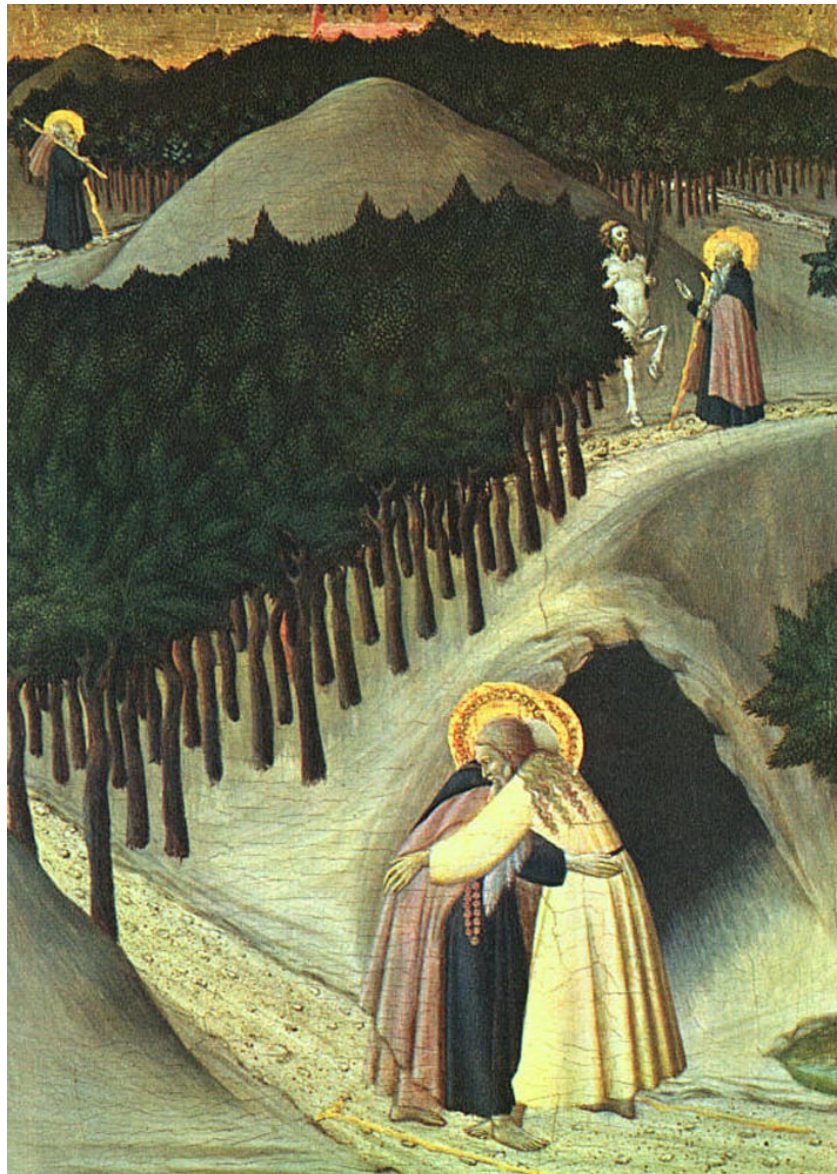




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 27 October 2019



**THE ROAD TO
“HOW THINGS SHOULD BE”**

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.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen. When we pray the "Lord's prayer", feel free to pray in your first language.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, CALLING US ONTO THE PILGRIM'S WAY;

JESUS, THE CHRIST-LIGHT, HELD FOR US;

JESUS, IN WHOSE PRESENCE, WE PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD.

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

Carrying many different things,
we come to this moment of prayer.

Some carry burdens of sorrow,
SOME BRING GARLANDS OF JOY.

Some harbour anxieties from the road,
SOME SAIL ON SENSES OF BEING BLESSED.

Some come from places near.
SOME FROM PLACES FAR.

Yet in this one place,
in this one moment,
WE TAKE OUR PLACE.

In this house, built for God,
filled by God,
WE OFFER OUR ONE WORSHIP.

We love this place,
WE WELCOME GOD'S WELCOME.

The people are gathered.
THIS IS HOW IT OUGHT TO BE.

Silence

This, however, sometimes, is not how it is.
Sometimes there is conflict and the breaking of bonds.
**SOMETIMES THERE IS DARKNESS,
SOMETIMES COLD.**

Sometimes there is turning away,
SOMETIMES GOING BACK.

Sometimes a drought of love,
A FAMINE OF GRACE.

Sometimes we firmly close the temple door,
AND SAY "THERE'S NO ONE HOME".

So now 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:

God, you give us freedom,
YET CALL US TO YOUR HOUSE.

You let us roam,
BUT ARE ALWAYS HERE TO WELCOME US.

May we walk our pilgrim journey with Christ-like faith,
**BLESSING AND KEEPING
THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN US.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words we have been given.

