



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 3 November 2019

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## **ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN FROM THERE!**

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 at Knox is an open one.  
Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely,  
are welcome to receive communion here.

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 flowers today are in memory of Joshua Wiltshire (11.8.08 - 25.10.09).  
With our thanks to Geoff and our Knox family for your support.

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

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

**JESUS, SEEKING AND SAVING THE LOST;  
JESUS, RESTORING BROKEN DIGNITY;  
JESUS BLESSING US TO LIVE WITH GENEROSITY AND FAITH.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

## Hymn:

Down Ampney

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Come down, O love divine, seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

*Trans: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

## Prayer of Approach

Coming down  
to stir the spirit.

**COMING DOWN  
TO LIGHT A LIGHT.**

Coming down  
to burn the dross.

**COMING DOWN  
TO FILL THE LIFE.**

Coming down  
to question the assumption.  
**COMING DOWN  
TO OVERTURN THE JUDGMENT.**

Coming down  
to make a home here.  
**COMING DOWN  
TO SEEK AND SAVE.**

Christ appeared among us;  
**LOVE CAME DOWN.**

All is well.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Silence*

Yet not all is well.  
On his way through Jericho,  
Jesus sees a man up a tree,  
**THE DEATH OF HIS DIGNITY.**

There is belittlement,  
**THERE IS OSTRACISM.**

There is exclusion,  
**THERE IS PAIN.**

In Jericho:  
**ONE ELOQUENT EXPRESSION  
OF SOMETHING GONE WRONG.**

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:**

Like Zacchaeus, may we, O God,  
hear the healing and restoring word of Christ.

**AND AS ZACCHAEUS WAS FREED  
TO LIVE WITH HOLY JOY AND GENEROSITY,  
SO MAY WE BE FREE  
TO SEEK UNITY AND LOVE  
AMONG YOUR PEOPLE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
and use the words he gave 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 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 19: 1-10

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Knox Singers:** Magnificat  
George Dyson (1883-1964)

**Sermon:** Don't say it, Jesus!

*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**

*Led by Philippa Ranby*

**The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,  
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:

University

Charles Collignon (1725-1785)



1. I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
that faith might come to be.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus we meet, and better know  
the Presence ever near,  
and join our hearts and sing with joy  
that Christ is risen here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as God's people in the world,  
we'll live and speak God's praise.

*Brian Wren (b. 1936)*

*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, 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:

Two Oaks

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*
2. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*
3. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** A mighty fortress is our God  
Max Reger (1873-1916)

Following the service, tea and coffee are served in the church

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## **NOTICES**

**This 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**

**Next Week:**                **10 November – 16 November 2019**  
Sunday                    10.00am    Morning Worship  
                                 2.30pm    Knox Singers Messiah – **See below**  
Wednesday            10.00am    Bible Study

**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 .

**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.

**KNOX SINGERS - THE MESSIAH** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm at Knox Church. Join the Knox Singers and Seasoning Ensemble with guest artists for a new interpretation of Handel’s Messiah. Cash Door sales \$25 (un-waged), \$30 (waged).

**KNOX LIFE** – Deadline for articles for the next Knox Life – Friday 15 November. Please forward to [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz)

**SUNDAY LUNCH** – on Sunday the 17th of November, at around 12pm, we will be meeting for lunch at the Kowhai Café, at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. There is ample parking and cabinet food as well as a small menu are on offer. Please join us and add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Names are required by Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't put your name down and still would like to come along, you can also email [jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com) but no later than Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, please.

**KNOX FIRESIDE GROUP** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday November 18 at 7 30pm in the Church. Jonet Ward will be the speaker Topic "A cruise along the Kimberley coast and Arnhem Land". All welcome

**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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) Ph. 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com) Ph. 338 7203.**

## **Mission Discernment Review Event**

When we decided to trial the "Open Church" project, we set a review date of 10 November. So, all who have been involved in the open church programme are invited to gather in the children's area after morning worship, to talk about how things have gone, and whether, or in what adapted form, the initiative might continue. We'll also talk about the Peace Bell event.

## **Movember**

Since 2003, the "Movember" campaign has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men - particularly in the realm of prostate cancer work.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, men have sought sponsorship to grow moustaches during November, and generally to shave it off again at the end of the month. This year, Matthew will participate, so will look a wee bit rough during various Sundays in November. Please forgive him, and consider, at the end of the month, when the moustache disappears, making a donation to the Cancer Society of New Zealand.



### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Job 19: 23-27a
- Luke 20: 27-38

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