



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 28 July 2019



**THREE
POOR LITTLE CHILDREN**
(see how they run)

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, INFANT IN A REFUGEE FAMILY;
JESUS, BECOMING SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD;
JESUS, FILLING OUR DESTINY WITH HOPE.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Woodlands

Walter Greatedorex (1877-1949)



1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of the word;
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Prayer of Approach

Mary's soul tells out the greatness of God.
For her, the imminent arrival of a baby
is purpose for praise,

IS SUBJECT FOR SINGING.

For her there is hope and expectation,
FOR ALL CREATION
THERE IS JOY IN GENERATION.

From the goodness of God comes future and promise;
FROM GOD'S CREATIVITY COMES THE HUMAN PERSON -

the good earth upon which to stand,
THE STARS IN THE SKY TO BE COUNTED,

the leaping of life within the womb,
THE BLANK PAGE
FOR THE WRITING DOWN OF LIFE.

Praise be to God
that there is life.
PRAISE GOD
THAT THERE IS HOPE.

Silence

Another woman knows a birth is coming.
She does not sing,
for she is bringing a child into worry,
BIRTHING A LIFE INTO WOE.

She is naming her child after sadness,
CLAIMING HIM FOR DAMAGED DAYS.

For her child, the world is pollution and plastic,
IGNORANCE AND ISOLATION.

For her children,
**THE STARS NEITHER TWINKLE,
NOR DO THEY SHINE.**

Life is going to be tough:
AMEN.

Silence

For the weeping of the generations,
WE CONFESS.

For the passing down of defeat,
WE CONFESS.

For the labelling and dismissing,
WE CONFESS.

For the garden turned to the rubbish heap,
WE CONFESS.

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 paternal care and faithfulness,
you love humanity with an undying love.
You claim us back from defeat and loss,
and give us life.

**HELP US TO LIVE OUR LIFE
WITH JOY AND UNDERSTANDING,
SHARING GENEROUSLY
THE REDEFINING HOPE
THAT IS OURS IN CHRIST.**

We pray this in his name,
using the words he taught us:

**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: Psalm 85

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Second Lesson: Hosea 1: 2-10

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:

Ebenenzer

T.J. Williams 1869-1944)



1. Gomer makes her life in shadows,
selling what should not be sold;
Yahweh's prophet then is counselled
her to keep and her to hold.
Such an awkward undertaking

by our God Hosea's told;
strange and awkward, heart extending,
love is tested, fire for gold.

2. First is born the child of bloodshed,
Jezreel, just a dying boy:
symbol of all that is broken,
born without a leap of joy.
Yet, beyond his moment's birthing,
mired in grieving, deep despair,
still a promise echoes bravely:
"God is love, and God is care".
3. Then a little girl is given,
giv'n again a dreadful name:
God withholds compassion, pity;
this wee one is born to blame.
Born to carry in her naming
words that say "all mercy's fled";
yet our God, in oath renewal,
feeds with life what once was dead.
4. Last, a third one's born to fam'ly,
time's last saying "you're alone;
God is not your keeper, neither
have you in your God a home".
Little child, so never welcome
in the hearts and hopes of all,
all the listening generations
hear for you redemptions' call:
5. Rise up, people of the gospel;
God is speaking loud and clear,
speaking to each generation,
that the kingdom's drawing near.
While you're born in broken hope and
given names that we abhor,
still within the grace of Jesus,
God, we praise you, and adore.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Sermon: You may be badly named . . . see how they run!

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: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:

Quem Pastores

Melody from a German manuscript of 1410



1. Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.
2. Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
we make you our king most dear.
3. Jesus, witness to our dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, your grace supplying,
keep us to your presence near.
4. Jesus, all our sorrows bearing,
you our thoughts and hopes are sharing,
while to us the truth declaring;
help us all that truth to hear.
5. Lord, in all our doings guide us;
let not pride and hate divide us;
we'll go on with you beside us
and with joy we'll persevere.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We make this offering

TO THE GOD OF TRANSFORMING LOVE.

Take what we bring, including ourselves,

AND USE EVERYTHING

TO BLESS AND HEARTEN THE WORLD,

through Jesus Christ,

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too,
our help in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the Church

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Jezreel, Lo-ruhamah and Lo-ammi?



*Jezreel, Lo-ruhamah and Lo-ammi?
See how they run!*



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Luke 12: 13-21

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