



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 23 June 2019



NEW BEGINNINGS AND GOOD NEIGHBOURS

a service marking the return
of Presbyterian Support Upper South Island
to the Knox Neighbourhood

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, LORD OF NEW BEGINNINGS;

JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TRULY TO SEE THE WORLD;

JESUS, AWAKENING THE NEIGHBOUR WITHIN.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic traditional melody



1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird:
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass:
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play:
praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!
4. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird:
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Prayer of Approach

Just a day's span
beyond our shortest day,
with light imperceptibly pushing forward
against the night,

**WE SING OF GOD'S RE-CREATION
OF THE NEW DAY.**

Just a day into the turning of time,
by the slightest tilting of the earth,
blackbird sings,

AND WE PUT OUR VOICE TO THE SONG.

From the darkness of the tomb,
from the silence of the Good Friday,
the risen One takes his first new steps,

AND WE BECOME PEOPLE OF THE NEW BEGINNING.

To the God of new beginnings,
WE OFFER OUR PRAISE.

Silence

On this new day,
we have taken our place here,
finding a seat, among others,
within this house.

THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WE KNOW SO WELL;

There are people here we do not recognise.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN;

There are people who have helped.
THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DONE CRIME;

There are those who have suffered.
**YOU CHALLENGE US TO SEE THEM ALL,
US ALL,
AS NEIGHBOURS.**

Therefore, we confess.
We have not been good neighbours.
WE HAVE WALKED PAST ON THE OTHER SIDE.

We have seen, but not seen.
WE HAVE KEPT ON MOVING.

He falls, she falls,
and, in the time of trouble,
FINDS NO NEIGHBOUR.

So, 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:

In telling his story of a Samaritan
becoming a neighbor to a traveler in need,
he called his followers to see humanity anew.
**CALL US ALSO, O GOD,
TO SEE WHAT IS BEFORE US,
TO BE ALIVE TO COMPASSION,
AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**
We pray this in the name of Jesus;
and as he taught us to pray,
so together we say:

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.

Penny Taylor,

(Regional Manager Christchurch, Selwyn, North Canterbury), reads

The First Lesson: Psalm 82

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

Barry Helem, incoming Upper South Island Chief Executive, reads

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 10: 25-37

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too. | 4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too. |

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Reflection: "We've got new neighbours"

*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.*

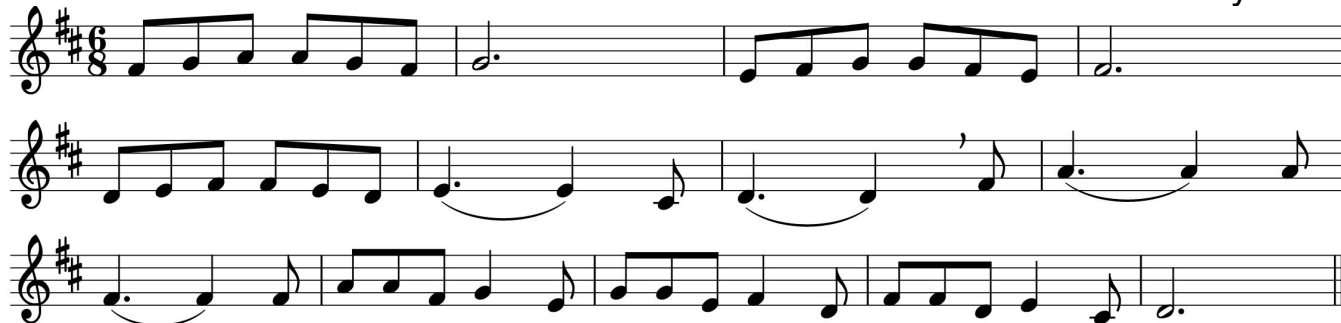
Knox Singers: Where love and charity abide
Lucien Diess (1921-2007)

Address: Vaughan Milner
Retiring Upper South Island Chief Executive

Hymn:

Kneels at the feet

Ghanaian folk melody



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.
Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.
2. Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black, brown or white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.
Yesu, Yesu
3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
everyone's neighbour to us and you.
Yesu, Yesu
4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.
Yesu, Yesu

Tom Colvin (1925-2000) and people of Ghana

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Andrew Johnston,
Chairperson of the Board of PSUSI*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

By the Spirit of God,
may this food find its way to the tables of our neighbours.

**BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
MAY THIS MONEY DO THE WORK OF COMPASSION.**

By the Spirit of God,
may we offer ourselves to be neighbours
in the grace of God,

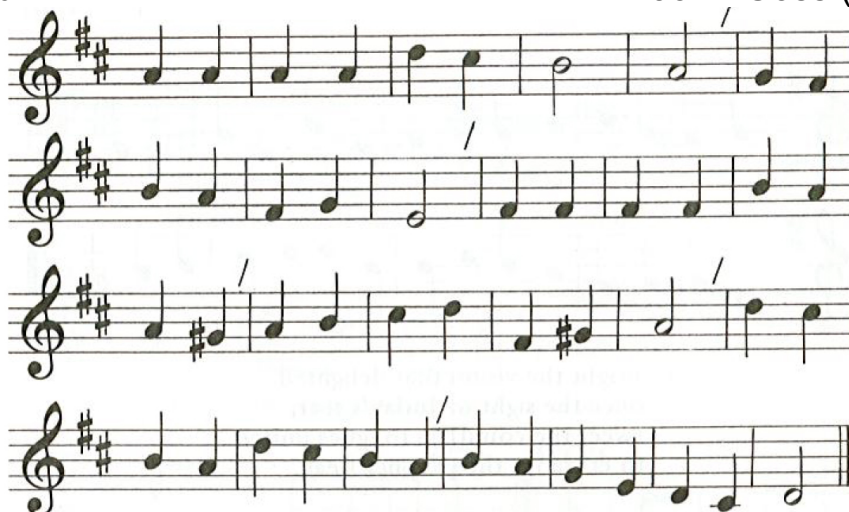
**THROUGH JESUS, THE CHRIST,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Praise, my soul

John Goss (1800-1880)



1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge
grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate our God's great glory,
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence,
friend and stranger, guest and host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure,
foolishness none dare deride.

4. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Iona Community

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Prelude in D minor
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

A special morning tea, provided by PSUSI, will be served in the church following the service

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a concert for peace

‘pacem’

Gregorio Allegri *Miserere mei, Deus*
John Cage *four²*
ear for EAR
Litany for the Whale
five

30th June 7:30pm
Knox Church
\$15/20

The Knox Singers
Daniel Cooper *Director*



NOTICES

This Week: 23 June – 29 June 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship
2.00pm Knox Singers Concert, Cheviot – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 30 June – 6 July 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship
11.15am Knox Book Group – **see below**
7.30pm Knox Singers Concert – **see above**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Knox Singers Concert – “Pacem” Sunday 23rd June 2pm at Cheviot. \$10 entry. All welcome **AND** Sunday 30th June 7.30pm at Knox Church. Entry \$15/20. All welcome.

Knox Book Group – Sunday 30th June, 11.15am in the Committee Room. “The Journey of Harold Fry”.

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

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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.

Home-made soup and yummy bread rolls will be available after the meeting for those who would like to stay.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
- Luke 9: 51-62

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