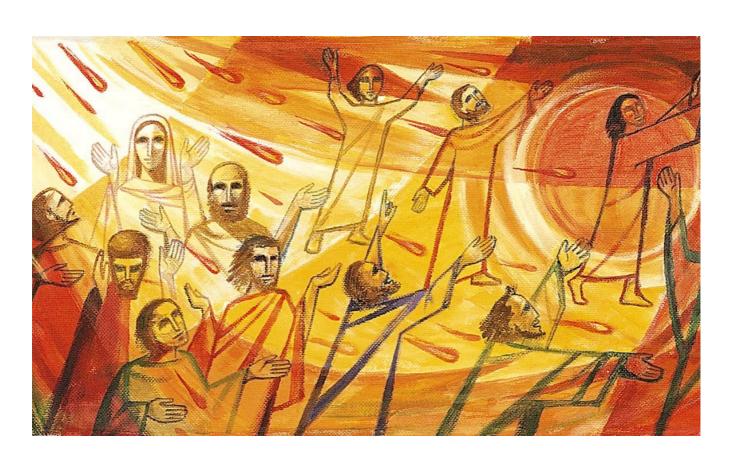


Durham Street Methodist Church

Order of Service

9 June 2019



DAY OF PENTECOST

a combined 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.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

JESUS, WHO PROMISED THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT;

JESUS, ASSURING US THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE;

JESUS, IN WHOSE NAME WE COME TOGETHER AS ONE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:



- Come down, O love divine, seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
 O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
- 2. O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3. Let holy charity my outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till we become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) Trans: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Prayer of Approach

Creative God, in a time of primordial darkness, your Spirit hovered above the waters: CHAOS TO ORDER, DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

Creative God, in times of challenge and wrong, your Spirit settled upon the prophets: CLARITY OF VISION, COURAGE TO SPEAK.

Creative God, at a moment of calling, your Spirit alighted on the Christ: ANOINTING OF PURPOSE, ASSURANCE OF LOVE. Creative God, at a busy festival, your Spirit came upon people of many nations: WIND AND FIRE, MANY LANGUAGES MADE ONE.

The birth of the Church, FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

Young ones have visions OLD ONES HAVE DREAMS,

Sons and daughters - SLAVES AND FREE.

Portents in the sky SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW.

Upon everyone who calls upon God, the Spirit pours.

THANKS BE TO GOD,

THROUGH JESUS THE CHRIST.

Silence

From within the crowd through that first Day of the Spirit, ran a thread of cynicism.
Spirit was dismissed as drunkenness, order, dismissed as chaos.

AND EVEN SO.

AND EVEN SO, THE CYNICISM OF TODAY.

For the world's disparagement of the wonderful, FOR OUR PUSHING ASIDE OF THE SACRED,

for our suspicion of the different, FOR OUR COMFORTABLENESS WITH THE WORST,

we express our sorrow, saying:

Lord have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

You are forgiven and you are free. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

Living and loving Spirit of God, you came upon a gathered people, and made them your body.

YOU ENABLED THEM TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER, AND TO BE BOLD IN THE WORLD FOR LOVE.

Give us that same blessing,
THAT IN OUR PLACE AND TIME,
WE MAY BE YOUR PEOPLE,
EMBODYING YOUR POWER AND PEACE.

And as Jesus taught his disciples, so together we pray, 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

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: Genesis 11: 1-9

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

The Second Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

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

Hymn:



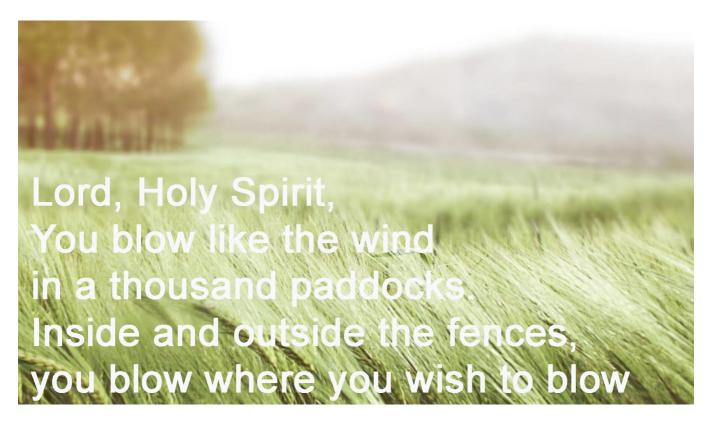
 Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire; let us thine influence prove, source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

