



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

5 May 2019



THE MIRACULOUS CHANGE

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, STOPPING SAUL IN HIS TRACKS;
JESUS, COURAGEOUS AND KIND IN THE MERCY OF GOD;
JESUS, BUILDING A BETTER WORLD THROUGH PEOPLE OF FAITH.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.
4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Prayer of Approach

The image, O Christ,
is of a people full of you -
THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.

They live out their creed of love and hope;
they feed the hungry,
and work for justice.

**FULL OF RESPECT AND KINDNESS,
THEY STRIVE AND SERVE.**

In the faces of their neighbours,
they see your face.

THEY HAPPILY TAKE THE HANDS OF THE OPPRESSED.

They are brave and they are kind,
THEY ARE CONFIDENT AND STRONG;

so menace melts away
AND GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

It is a grand vision of a better world,
MARVELLOUSLY TRANSFORMED BY LOVE.

We're not quite there yet,
and so our confession:
**THERE ARE BOMBS
AND HATE CRIMES.**

There are bullets
and anger.
**THERE IS IGNORANCE
AND PREJUDICE.**

There is persecution
and there is violence.
**FEARING THAT THIS IS OUR NEW NORMAL,
WE MAKE OUR CONFESSION,**
saying

. . . 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

Although there is no Sunday School at the moment, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 9: 1-20

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

Knox Singers: God be in my head
 John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sermon: Incubator of change

*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, "Through your gifts of courage and kindness", you are invited to respond "**MAY WE BUILD A BETTER WORLD**".

... **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:

Wiltshire

George Thomas Smart (1776-1867)

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The first staff starts with a quarter note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The second staff begins with a half note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The third staff starts with a quarter note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes.

1. What shall I do my God to love,
my loving God to praise?
the length, and breadth, and height to prove,
and depth of sovereign grace?
2. Your sovereign grace to all extends,
immense and unconfined;
from age to age it never ends,
courageous, yes, and kind.
3. Throughout the world its breadth is known,
wide as infinity;
so wide it never passed by one,
or it had passed by me.
4. My trespass was grown up to heav'n;
but far above the skies,
in Christ abundantly forgiven,
I see your mercies rise.
5. The depth of all-redeeming love
what angel tongue can tell?
O may I to the utmost prove
the gift unspeakable.
6. Come quickly, gracious God, and take
possession of your own;
my longing heart be pleased to make
your everlasting throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

We sit for

The Invitation, the Institution, and the 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:
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Highland Cathedral
Scottish traditional

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

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NOTICES

This Week:

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week:

12 May – 18 May 2019
Sunday 10.00am Morning worship
 4.00pm Knox Film Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Seasoning Ensemble – TODAY! Sunday 5th 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 Film Group – Meeting Sunday 12th May, 4pm in the lounge. **Noble** - set in Vietnam in 1989, fourteen years after the end of the war. Christina Noble flies into Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), a country "that she wouldn't be able to show you on a map". With a few dollars, her own hard-won courage, she is about embark on a life calling. The film explores her tough upbringing in Dublin and her early adult life in the UK. It is the inspirational true story of a woman who believes that it only takes one person to make a difference.

Sunday lunch – join a group of Knox people for a casual lunch at the Secret Garden café on May the 19th. Meet at around 12 pm, at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre café. The garden centre is 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 jannekenuysink@gmail.com. Names required by Monday 13th of May.

Knox Fireside Group - The Knox Fireside group will meet on Monday May 20th at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. The Speakers are Lois and martin Griffiths who will speak about their recent trip on the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza. This topic relates to our “Peace Mission” and all are welcome.

Church Women United Aotearoa New Zealand announces A VARIETY CONCERT will be held at St Albans Contributing Church on Saturday 25th May at 2 pm, followed by afternoon tea. This concert is to raise funds to enable CWU to send delegates to the next conference in Asia 2020. Contributing to the concert will a group from Christs College, a Ukelele band, 2 young singers and more. All are welcome. Tickets, \$15, can be obtained from Jennifer McKinnon.

Knox Cafe - The next Knox Cafe 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.

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

Sing for the World

John Bell



Tuesday 21st 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 21st Century. The hospitality and educative work at the Abbey, Isle of Iona, Scotland, runs under their auspices.



Message from the Moderator

 Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

Rev Maxwell Doss
Acting General Secretary
National Christian Council of Sri Lanka

29 April 2019

Dear Rev Maxwell Doss

We were deeply saddened to learn of the Easter Sunday terror attacks that has left 253 Sri Lankans dead and many more injured.

Religiously motivated attacks touch each and every citizen of the world, for what could be more abhorrent than attacking people as they peacefully gather for worship? Thousands of kilometres away, New Zealand feels your country's loss very keenly, following the 15 March attacks in which a terrorist attacked two Christchurch mosques killing 50 men, women and children.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Christian community in Sri Lanka, and of course, to all of those who have lost family members and loved ones in the attacks.

Please be assured that you are in our prayers at this time of great sadness.

