



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 12 May 2019

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# WHAT LAMB?

## 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, KNOWN BY HIS PEOPLE AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD;**

**JESUS, GUIDE, PROTECTOR, DEFENDER OF THE FLOCK;**

**JESUS, WHOSE VOICE RINGS WITH TRUTH AND BEAUTY.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Was Lebet

from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,  
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.
2. Low at God's feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high in God's heart it will be borne for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter the courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on the shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
God will accept for the name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,  
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The tenderness of love:  
we have seen it in Christ.

**SO WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

The beauty of truth:  
we have seen it in Christ.

**SO WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

The comforting of sorrows,  
the guiding of steps:  
we have seen them in Christ.

**SO WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

What we have seen,  
so would we put on,  
so would we nurture,  
so would we offer.

**SO WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

The shepherd has taken us to still places,  
to green pastures.  
The shepherd has called us,  
blessed us,  
protected us.

**SO WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

Giving our selves,  
our sharing of life,  
our hoping to be like Jesus,  
**WE COME TO WORSHIP.**

But we have sung also of burdens and trembling.  
We have sung of poverty and fear.  
We have shut our ears to truth.  
We have shut our eyes to truth.  
We have shut our hearts and minds to truth.  
**AND SO: OUR CONFESSION.**

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 truth and love,  
you spoke to the world  
through the life of the Good Shepherd.

**AS YOU CONTINUE TO SPEAK,  
GIVE US GRACE TO LISTEN,  
THAT WE MIGHT BECOME GOOD IN OUR OWN WAY,  
PART OF HIS CONTINUING LIGHT AND LIFE  
IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR TRUTH.**



We pray this in the name of the Shepherd,  
even Jesus Christ, 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**



## **The Litany for Mothers' Day:**

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE WOMEN WHO GAVE US LIFE.**

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,  
**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,  
**WE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

For relationships that are strained  
and no longer a source of joy,  
**WE PRAY FOR HEALING.**

For mothers who have died, who live  
no longer with us, but whose light  
shines on in our hearts and  
memories,  
**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
MOURN,  
AND GIVE GOD THANKS FOR  
LIFE ETERNAL.**

For mothers who grieve, who have  
lost children born or unborn,  
**WE WEEP WITH THOSE WITH  
BROKEN HEARTS.**

For those who are struggling to raise  
children, who are tired and weary,  
**WE PRAY THAT WE MAY BE  
THEIR VILLAGE,  
OFFERING REAL HELP IN HARD  
TIMES.**



For those who are preparing emptier nests,  
**WE BOTH CELEBRATE AND MOURN WITH YOU,  
AND HOPE THEIR WINGS ARE AS STRONG AS THEIR ROOTS ARE DEEP.**

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,  
**WE PRAY FOR WISDOM AND PATIENCE.**

For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,  
**WE PRAY THE CAREGIVERS HAVE THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world,

for the women who, created in the image of God,  
give not just life, but abundant life,  
for women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others,  
for women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ,  
for the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers,  
for mothers, in their wide variety and many forms,  
**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

