

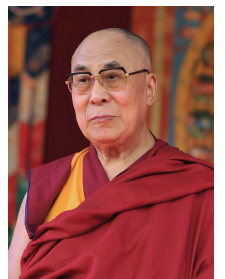


# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 28 April 2019

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# AUTHORITY

**Peter said  
“We must obey God, rather than any human authority”**

*Acts 5: 29*

## 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, OF WHOM THEY SAID “WHO IS HE WHO SPEAKS LIKE THIS?”**

**JESUS, OVER WHOSE AUTHORITY THEY STUMBLER;**

**JESUS, PUTTING LOVE AND TRUTH ON HUMAN TONGUES.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)



1. God has spoken by the prophets,  
spoken the effective word,  
each, from age to age proclaiming  
God, the One, the righteous Word.  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is good, God's grace eternal,  
God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
brightness from the highest heaven,  
unto whom all praise be done;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God from God, whose name we call,  
Light from Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, revealing God to all.
3. God is speaking by the Spirit,  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the age-long word expounding  
God's own message, now as then,  
through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God still speaks, the word unfailing,  
God the first, and God the last.

*George W. Briggs (1875-1959), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The prophets came to us,  
calling for justice,  
calling for peace.

We didn't always enjoy  
what they had to say,  
but it had a truth to it.

**IT WAS GOD CALLING,  
AND WE KNEW IT WAS TRUE.**

Jesus Christ came to us,  
living for others,  
forgiving and redeeming.  
He told stories of a world we couldn't see,  
but felt we belonged to.

**IT WAS GOD CALLING,  
AND WE KNEW IT WAS TRUE.**

The Spirit was given to us,  
comforting and encouraging.  
The Spirit enlightened and emboldened.  
Coming to us in wind and fire,

**IT WAS GOD CALLING,  
AND WE KNEW IT WAS TRUE.**

Your speaking,  
your calling, O God,  
has its own integrity.  
**IT FEELS LIKE TRUTH.**

Your working in and through  
our brothers and sisters  
creates a deep authority.  
**WE SEE IT,  
AND KNOW IT IS YOU.**

By your Word  
**WE ARE INSTRUCTED.**

By your wisdom  
**WE ARE TAUGHT.**

By your faithfulness  
**WE ARE INSPIRED.**

By your love  
**WE ARE LED.**

Others tried to lead us:  
the despots and power-grabbers,  
the dictators and maniacs.  
We knew they were wrong.

**WE DID KNOW,  
BUT YET WE FOLLOWED.**

The words sounded hollow,  
**BUT WE SWALLOWED THEM.**

So war,  
**SO BOMBING,**

so shooting,  
**SO PAIN.**

For every acquiescence to destructive thought,  
**FOR EVERY DEED  
BY WHICH WE CRUCIFY OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,**

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 of integrity and truth,  
in you is depth of wisdom  
and wells of grace.

**AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR NATURE,  
GIVE US GRACE TO REFLECT IT  
IN OUR WORDS AND DEEDS,**

that we might show forth  
both goodness and love,  
**TO YOUR GLORY AND PRAISE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
using his words:

**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 today, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 150

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

**The Second Lesson:** Acts 5: 27-32

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

**Hymn:**

Lord of the dance

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the  
world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon and the stars\_ and the sun, and I  
came down from heaven and I danced on the earth — at Beth-le-hem I  
had my birth. Refrain  
Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, where-  
ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth:

*Refrain*

Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -  
they came with me and the dance went on:

*Refrain*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die:

*Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the dance and I still go on:

*Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Refrain*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

**Sermon:** We gave you strict orders

*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.*

**Music for Reflection:** Prières à Notre Dame  
Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Philippa Ranby*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

To the work of God,

**WE OFFER THIS MONEY AND FOOD.**

To the work of God,

**WE OFFER OUR HEARTS AND HANDS.**

To the work of God,

**WE OFFER OUR MINDS.**

May God bless what is offered,

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**AND THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.**

