



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 2 June 2019



SINGING AT MIDNIGHT 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.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;
they may cause alarm.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one
and anyone is 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, FILLING THE PRISON WITH LIGHT;
JESUS, THROWING WIDE THE DOORS TO FREEDOM;
JESUS, PUTTING SONG INTO OUR MOUTHS AND HEARTS.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Bring to our God a glad new song,
children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong -
to deepest midnight, music sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,
nations and kings attend God's Word;
God's justice shall bring tyrants shame:
let every creature praise our God!
2. Praise God within these hallowed walls,
praise God beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls
let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice -
then, join God's praise with full accord
all living things with breath and voice:
let every creature praise our God!

From Psalms 149 & 150, Michael Arnold Perry (1942-1996)

Prayer of Approach

We added our voices to the singing:
the singing over the ages
of worshipping ones,
PRAISING THE GIVER OF SONG.

With pilgrim people,
plodding the wilderness path,
**WITH ANGELS SINGING
AT THE BIRTH OF THE BABY,**

with poets and prisoners,
**WITH PEOPLE OF ALL HOPE AND FAITH,
WE PUT OUR VOICES TO THE SINGING.**

You have given us, O God,
the story of Paul and Silas,
unfairly jailed,
thrown into darkness,
**AND YOU HAVE TOLD US,
THAT THEY SANG INTO MIDNIGHT.**

They sang until the shackles fell
AND THE DOORS SWUNG OPEN.

Bring to our God a glad new song;
WE CHILDREN OF GRACE EXTOL OUR KING.

Silence

Forgive us, God;
you call us to sing,
WE BRING A RAUCOUS NOISE.

You call us to open doors,
WE SHUT THEM FAST.

You call us to liberate,
**WE MAKE PRISONERS OF THE SOULS
OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.**

Forgiving God,
give us courage to turn away from what is wrong.
GIVE US SKILL IN FOSTERING THE RIGHT.

Help us to forgive one another,
AND TO FORGIVE OURSELVES.

And hear us, as 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.

Bible Lesson: Acts 16: 16-34

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Knox Singers

Sermon: Earthquakes and singing

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, "May there be singing at midnight:",
you are invited to respond **"THE WAKING OF HEART AND MIND"**.*

. . . **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:

Kum ba yah

Traditional Spiritual



1. Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya.
2. Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya . . .
3. Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya . . .
4. We are hungry Lord, kumbaya . . .
5. Bless our bread Lord, kumbaya . . .

The Invitation, Institution, 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,
take 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:
Austria

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)



1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, revealing heaven's face.
Jesus lived and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

Rusty Edwards (b.1955) alt.

**Next week's service
is a combined one
with
Durham Street Methodist Church
for the Day of Pentecost.**



The preacher will be Lucy D'aeth
and the service will be conducted by Matthew Jack.



**Presbyterian Support,
Upper South Island**

Our long-term neighbours, Presbyterian Support - Upper South Island, have been camping along the road while their new building has been constructed right next door to Knox. Knox has always had a good relationship with Support, and looks forward to making much more of this when Support returns to Bealey Ave at the end of June. With our neighbours, we're holding a special service of celebration at 10:00am on Sunday 23 June. Do come along to help us inaugurate a new phase of neighbourliness!

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Peace

**a plan arising for 2019 - 2025
from a mission discernment process**

Peace theme review and first choices

After the service on Sunday 3 March, we gathered to review the peace service themes of February, and to reacquaint ourselves with the most popular options for mission projects for 2019. Two main contenders rose to the top:

1. Opening the church for a limited time, as a quiet place / sanctuary for people in our noisy neighbourhood
2. organising a bold Knox presence for peace at the next inter-faith Peace Bell event

We determined that we would consider these options, and gather again in late April probably to adopt them (or swap them for other hitherto less generally supported projects). Then there were the Mosque shootings, and Easter came along. We have missed the deadline of early May. But we are still committed. So I think it would be helpful for us to meet again, and decide whether we our top two should be initiated. Part of this process will be seeing whether anyone present is willing to support either of the projects, or willing to garner support from the congregation - or from people within our circle of friends.

Let's gather in the children's area at 11:30am on Sunday 16 June.



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 11: 1-9
- Acts 2: 1-21

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