- 2. Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke; unlock the truth, thyself the key; unseal the sacred book.
- 3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove; brood o'er our nature's night; on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.
- God, through yourself we then shall know, if thou within us shine, and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Sermon: Lucy D'Aeth

Music for Reflection: Voluntary on The Dam Busters' Hymn



Song to the Holy Spirit, James K Baxter

Hymn:

Michael Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

- All our hope on God is founded:
 who else can our hope renew?
 Still through change and chance God guides us,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown, grace alone,
 calls our hearts to be God's own.
- Well does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow!
 With delight our souls are nourished; pleasure leads us where we go.
 At God's hand love does stand; joy awaits each new command.
- Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust; what with care and toil we're building, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is our temple and our tower.
- In glad hymns to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the love in Christ made known. Hear Christ's call, one and all; you who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

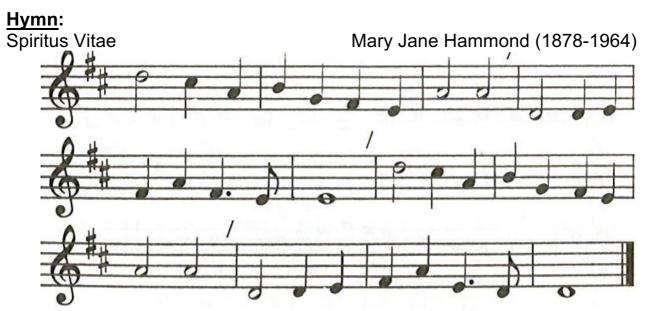
The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Gladly we bring our offerings of money and food GRATEFULLY WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL CALL OF EXTRAVAGANT LOVE.

May the gifts we bring be transformed into acts of Christ-like caring and loving service. IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WE OFFER THEM. AMEN.

Notices



- O breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power; O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
- 2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need; then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore: for this we plead.

- 3. O breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.
- 4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Meditation on "Abide with me"

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

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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 7 July.



This Week: 9 June – 15 June 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 16 June – 22 June 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship

12.00pm Sunday Lunch – See below

4.00pm Knox Film Group – **See below**

Monday 7.00pm Knox Fireside Group – **See below**

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

International Celebrity Organ Concert Series - The next concert on the iconic Rieger pipe organ in the Town Hall will be held at today at 3pm on Sunday 9 June 2019. This concert will be presented by Maurice Clerk, the celebrated titular organist of Dijon Cathedral in France, who has held the post for over 40 years. He will play a programme of French organ music, including Cesar Franck's famous Chorale no. 3 in A minor as well as works by Mouret, Louis Vierne and Gabriel Faure. Admission prices are \$30 (adults), Friends of the Organ \$25 and students with ID \$15. There are special concessions for bookings for this concert coupled with the next on 18 August. For details on how to book, visit www.nzorgan.com. Door sales are available from 1pm on the day (if tickets still available)

Hawaiian Choir and Global Voices Choir Concert - Knox Church, Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm. Entry by Koha/Donation.

The Na Pu'ukani Choir Choir (combined choruses of Kona Choral Society & Windward Choral Society) are touring New Zealand in June 2019. They will be joining the Christchurch based Global Voices Choir for a combined concert . Susan Duprey, Artistic Director - Na Pu'ukani Choir and Deen Coulson, BMus Arts, Musical Director - Global Voices Choir

Car park grounds clean up - We are celebrating the new PSUSI building on the 23rd of June so it is appropriate that we do a car park clean up on Saturday 15 June. Bring yourselves and as many tools as possible from 9:30 to midday for a grand occasion.