**AMEN.**

## Notices

### The ANZAC Litany:

*We sit for*

An ANZAC Day greeting from the youth of France

Luc Hernandez, a French exchange student  
(Luc's script is printed in the notices)

*We stand for*

The ANZAC Ode



### Hymn:

Nun Danket

*Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)*





1. Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
God, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
to Christ and Spirit too,  
our help in highest heaven:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

### **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Prelude in Classical Style  
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*Tea and coffee are served following the service*

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## **Jimmy Carter speaks at the launch of The Elders, 2007**

No one could add to or embellish the profound words that we have just heard from President Nelson Mandela. All of us are honoured, and I think almost all of us are surprised to have been included in this group chosen by him with his advisors. None of us here are public officials, but all of us have performed public duties. And I think collectively we represent a wide range of experiences and responsibilities and obviously many geographical areas. Despite the many world problems, some of which Madiba mentioned, we are convinced of the common goals of society - of peace, freedom, human rights, environmental equality, the alleviation of suffering, and the rule of law. Many pressing problems and the causes of suffering are not being addressed adequately because of their complexity, because of political pressures, or because of the fear of failure. We never intend, as a group, to compete with those who are working effectively to resolve a difficulty, or to meet new opportunities. Our efforts will be to fill needs that we determine through careful deliberation to meet the unquestioned goals of society. The elders neither want, nor will we ever have, any kind of authority - except that which comes from common moral values. Our other strength, and source of our influence, will come from freedom to act as we decide is necessary or desirable with no adverse political consequences in prospect of criticism from constituency or seeking public office. We will be able to risk failure in worthy causes, and we will not need to claim credit for any successes that might be achieved.

My prayer is that the great potential of the elders . . . might be realised through sound judgment, and through dedication, and through courage.

Following an introduction by Ken Takai, Shirley Boys' High School,  
**Luc's ANZAC Day Greeting Script**

Let's Make Humanity Great Again

Being interested in World War 2 started in my childhood, thanks to my mother's own interest, and then through youth magazines. Later, in novels by Jewish writers who had been deported to concentration camps. Or should I say death camps? Especially Auschwitz.

I did not lose that interest while growing up, and a whole life will never allow me to know everything about all that happened during those six long and dark years of war.

But I know one thing, and that is that the war could have been avoided if the Allied politicians, especially France and Britain's, had been less

blinded by their own convictions. If only they had not let Hitler run wild after having been humiliated by the Versailles Treaty.

The creation of the United Nations in 1948, and of the European Union later, has allowed nations to maintain peace and not start another global lethal conflict.

But is that enough? Can we simply endow these two institutions with our trust to protect us from another borderline head of State who tomorrow could be Putin, Xi Jinping, an American president, or a Third World coalition? The latter, such as Syria, or Afghanistan don't mind too much about UN laws. It makes me wonder whether we, the younger generation, have a role to play to secure peace in this world? We have a duty of memory.

The duty of memory is not a step back to keep us from moving on, but a booster shock to remind us of what one human being is capable of doing to another human being. We must take action, every day action, against any sort of dangerous extremist view -- be it political or religious -- with the means we possess: voting, petitioning, demonstrating.

We have all the tools in our hands nowadays to create great things, to serve and preserve peace! Our ancestors fought for us so that we would never have to see what they went through, and never allow it to happen again.

The internet is maybe the greatest tool to unite people around a common and universal cause, because Peace is not only a Western idea. Nobody wishes for war. Security and safety are the basis for prosperity.

Maintaining peace is a Need with a capital N. World War 2 showed us that the unsteadiness of one individual can lead to disaster and tragedy. All measures required need to be taken to stop that sort of person from ever leading a single country once more. Mankind must come together and unite. There are no races. We are all human. Colour does not matter. Personal beliefs matter even less. We have been gifted with intelligence: let us use it in the future for peace, not for war.

