



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 18 August 2019

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## **CROSSING THE CHASM** CAN IT BE DONE?

## **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 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, a poor man with leprosy. The order chose him as the figure head, since it had a special concern to care for people with leprosy. These days, the order sponsors all manner of charitable causes, but still has a concern for matters related to physical health. The local branch appreciates the opportunity to visit congregations of diverse denominations and gently spreads the word about its work. We welcome members of the Canterbury branch today, including its commander Keith Wardell.

#### **The Call to Worship:**

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

**JESUS, LATTER DAY LEPER, DISCARDED BY MANY;**

**JESUS, BEGGAR BY OUR GATE;**

**JESUS, CALLING INTO CRISIS OUR SEEING OF ONE ANOTHER.**

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

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

## Hymn:

Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:  
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,  
from the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,  
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;  
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,  
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

## Prayer of Approach

*“ . . . though we know but dimly,  
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see . . . ”*

He said that no one had ever seen God,  
**BUT WE SAW HIM.**

He came in from eternity,  
from where wisdom was  
and all the days of our lives were written,  
**AND SET UP SHOP AMONG US.**

He told us his stories  
of banquets and fasting,  
**OF POVERTY AND WEALTH.**

He told us of having and not having,  
**OF WINNING AND LOSING.**

He opened our ears to truth,  
**AND OUR EYES TO ONE ANOTHER.**

No; no one has ever seen God,  
**BUT WE SAW HIM.**

But, ah, none so blind as those who will not see.  
**NONE SO DEAF AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT HEAR.**

The man with leprosy lives at our gate;  
**WE DO NOT SEE HIM.**

The man with leprosy dies at our gate;  
**WE DO NOT DIGNIFY HIM.**

The angels fly him to Abraham's bosom,  
**AND WE KEEP ON EATING.**

There is so much glory,  
**SO MUCH SORROW,**

so much challenge of conscience  
**THAT THE HUMAN EYE FAILS TO SEE.**

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:**

Open our eyes, O God,  
to the presence of Christ  
in those around us.  
**OPEN OUR EARS, O GOD,  
TO YOUR SPEAKING IN TRUTH AND WISDOM.**

Open our hearts, O God,  
to the needs of others.

**FILL OUR FAITH  
WITH LOVE AND HOPE,**

that we may serve you in Christ,  
in whose name 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:**      Philippians 2: 1-11

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

**Knox Singers:**              Mother Teresa's Prayer  
Norman Warren (1934-2019)

**The Gospel Lesson:**      Luke 16: 19-31

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Hymn:**

All For Jesus

John Stainer (1840-1901)



1. All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless,
2. In your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honor, peace, and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.
3. In your day of wrath and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"I must work while it is day."
4. For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

5. Risen Lord! shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;  
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

*Erik Reginald Routley (1917-1982)*

**Sermon:**

Cake and comprehension

*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.*



*Marie Antoinette (1755-1793) probably didn't say "Let them eat cake". She did, however, say "Pardon me Sir; I didn't do it on purpose" when she accidentally trod on the foot of her executioner.*

Hymn:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound --  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish  
into joy.

4. When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Jennifer McKinnon*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Lazarus lives at the gate.

**LAZARUS DIES AT THE GATE.**

The world's need knocks on the gate.

**WE HEAR GOD'S CHALLENGE AT THE GATE.**

So we make our offering -

**MONEY, FOOD, AND HEART.**

May God bless what is offered,

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS,**

**AMEN.**

### **Notices**



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Postlude 1 - from four postludes for organ  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 18 August – 24 August 2019**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **See below**  
Wednesday 4.00pm Bible Study

**Next Week: 25 August – 31 August 2019**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.15am Knox Book Group – **see below**  
Wednesday 4.00pm Bible Study

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday August 19 at 7 30pm in the Knox lounge . The topic for the evening will be “ Rack our brains “. All welcome

**The Youth Hub – Variety Concert.** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2 – 4pm at St Christopher’s Church, 244 Avonhead Road. A variety of artists and musicians for you to enjoy, followed by afternoon tea. Tickets \$20. Purchase at St Christopher’s Church. Phone: 3588780, email: [accounts@stchristopher.org.nz](mailto:accounts@stchristopher.org.nz)

**The Imam and The Pastor** - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August - 3:30 pm – St Marks Church, 5 Somerfield Street (Cnr Barrington and Somerfield St). Jointly presented by the Canterbury Interfaith Society and the Christchurch Multicultural Council: Imam Dr Muhammed Ashafa, a Muslim cleric and Pastor Dr James Wuye, an Assembly of God Christian pastor, are known to many as “The Imam and the Pastor”. They are Nigerian religious leaders who spent years as the leaders of violent militias fighting each other. Then something changed, inside them, and since 1995 they have learned to trust each other and now work side by side for peace and reconciliation. A Koha will be collected to support the work of the speakers.