Sunday Lunch – join a group of Knox people for a casual lunch at the Secret Garden Cafe on June 16. Meet around 12pm at Oderings Barrington Garden Centre café. The garden centre is next to the Z petrol station in Stourbridge St just off Barrington St. There is good cabinet food on offer or you can choose from the menu. Please add your name to the lists at both Church entrances or contact Jennifer McKinnon jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz by Monday June 10

Knox Film Group – Sunday 16 June at 4pm in the Lounge. We will be watching The Crucible.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday June 17 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. Jonet Ward will speak about her recent travels to Egypt. All welcome

Knox Singers Concert – "Pacem" Sunday 30th June 7.30pm at Knox Church. Entry \$15/20. The concert will also be at Knox Church Cheviot on Sunday 23rd June at 2pm.

Acting Church Council Clerk - From 5 - 29 June Jean Brouwer will be acting church council clerk. She may be contacted on 355 6534.

Knox Life - The next issue of Knox Life will be published in July. Contributions are encouraged. Please send all items to Jane in the office or email to Bee Bryant bee.bryant@xnet.co.nz> by 30 June.

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





Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the gathered believers. The house where they were gathered was filled with a violent wind, frightening and startling. They saw what appeared like tongues of fire come down on each person. Then an extraordinary thing happened. The gathered believers were speaking in the languages of many different nationalities.

Pentecost is a Jewish festival; it is ranked up there with Passover and the Feast of the Tabernacles. A major event in the Jewish calendar. And obviously many other neighbouring nations came to this Feast of Weeks. It must have been like a festival with food, trading, celebrations, meeting so many other peoples. These international visitors heard their languages spoken.

The day of Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of Christianity. The Holy Spirit had come upon the believers. Their speaking in many foreign languages was with messages of "declaring the wonders of God". How powerful, how poignant, how significant. For the message of Jesus Christ as Lord is taken and spread to others, first in your own language, then in another.

Faith communities across New Zealand have similar experiences. The Holy Spirit came upon them and moved and inspired them. The resulting Church communities, schools, universities, hospitals, towns were formed and built on such manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

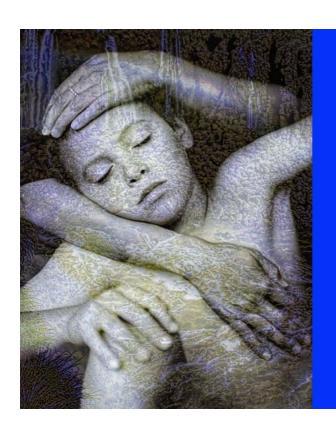
The Spirit is still hovering over God's people, regardless of numbers or nationalities, regardless of believers or non-believers. Like the sun that rises each day, shining its light and warmth on all people. The Spirit of God moves over all of creation, day after day, season after season, year after year.

It is exceptional, wonderful and very profound when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, on your family or on your community. Give adoration to God, give thanks daily, acknowledge and praise Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Be still for the Holy Spirit is here. Have a blessed Pentecost.

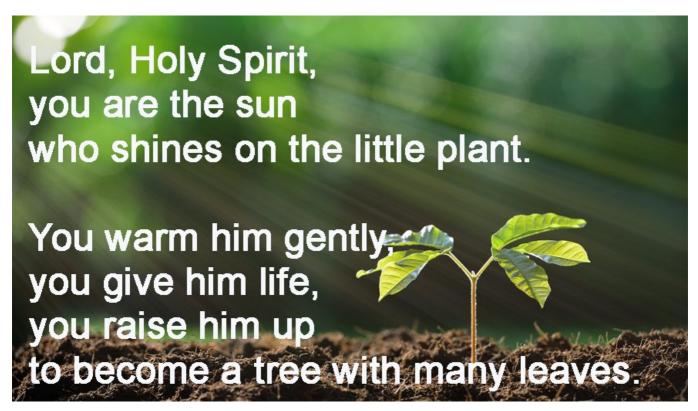
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Rt Rev Fakaofo Kaio

Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand



Lord Holy Spirit, You are the bright cloud in whom we hide, in whom we know already the battle has been won.



Song to the Holy Spirit, James K Baxter



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 8
- John 16: 12-15

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