*Adapted from Rev. Robb McCoy's Litany, <http://fatpastor.me>*

**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:**

Psalm 23

In this is the Word of God

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Gospel Lesson:**

John 10: 22-30

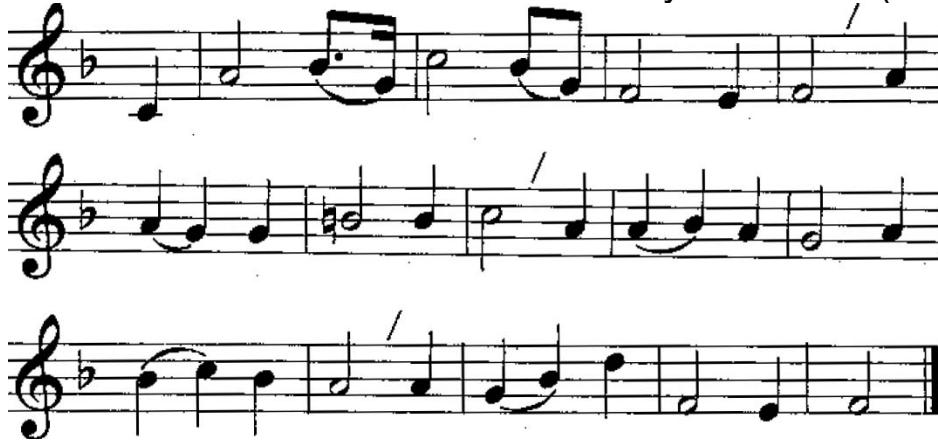
This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**



**Hymn:**  
Crimond

Jessie Seymour Irvine (1833-1893)



1. The Lord's my shepherd: I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green: he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

*Scottish Psalter (1650)*

**Sermon:** Is truth enough?

*In this sermon, frequent reference is made to a Kim Hill interview of Jonathan Freedland, a Guardian journalist. The interview is called "The man without*



*shame has tremendous power”, and was broadcast on Radio National on 27 April 2019. You can listen to it, in full, on the RNZ website:  
[https://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio\\_id=2018692568](https://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018692568)*

*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:** Chorale Prelude on the hymn tune ‘St Peter’  
Harold Darke (1888-1976)

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Andrew Johnston*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

The Lord is our shepherd;  
**WE SHALL NOT WANT.**

In so many ways,  
**WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED.**

So, with gratitude we bring this offering.  
**MAY IT BE RAISED TO USEFULNESS  
IN THE FEEDING OF THE PEOPLE,  
IN THE NURTURING OF THE HEART,  
AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD.  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**



**Hymn:**  
Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!

*John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Allegro in D  
John Stanley (1712-1786)

Tea and coffee are served in the church following the service

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## **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

#### **Entry by 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: 12 May – 18 May 2019**

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

### **Next Week: 19 May – 25 May 2019**

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

**Knox Film Group** – Meeting Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Laidlaw College Open Night** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7-8.30pm at Laidlaw College Campus. Explore your study options.

**Sunday lunch** – join a group of Knox people for a casual lunch at the Secret Garden café on May the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 [jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com). Names required by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Knox Fireside Group**-The Knox Fireside group will meet on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Knox Lounge. See advert included in this week's order of service.

**Christian Meditation** - The Christchurch Christian Meditation Community's next community day will be held at the Methodist church community hall on the Cnr of Chapel St Harewood Rd, Papanui, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May between 1:00 & 4:00pm. This time, in the interests of interfaith understanding, our guest speaker will be the Venerable Lama Assi. He will talk about the origins and development of Buddhist meditation, and give his views on the commonality between religions

as found through meditation. It promises to be a very interesting afternoon and you'll find a very warm welcome. Afternoon tea is provided. A Koha to help cover costs would be appreciated. For further information about us, please go to [wccm.org](http://wccm.org), and/or email Chris Wilson at [cjw9nz@gmail.com](mailto:cjw9nz@gmail.com) or call 029 357 8433.

**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 be a group from Christs College, a Ukelele band 2 young singers and more. All are welcome . Tickets \$15. Tickets can be obtained from Jennifer McKinnon.