I am devoted to Humanity. Humanity with a capital H.

I believe in it. Let us make a world without human danger to our children.

Let's Make Humanity Great Again!

# **SOLDIERS WITHOUT GUNS**



## **Soldiers without guns**

Last Monday, a couple of Knox people went to see a movie “Soldiers without guns”. It’s a documentary covering Aotearoa New Zealand’s military forces’ contribution to peace-making in Bougainville, following the protracted failure of other countries’ peace-making efforts in that place. Our forces brought the innovation of guitars, non-partisan positioning, and bi-cultural respect from their own constitution. Our record of managing unity despite difference at home seemed to bring something new and effective to the situation. It might be a good movie to go and see. (Alice’s in the CBD and at the Hollywood in Sumner.)

## **Sing for the World**

**John Bell**



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 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.



## NOTICES

### **This Week: 28 April – 4 May 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 5 May – 11 May 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Knox Book Group** – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 11.15am in Lounge. Book – For all the Tea in China by Sarah Rose. ... "Robert Fortune was a Scottish gardener, botanist, plant hunter - and An industrial spy...In 1848 the East Indian Co. engaged him to make a clandestine trip to the interior of China - territory forbidden to foreigners - to steal the closely guarded secrets of tea..."

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

**Canterbury Interfaith Society Picnic** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am – 2pm in the Botanic Gardens. Meeting at the Peace Bell and then sitting somewhere nearby. A picnic to simply enjoy each others company and get to know each other a little better. Please bring warm clothes, a rug or some chairs, food for yourself and a willingness to chat to someone new. (There will be a back up venue if the weather is not suitable). To stay informed please go to facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/309937983031908/>

**Knox Café** - The next Knox Café will be on Sunday Evening 26 May at 7pm in the Knox Lounge. The Speaker will be Janet Wilson who will give an illustrated talk about her recent visit to North Korea. All welcome. Bring your own drinks and nibbles; tea and coffee provided.

**Seasoning Ensemble** – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at Knox Church. Music by Handel, Purcell, Stanley, Bach and Vivaldi. with Daniel Cooper on harpsichord and organ. Tickets \$20/\$25 on eventfinda.co.nz or at the door.

**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**



# SEASONING ENSEMBLE

**Rakuto**

**Kurano**

violin/viola

**Hijiri**

**Yamamoto**

violin

**Lily**

**Doak**

recorder

**Kiel**

**McEntee**

archlute

**Matthew**

**Harris**

violone

**Daniel**

**Cooper**

harpsichord/organ

music by Handel, Purcell, Stanley  
Bach and Vivaldi

Sunday 5th May  
7:30pm, Knox Church  
28 Bealey Avenue

tickets \$20/\$25 available online at  
[eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz) or at the door



@seasoningensemble



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Since the Mosque shootings in Christchurch on 15 March, Knox has responded in various ways. We have compiled a booklet containing some of our responses:

1. A short sermon preached at Knox two days after the shooting
2. Expressions of support gathered from Knox people to our Muslim neighbours within worship on 17 March
3. Expressions of horror offered to God by Knox people on 17 March
4. The Inner-City Ministers' Association's expression of support to the Muslim Community of Christchurch
5. The reading that Knox's minister read at the Inter-faith event at the Peace Bell in the Botanic Gardens on 24 March
6. The PCANZ moderator's pastoral response
7. The Inner-City Ministers' Association submission to the parliamentary select committee dealing with Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts Amendment Bill
8. In the light of public conversation following the shootings, with consideration having been given to the line between free speech and hate speech, a "thought starter" document written by the minister, giving a preliminary Christian critique about the nature of speech.

The booklet, free of charge, is available on the tables at the Victoria Street door and in the new foyer on Bealey Avenue. Feel free to take one and any others your family or friends might appreciate receiving.



## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Acts 9: 1-20

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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