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 Gospel Lesson: Luke 18: 9-14

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

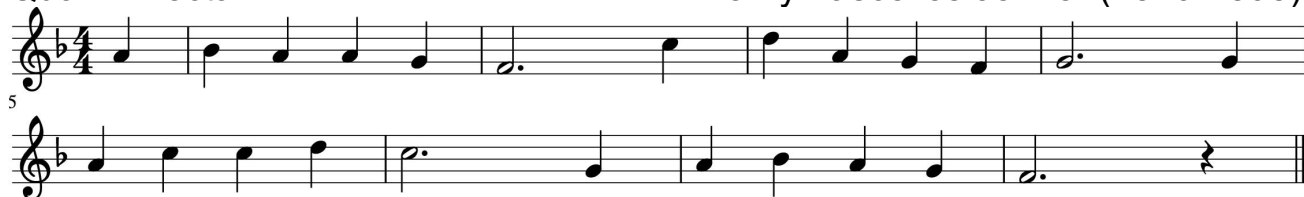
Music for Reflection: Love triumphant
Alfred Wheeler (1865-1949)
Soloist: Graeme Downie

The Psalm: Psalm 84: 1-6
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:

Quam Dilecta

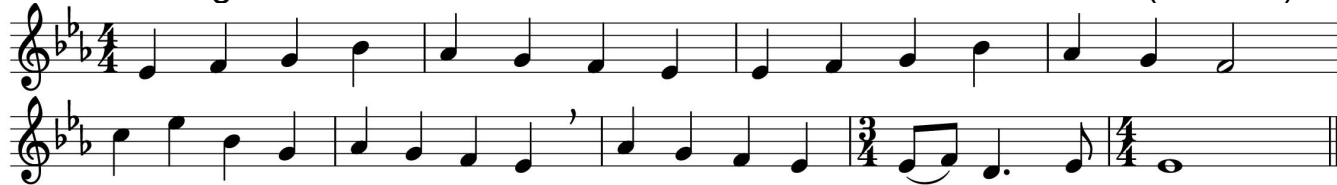
Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)



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)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Child of God",
please respond "**MAY YOU BE LOVED, HELD AND BLESSED**".

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We have brought with us
some money and food,
and now we pray.

**MAY THIS BE THE KIND OF PRAYER
THAT TURNS PEOPLE INTO AGENTS OF BLESSING,
SO THAT DESERTS MAY TURN INTO OASES,
AND THE WHOLE CREATION,
TOGETHER,
SING IN CELEBRATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD.**

This is our prayer.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn: Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ whose love for me
turned my path to true adventure,
set my road to liberty.
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ whose light shone free,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*
2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the blessed way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story . . .
3. Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story . . .
4. He will keep me till the shining
of the light within my heart
is transfigured by his guiding,
giving life to life's each part.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story . . .

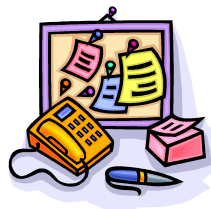
Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952), alt MJ, 2017.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude in D Minor
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: **27 October – 2 November 2019**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 11.15am Knox Book Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **3 November – 9 November 2019**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 5.00pm Knox Film Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study
Saturday 7.30pm Knox Singers Messiah – **See below**

<p>CHRISTMAS BAKING – Last day for orders is Sunday 2 November. There are order sheets at both entrances to the Church.</p>
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PILLARS - Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November instead of our food etc donations going to St Georges Iona they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc welcome and will be well used. This is the tenth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS .

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – 2019 ACWC SERVICE and FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN – Ingathering Service. Theme: “ My Life Abandoned for Your abundant Life”. Prepared by the Women of the Church Women in Thailand. Friday 1 November 2019 at 10am, St Albans Uniting Church. Speaker: Rev Anne Preston. – A warm welcome to all. Morning Tea follows the Service.

KNOX BOOK GROUP – Sunday 27 October, 11.15am in Committee Room. Background to the opening of the Berlin Wall on 9th November 1989.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES: Finding meaning in a consumption driven world – A conference hosted by The Sea of Faith Network NZ. 12.30pm Friday 1 – 4.30pm Saturday 2 November 2019 at All Souls Church Complex, 30 Church Lane, Merivale. Keynote speakers: Bronwyn Hayward, David Hanna and Hana Olds, Merv Dickinson with Amelia Dewhurst, Catherine McFedries, Jim Consedine. A discussion of crucial contemporary issues from philosophical, scientific and spiritual perspectives. All attendees must register. Registration Fee \$50 - \$170 covers morning and afternoon teas, Friday light dinner and Saturday packed lunch. For enquiries contact Doug Sellman on 0274 344456 or doug.sellman@otago.ac.nz Assoc Prof. Bronwyn Hayward will present The inaugural Lloyd Geering Lecture, Friday 1 November at 7.30pm. This is a free, open, public meeting within the conference, followed by supper (gold coin koha will be appreciated).