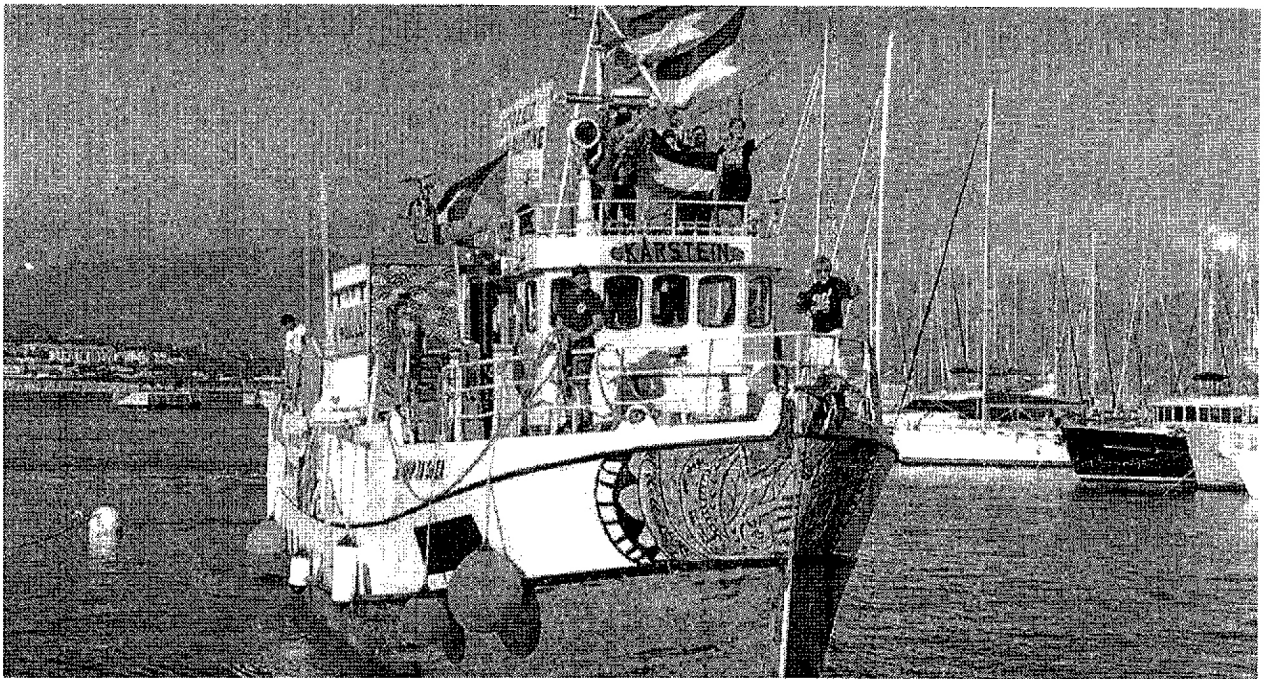
**Knox Cafe** - The next Knox Cafe will be on Sunday Evening 26 May at 7pm in the Knox Lounge . The Speaker will be Janet Wilson who will give an illustrated talk about her recent visit to North Korea . All welcome. Bring your own drinks and nibbles , tea and coffee provided.

**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](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**



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## WHO TOOK PART, WHY? WHY DO SOME CARE, WHEN SO MANY OTHERS LOOK THE OTHER WAY?

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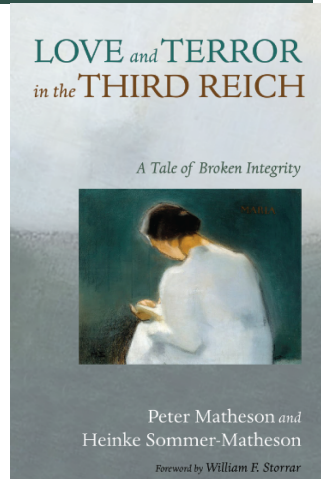
*A Tale of Broken Integrity*

Peter Matheson *and* Heinke Sommer-Matheson

Foreword by William F. Storrar

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Classic iconography depicts Jesus by the wounds on his hands. This, therefore, is an image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In keeping with imagery from Isaiah 40:11, he is carrying his lamb.

If the question "what lamb?", from the front of the order of service, were considered not to be spoken by Jesus, but by an observer of the icon, what might the response of Jesus be? How do you describe his expression? As a side note, have you noticed the line of sight between the lamb and the shepherd? How would you describe it?





### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 11: 1-18
- John 13: 31-35

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