley

The Christ Church Transitional Cathedral - The Very Rev'd Lawrence

Kimberley, Rev'd Ben Randall, Ven Nicky Lee, Rev'd Alastair Buick, Ven Lynnette Lightfoot

Dear Maysoon

On behalf of the members of Knox Church, Bealey Avenue, I wish to express our total shock and horror following the devastating terrorist attacks in Christchurch today. To attack and kill innocent people as they peacefully follow the practice of their faith is utterly abhorrent.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all members of your mosques and faith communities.

Janet Wilson

Knox Church Council Clerk



NOTICES

This Week: 17 March – 23 March 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	5.00 pm	Film Group - The Crucible – see below
	7.00 pm	Lenten Study
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 24 March – 30 March 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	5.00 pm	Lenten Study
Monday	7.30 pm	Fireside Group in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday 24 March, immediately after the morning service, a congregational meeting will be held to ask for approval of the Knox Centre Strengthening Project.

Film Group – The Crucible, about the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts 1660's. Very relevant in the current era of conspiracy, hysteria and fake news.

Knox Fireside Group - Will meet on Monday March 25 at 7 30pm In the Knox Lounge. Marjorie Columbus will be the speaker Topic "Antarctica". All welcome.

Sunday lunch starting up again! – Join a group of Knox people for a casual lunch at the Secret Garden café on 17th March. Meet at around 12 pm at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre café, next to the Z petrol station in Stourbridge St, just off Barrington St. There is nice cabinet food on offer or you can choose from the menu. Interested? Then please add your name to the list, placed at the entrance of the church or email jannekenyuysink@gmail.com. Names required by Monday 11th of March.

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).

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

Lenten Spiritual Growth Programme

Len Pierce

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 remaining dates are as follows:

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?



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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