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – Saturday 2 November - The Christchurch Christian Meditation Community will be holding its last community day for 2019 on Saturday 2nd November from 1-4pm in the Chapel Street Community Centre, Christchurch North Methodist Church, Corner Harewood Road and Chapel Street. Ed O'Connor will tell us what he discovered when he attended an international youth retreat at Bonnevaux in France, where the World Community is settling into its new home. He will also lead us in a beautiful contemplative practice that sets silent meditation within a simple liturgy of spoken prayer. This is an ideal opportunity to see if this ancient form of Christian prayer may be of value to you. Please contact Chris Wilson cjw9nz@gmail.com if you have a question.

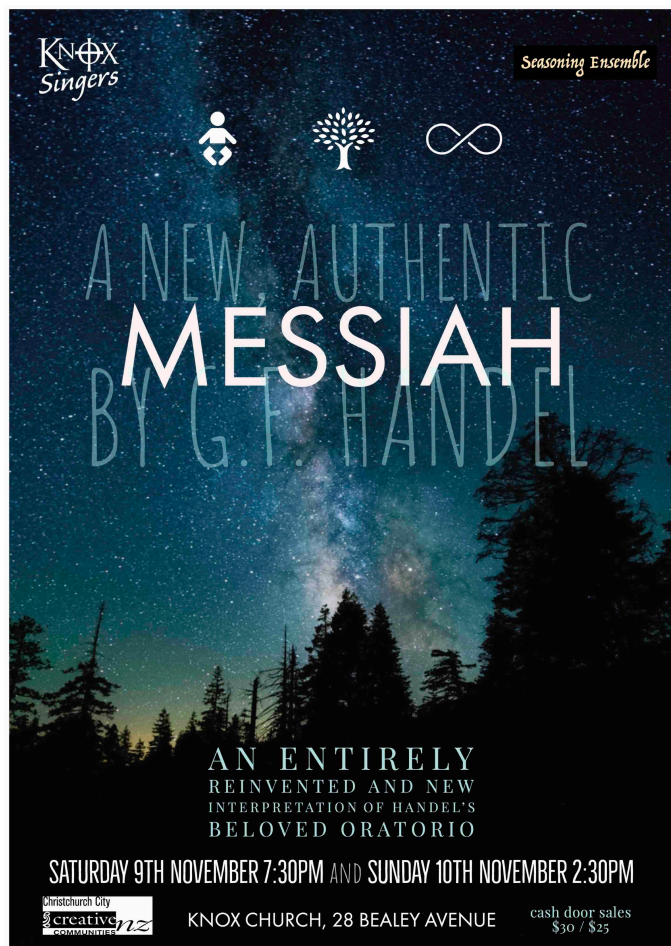
FREE* BUS TRIP TO PEGASUS - If you would like to go and see how Pegasus Town, in the Waimakariri district is developing and stop there for a coffee at the local café, maybe even go for a walk around the lake if the weather is nice, then join us for a trip on the number 95 bus on Saturday the 2nd of November. Although buses go hourly, it would of course be nice to travel together: we are looking at catching the 95 bus that leaves from Victoria St, across the road from Knox, at 9.52 (be at the bus stop at 9.45), to arrive at our destination at 10.46. Leave your car in the Knox car park. The Flat White café is not too far from the bus stop and a walk around the lake takes about an hour. To return home, the bus leaves from Pegasus at 12.05, 13.05 and so on.

*Free to holders of a Gold card but of course anyone is welcome; just use your metro card or pay the appropriate fare (see metro website).

KNOX LIFE – Deadline for articles for the next Knox Life – Friday 11 November. Please forward to office@knoxchurch.co.nz

KNOX FILM GROUP – Sunday 3 November, 5pm in lounge. "Goodbye Lenin". East Berlin 1989. A mother, who is a stalwart member of the Party, becomes injured during a demonstration and lands up in a coma for several months. Meanwhile, the Berlin Wall opens and life is changed forever....in German with English subtitles.

THE KNOX SINGERS



Are you tired of the same repetitive "auto-pilot" Messiah performances held every year? Want to experience something challenging and enlightening? Then this is the Messiah performance for you!! Join the Knox Singers and Seasoning Ensemble with guest artists for an exciting new interpretation of Handel's "Messiah" SATURDAY 9th November 7:30pm, Knox Church & SUNDAY 10th November 2:30pm, Knox Church. Soprano: Yumeka Hildreth, Alto: Renata van der Wal, Tenor: Fernand Kenel, Bass: Albert Bennett.

This special production has been designed and prepared by Musical Director of the Seasoning Ensemble and the Knox Singers, Daniel Cooper. "A new MESSIAH" will challenge your understanding of Handel's Messiah

and baroque music in general, putting a new twist on Handel's old favourite! CASH DOOR SALES \$25 (un-waged) \$30 (waged)

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact:
office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph. 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary **janmwil507@gmail.com** Ph. 338 7203.



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Luke 19: 1-10

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