



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 7 April 2019

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## **WILDERNESS STORIES** **LENT 5 - BEYOND THE WILDERNESS** **A COMMUNION SERVICE**

## 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, WITH WHOM WE JOURNEY IN FAITH;  
JESUS, TEACHING US TO PRAY FOR DAILY BREAD;  
JESUS, CALLING US TO THE TABLE, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.**

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. God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

*Joy Dine (1937 – 2001)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

"Come and follow me" he said.  
Come, meet the people I will give you;  
see the wonders I will do;  
**BECOME A PEOPLE OF THE JOURNEY.**

It was not the first time,  
you, O God, had called.  
Hearing the cries of your people in Egypt,  
you called them into an Exodus.  
You led the forth  
**WITH A MIGHTY HAND  
AND AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM.**

In love you led them through wilderness,  
feeding them with daily bread  
and hope in the heart.  
**YOU SUSTAINED THEM ON THEIR WAY.**

You promised stars in the sky.  
You promised milk and honey.  
You promised a home,  
**AND YOU WERE FAITHFUL.**

Arriving in their new place,  
they were called to remember the beginning,  
to acknowledge the distance by which they wandered.  
They were called to break bread  
**AND TO GIVE THANKS.**

We too, O God,  
would remember your presence with us  
from the beginning.  
**WE TOO WOULD GIVE THANKS  
FOR DAILY BREAD.**

We too would acknowledge our sin.  
**WE TOO WOULD RECEIVE THIS DAY  
AS A GIFT OF EMBRACE AND RECONCILIATION.**

So 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.**  
**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.*

**The Scripture Lesson:** Joshua 5: 9-12

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

**Knox Singers:** Mother Teresa's Prayer  
Norman Warren (b. 1934)

**Sermon:** Arriving at a day of reflection

*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, "Jesus, whose Easter we await",  
you are invited to respond, "**BE GOD'S LIGHT ON OUR HORIZON**".*

. . . 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 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:**

Dominus Regit Me

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,  
whose goodness fails me never,  
whose hand all things I need bestows  
and watches me forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my loving Shepherd leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food from heaven feeds me.
3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,  
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,  
and on your shoulder gently laid,  
then home rejoicing brought me.
4. I do not fear death's shadowed vale  
when you are here beside me;  
your rod and staff and strength prevail  
to comfort and to guide me.
5. You spread a table in my sight,  
your gifts of grace bestowing;  
and from your chalice I delight  
to taste your mercy flowing.
6. And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
based on Psalm 23*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, and 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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

*Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams*

## Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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For a schedule of the remaining Lenten services and details of Easter Day,  
please see page 15 of last week's order of service - on our website:  
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## NOTICES

**This Week: 7 April – 13 April 2019**

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 14 April – 20 April 2019**

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship  
4.00 pm Knox Film Group - **see below**  
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **See below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Knox Film Group** – Meeting at 4pm in the Lounge.

**Fireside Meeting** - The next Fireside meeting will be on Monday 15 April at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker will be Ruth Perkins who will speak about her recent trip to the Chatham Islands. All welcome

**Christchurch Liedertafel presents** – Musica Dramatica. Sunday 28 April, 2.15pm at St Andrew's College Chapel, Normans Road. Programme entry \$20. Eftpos is available.

**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**

**EASTER DAY BREAKFAST 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2019**

*As we have done in other years we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on Easter day April 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Breakfast will be served from 8.30 – 9am in the Knox Lounge.*

*Breakfast – Fruit and Cereal: Scrambled Eggs and Bacon: Toast and*

*Spreads: Tea or Coffee.*

*Cost \$5 per person, \$10 per family.*

*Durham Street and St Luke's have been invited to join us.*

*There are clip boards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering, but there will be food*

*for extras*

# Sing for the World

**John Bell**



Knox Church Centre, Bealey Ave, Christchurch

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019, 7-9pm

Bring your voice, your heart and your desire to sing songs for the world, led by John Bell

## **Koha**

JOHN BELL is a Resource Worker with the Iona Community, Scotland. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. John is based in Glasgow and works with his colleagues in the areas of music, worship and spirituality.

The Iona Community is a dispersed ecumenical Christian community of women and men around the world who seek to live out the Gospel in a way that is radical, inclusive and relevant to life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The hospitality and educative work at the Abbey, Isle of Iona, Scotland, runs under their auspices.



### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19: 28-40

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