May this adversity help your resolve to remain strong in the Lord.

May our faith strengthen our determination for the value for human life, freedom and justice. Our hope is in our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand together in the peace he promises, and we forgive in his crucifixion.

May the Holy Spirit of God comfort your families and your nation.

Yours in Christ

Rt Rev Fakaofa Kaio
Moderator
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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 or at the door



@seasoningensemble

Much too late . . .

Much too late I learned to love you
beauty how old you are how new you are
much too late I learned to love you.

You were within me, I was outside
and I sought you as a blind man seeing
outside myself and, poured out like water,
I ran away from you and I was lost
amid so much beauty, but it was not you.

Then you called and cried aloud to me,
breaking through the barrier of my deafness.
You appeared in light that blinded me
because you wanted to put my blindness to flight.

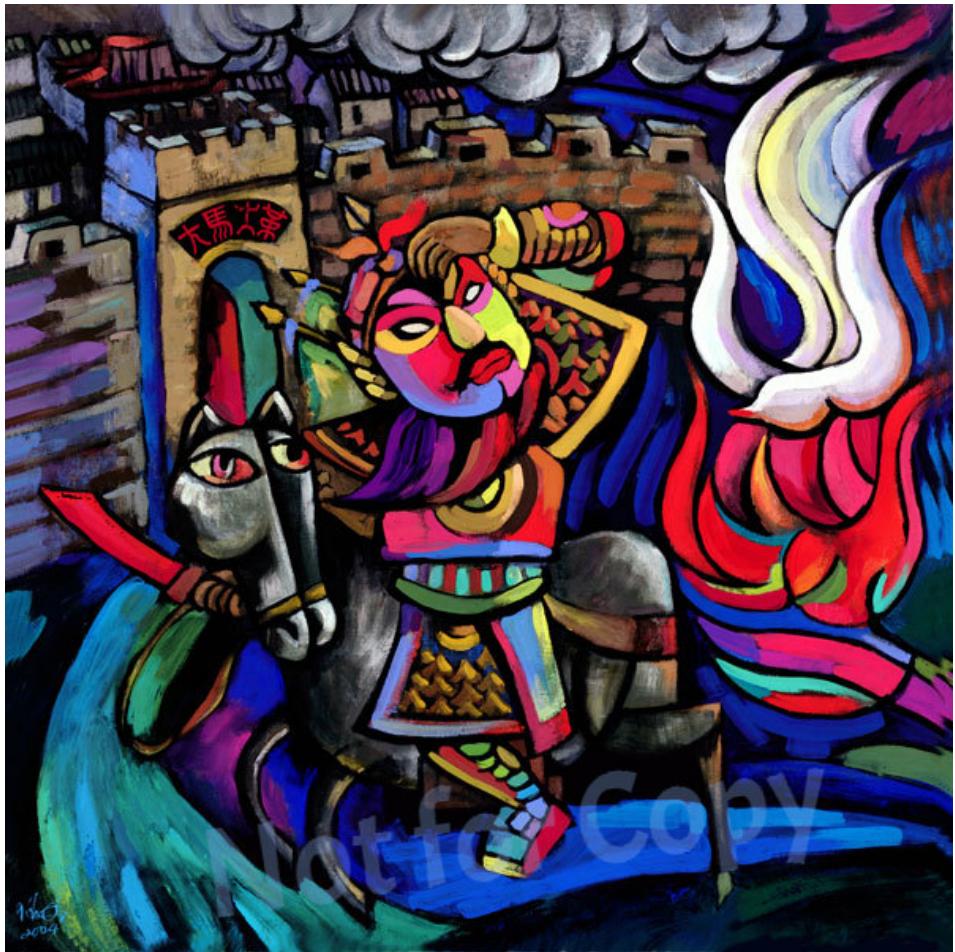
You shed fragrance and I breathed it in,
I still gasp for breath and long for you.
I tasted you and since that time am thirsty
and hunger for you. Easily touched,
I was set alight by you. And now I
burn and blaze towards you – for peace.

*Huub Oosterhuis,
based on Augustine's Confessions 10:27*



From Holy Sonnets,
by John Donne
(1572-1631)

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.



Calling St Paul
He Qi

Conversion - “he gave up gambling”?



John Newton
(1725-1907)

composed the famous conversion hymn,
Amazing Grace

During his 1748 voyage to England after his rescue, Newton had a spiritual conversion. The ship encountered a severe storm off the coast of Donegal, Ireland and almost sank. He began to read the Bible and other religious literature. By the time he reached Britain, he had accepted the doctrines of evangelical Christianity. The date was 10 March 1748, an anniversary he marked for the rest of his life. From that point on, he avoided profanity, gambling, and drinking. **Although he continued to work in the slave trade**, he had gained sympathy for the slaves during his time in Africa. He later said that his true conversion did not happen until some time later: "I cannot consider myself to have been a believer in the full sense of the word, until a considerable time afterwards."



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 23
- John 10: 22-30

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