



# KNOX CHURCH

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# The New Year

A COMMUNION SERVICE  
conducted by Rev. Glenn Livingstone

## 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 Call to Worship:

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**It was in the beginning with God; all things were made through it, and without it was not anything made that was not made.**

In it was life, and the life was the light of humanity.

**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.**

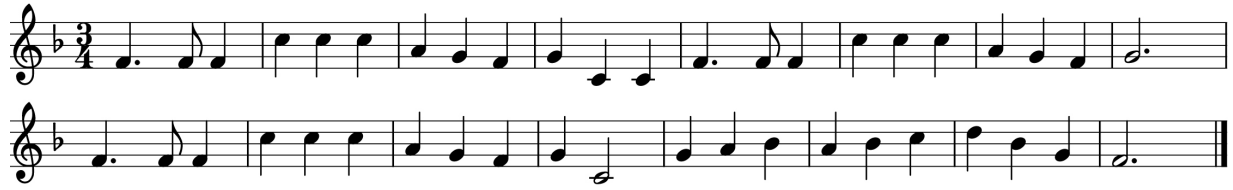
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

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

## Hymn:

Reversi

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas:  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer and welcome the Christ Child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
2. Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach!
3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,  
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn,  
wise ones make journeys, whatever the season,  
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth:  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

## Prayer of Approach

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:

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

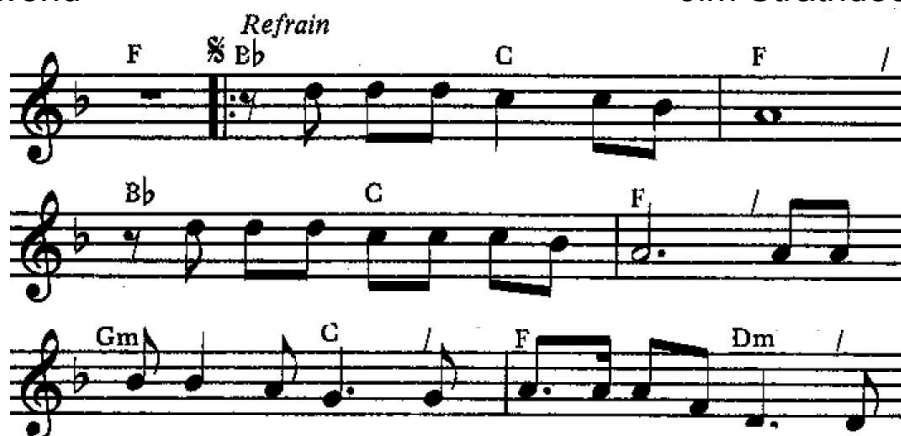
*If there are younger ones present*  
**A Conversation with the Younger Ones**

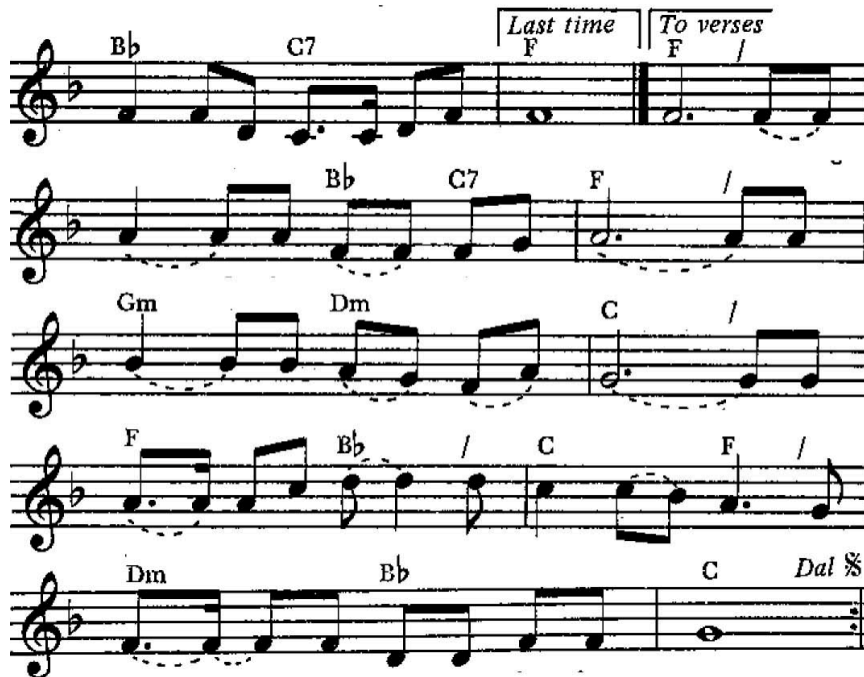
*Although there is no Sunday School during the holidays, young ones are  
welcome to enjoy toys and books in the activity corner at the rear of the church*

## **Hymn:**

Light of the world

Jim Stratthdee (b. 1941)





*"I am the light of the world.  
 You people come and follow me!"  
 If you follow and love  
 you'll learn the mystery  
 of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 when the star in the sky is gone,  
 when the kings and the shepherds  
 have found their way home,  
 the work of Christmas is begun: *I am the light . . .*
2. To find the lonely and the lost,  
 to heal their broken souls with love,  
 to feed the hungry children  
 with warmth and good food,  
 to feel the earth below, the sky above; *I am the light . . .*
3. To free the prisoners from their chains,  
 to make the powerful care,  
 to rebuild the nations  
 with strength and goodwill,  
 to be at one with people everywhere; *I am the light . . .*
4. To bring hope to every task you do,  
 to dance at a baby's new birth,  
 to make music in  
 an old man's heart,  
 and sing to the colours of the earth. *I am the light . . .*

**The First Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:7-14  
In this is the Word of God  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 1:(1-9), 10-18

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

**Sermon:** The Light of the World in the New Year  
*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 Glenn Livingstone*

### **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:

Linstead

Jamaican Folk Melody

Adapted by Doreen Potter 1925-80

Arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen 1935 -



1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!*

2. Christ is able to make us one;  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

*Jesus lives again . . .*

3. Jesus calls us, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God-Immanuel everywhere!

*Jesus lives again . . .*

## 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:**  
Slane

Irish traditional melody  
harm. David Evans 1874-1948



1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle-shield, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, after 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.

