



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 4 August 2019

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## WHO IS THIS FOR? IS IT BIG ENOUGH?

GREED AS A MODE OF INTERACTING WITH OTHERS

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 here is open. Anyone seeking God sincerely, is welcome to receive communion.

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE WEALTH WAS THE LOVE OF GOD;  
JESUS, TELLING STORIES OF BARNS AND BIG MISTAKES;  
JESUS, SOWING PEARLS AND TREASURE IN LISTENING HEARTS.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)





1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest,  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast,”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

We come to hear the voice of Jesus,  
to listen a bit more quietly than we live,  
to stop pushing the envelope  
and running the agenda.

**WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST  
SIMPLY TO BE.**

Let it be.

**AMEN.**

We come to hear the voice of Jesus,  
to hear in his stories  
the working of heaven.

We come to be taught by his wisdom,  
**HEALED BY HIS LOVE,**

made more gracious  
**BY HIS GENEROSITY.**

Let it be.

**AMEN.**

And here, in worship,  
Jesus will speak.  
**HERE, IN WORSHIP,  
NEW CREATION WILL BEGIN.**

Let it be.  
**AMEN.**

We've heard the voice of Jesus,  
so we say "Praise to God;  
let it be".  
**AMEN.**

*Silence*

God, we confess that we are sometimes bad at listening,  
listening to the voices of others.  
**WE CONFESS ITS EASIER  
JUST TO KEEP ON SPEAKING,**

easier to keep assuming,  
**EASIER TO KEEP INSISTING.**

We tell our brothers and sisters what to do;  
**WE SELDOM HEAR THEIR HEARTS.**

Sometimes we come to Christ saying  
**"JESUS TELL MY BROTHER WHAT TO DO".**

Life becomes competition;  
**WE SNATCH THINGS  
AND SPEAK MORE LOUDLY.**

Gentle us, holy God,  
**THAT WE MAY HEAR YOUR VOICE  
AND MAKE A GOOD 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.  
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.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12: 13-21

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

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

**Sermon:** Tell my brother to give me the money

*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 "Spirit of God",  
you are invited to respond, "SEARCH OUR HEARTS".*

. . . **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:

Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
you my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me;  
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you my inheritance, now and always:  
you and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent*

*Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.*

*We sit for*

**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,  
receive 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:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God  
Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 4 August – 10 August 2019**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
7.00pm Knox Café – **See Below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 11 August – 17 August 2019**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Knox Film Group – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Knox Café** - tonight, 4 August, 7pm in the Knox Lounge. Hugh Wilson will be speaking about his work in restoring native vegetation at Hinewai Reserve on Banks Peninsula. We hope to screen the short film "Fools and Dreamers" about Hugh and his work. All welcome. Bring your own drinks and nibbles; tea and coffee provided. *Koha for support of Hinewai.*

**Seasoning Ensemble – Opera and Oratorio.** A programme of overtures, sinfonias and arias from operas and oratorios by Handel, Bach and Vivaldi – with guest bass/baritone Albert Bennett. Daniel Cooper harpsichord/director. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 12.10pm at The Piano. \$15/\$10

**Knox Film Group** – Sunday 11 August at 4pm in the Lounge. We will be watching The Dish.

**Public Lecture** – you are warmly invited to a public lecture by Dr Lynne Taylor. Her PhD explored how and why previously unchurched Australians became Christians today and resulted in a new model and theory of conversion to Christianity. In this evening lecture Lynne introduces the model and explores some of the implications of her research finding for the church. Monday 12 August, 7.30-9pm at Laidlaw College, 70 Condell Ave, Papanui. Cost: Free (light supper provided). Please RSVP by Wed 7 August via link [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/dr-lynn-taylor-public-lecture-2019](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/dr-lynn-taylor-public-lecture-2019)

**Sunday Lunch** - Join us for a casual lunch at the Ris'tretto Café on 18 August. Meet at around 12pm at the Ris'tretto Café, 670 Barbadoes St, situated just before the shops on the corner of Barbadoes and Warrington Sts. There is nice cabinet food as well as a small menu. Interested? Then please add your name to the list, placed at the church entrance. You can also email

[jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com) but note that names are required by Monday the 12th so we can confirm the booking.

**International Celebrity Organ Concert** - on the iconic Rieger pipe organ in the Town Hall will be held from 3pm - 4:30pm on Sunday 18 August 2019. Presented by Benjamin Sheen, one of Great Britain's leading young organists, and currently Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church in New York City. His programme features English music by Sir William Walton, Henry Smart and Percy Whitlock, a Concert Fantasy on themes by Gershwin, the exuberant Toccata alla Rumba by Peter Planyavsky, as well as music by Mozart and Bossi. For more information and ticketing please visit the following link: <https://organconcert18august.eventbrite.co.nz> Admission prices are \$30 (adults), Friends of the Town Hall Organ \$25 and students with ID \$15.

### **The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem**

The Order of St Lazarus was named after a character in one of Jesus' parables - Lazarus, the poor man with leprosy, who beat the rich and powerful Dives into heaven. He was chosen (in medieval times) as the figure head for the order, since it had a special concern to care for people with leprosy. These days, members of the order sponsor all manner of charitable causes, but still have a focussed concern for people with skin conditions and diseases. The local branch of the order appreciate the opportunity to visit congregations of diverse denominations around the region and gently spread the word about its work. Knox Council has agreed to welcome local branch to the service on 18 August.

**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)**



### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 15: 1-6
- Psalm 13: 12-22

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