

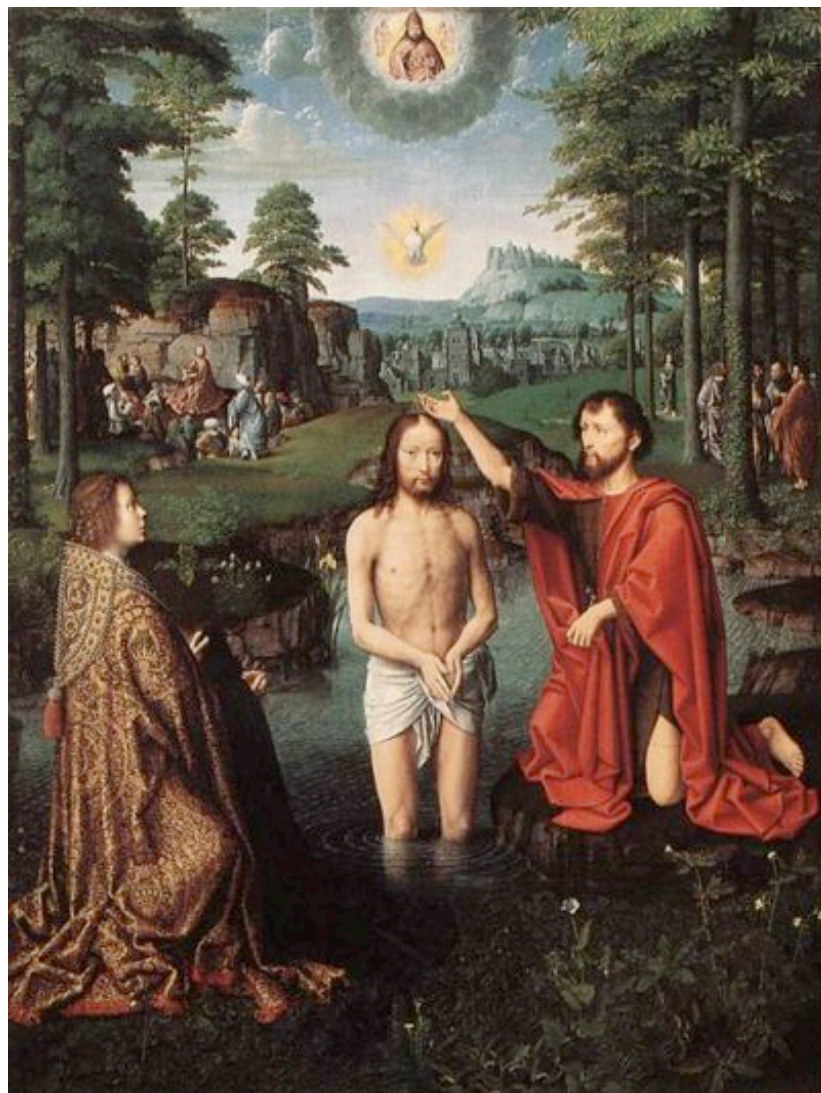


# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 12 January 2020

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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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.

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.  
And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I  
am well pleased."

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

### Hymn:

Amazing Grace

American Folk Hymn Melody

Arr. From Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921)



1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved one such as me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. My God has promised good to me,  
whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

### **Assurance and Response**

*Silence*

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:  
You are forgiven and you are free.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Prayer of Supplication:**

God of the living,  
in you Jesus found life and hope.  
In you, he found faith and confidence.

**MAY WE, WHO FOLLOW HIM,  
SHARE IN HIS JOY AND PEACE.**

We pray this in his name,  
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 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**

*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:** Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Melody adapted from a chorale by  
 Christian Friedrich Witt c. 1660-1716



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| 1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,<br>born to set all people free;<br>from our fears and sins release us,<br>grant us your true liberty. | 2. Israel's strength and consolation,<br>hope to all the earth impart;<br>dear desire of every nation,<br>enter every longing heart. |
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3. Born all people to deliver,  
born a child, you came to reign!  
Born to rule on earth for ever,  
come, be known to us again.
4. By your own eternal Spirit  
come to claim us as your own;  
by your all-sufficient merit  
let us share your cross and crown.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-9

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17

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

**Hymn:**

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. Faith has set us on a journey  
past the landmarks that we know,  
taking risks with no insurance  
but the Word that tells us "go!"  
Friend or job or home or lover  
we may need to leave behind,  
outworn truths and ways of thinking,  
baggage to the past consigned.

2. Some are swags of easy conscience  
who with others hitch a ride,  
some are tourist package Christians,  
dollar-safe, with book and guide.  
There are others on this journey,  
those who long and pray and search,  
heave the stones to free the structures,  
love the Christ and free the church.
3. We are this unlikely people  
in the body knit as one,  
company of clowns and cripples,  
some are wise and some can run.  
Prophets are our travel agents,  
gospel-makers lay this road:  
to the place of peace and promise  
faith will take us into God.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

## **Sermon**

## **Music for Reflection**

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

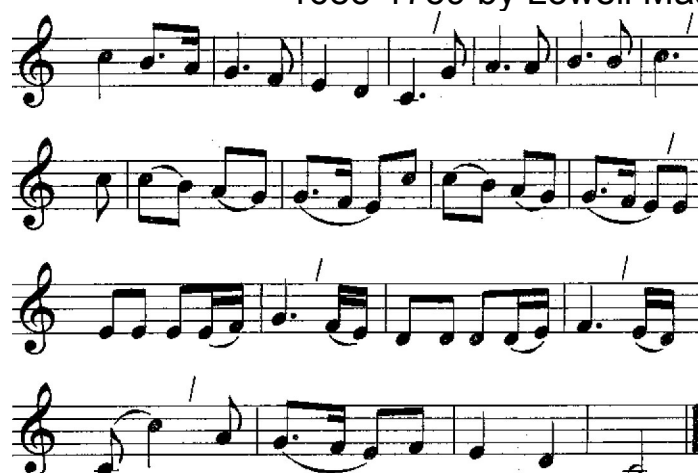
*led by Glenn Livingstone*

## **The Offering and Dedication**

## **Notices**

**Hymn:**  
**Antioch**

Arranged from George Frederick Handel  
1685-1759 by Lowell Mason 1792-1872



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;  
let men their song employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy . . .
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love.  
and wonders of his love . . .

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude**

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

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## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- posted on the website during the week

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