*Words: Gaelic c. 8th cent*

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

*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hall (1860-1935)*

*Melody: Irish Traditional*

## Postlude

Following the service, tea and coffee are served in the Lounge of the Knox Centre

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If you missed out donating, through Knox, to the Christian World Service  
Christmas appeal, you can always make a donation directly to CWS



# WATER

This Christmas, Christian World Service asks you to support families in need of water. From families of HIV and AIDS orphans in Uganda's dry region to fisherfolk on south India's coast who have lost access to the sea

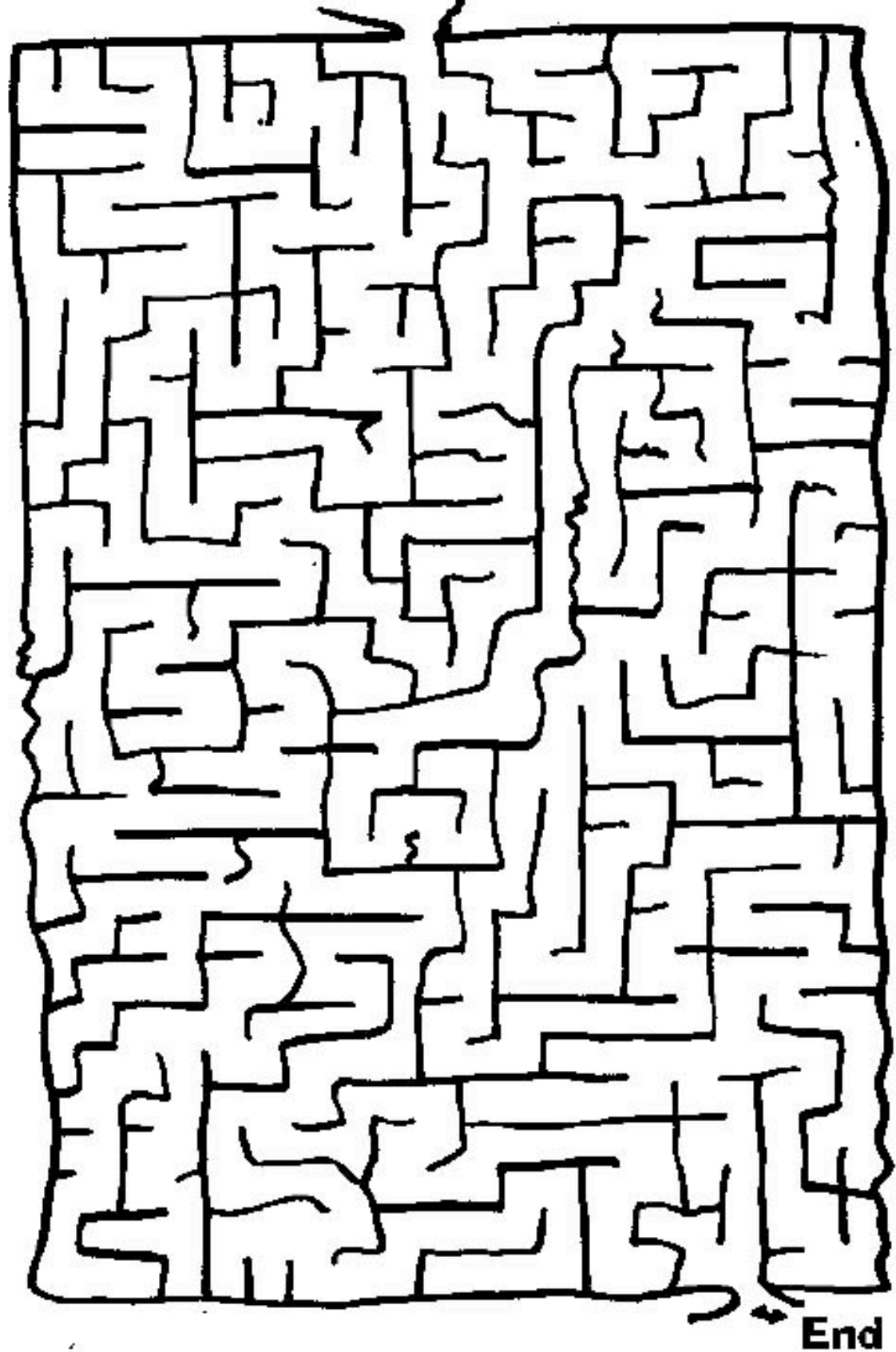
and their livelihoods, the demand for water is very great. In rural and urban areas, water shortages or sometimes severe floods are having a huge effect. With your help families can get access to the water they need to escape. The right to the dignity that comes with safe water, good sanitation, and a decent livelihood belongs to us all.

Please make your donation in the envelope provided (available on the table in the new foyer) or donate on line at: <http://christmasappeal.org.nz/donate/>.

The need is clear – give water for Christmas, the essence of survival.

**This maze is hard ! Can you make it to the end?**

**Start**





### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Matthew 3:13-17

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