Two films have been made of their work and they gave a Ted talk in Berlin in 2015 and spoke at the Nobel Peace Prize awards the same year. Come and hear them share their amazing story followed by a question time.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2382318508480331/>

**Knox Book Group** – Sunday 25 August at 11.15am in the Committee Room. Two books with a similar concept. “One Hundred Names” by Cecilia Ahern and “The Five People you Meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom.

**A Call To Prayer: An Evening of Sacred Sound** Join us on Thurs 29 Aug at 7:30pm for a beautiful evening of sacred sound - we will have a range of performers from different faith backgrounds presenting some form of sacred sound from their traditions, this may include: song or instrumental music, chant as well as dance. We will have a diverse range of faith groups presenting something sacred from their traditions on the evening including Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Baha'i as well as from Spiritual movements. **Venue:** Hohepa Hall. 23 Barrington Street (park on Barrington street and walk up the Hohepa driveway. The hall is the large building on the right in the car park, entrance is via the left of the building. Follow the signs.) **Time:** 7:30-9pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2275469795834295/>

**Knox Film Group** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 4pm, lounge. Ladies in Lavender.

**Spring Flower Sunday** - September 8<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate Spring we will deliver Small bunches of flowers to our shut in and other senior members after the Service. It would be great if you could bring spring flowers to be distributed after the Service - the flowers can be already bunched or will be bunched after the service. Also needed will be people to deliver the flowers after the service. This is an opportunity to connect with other church people especially those who are now unable to come to services.

*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)*



## **Election of new people to the Knox Church Council**

Within the Presbyterian form of government, congregations elect to leadership people they believe have appropriate gifts and wisdom for the times and place.

Having assessed the times into which Knox has come, the mission challenges associated with these times, and the committed ethos of our church, the Council of Knox Church has identified four people it believes can serve us well in leadership:

- Helen Cannan - Elder
- Rochelle Howley - Elder
- Janneke Nuysink - Elder
- Naomi Suresh - Council member

With warmth, gratitude and encouragement, Council commends Helen, Rochelle, Janneke and Naomi to the congregation for appointment to the Council. Each has indicated a willingness to serve and indicated the capacity in which they feel called to serve. Should any Knox person have any objection to any of these nominations, please lodge them with the minister prior to the **congregational election meeting which will be held after morning worship on 25 August 2019.**

Brief biographies of the nominees are provided below:

### **Helen Cannan**

My name is Helen Cannan. I am married to Jim and we have a daughter Annabelle and a son James. Annabelle works at a hospital in Australia and James works in Christchurch. I have been attending Knox for about 14 years but getting more involved in the last few years. I attended St Davids in Leeston as a child then after I married we went to the Anglican Church St Bartholomews in Kaiapoi then St Aidans Christchurch. I work at a day service for adults with a disability and help out at Knox as a Liaison Person sometimes too.

### **Rochelle Howley**

Rochelle Howley, 35, passionate pastry chef, photographer, I was a youth worker at St Margaret's Presbyterian church for 5 years assisting with their Flame programme for intermediate aged young people. 7 years as a volunteer camp parent and crew for southern Easter camp. 10 years as a Sunday school teacher at Christchurch North Presbyterian church, where I was a member for 28 years and have been worshipping at Knox for the past 7 years.

### **Janneke Nuysink**

I emigrated from The Netherlands to NZ in November 1986, settling with my family in Christchurch. Coming from a Dutch Reformed background, I initially joined the NZ Reformed Church. After several years of feeling slightly out of my comfort zone in the NZRC, I made the move to Knox Presbyterian Church, where I felt much more at home: I loved the inclusiveness of Knox. For family as well as employment reasons, Lacey and I moved in 2004 to Auckland. At Geoff King's recommendation, while we were living in Auckland, we attended St Luke's Presbyterian church in Remuera; like Knox, an inclusive and diverse parish. Not looking forward to spending our retirement years in Auckland, and to be closer to my daughter and her family who live in Rolleston, I persuaded Lacey to move back to Christchurch early in 2016. I spent my working life in NZ in the meat industry and retired from my Quality Assurance role at Tegel in 2017, feeling blessed that we were able to come back to Christchurch, and to Knox.

### **Naomi Suresh**

I, Naomi Suresh and my husband John Suresh chose NZ as our preferred destination to migrate, from Sri Lanka, in 2010. We felt our Lord's Leading, in every step of the way in this journey. I completed my Post Graduate Diploma in Business Enterprise (NZ), in 2012 and have since worked in the Education, Local Government and Construction Industry. I also have industry experience in the Banking and Finance Field, and am an Associate, of the Trinity College of Music (London). I will endeavor to use my skills and knowledge to the best of my ability to serve my God, through the Knox Church Community; so help me God.

Janet Wilson,  
Knox Church Council Clerk





### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 58: 9b-14
- Luke 13: 10-17

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