



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 2 February 2020



CRADLE AND GRAVE

A COMMUNION SERVICE

In December of 2019, the mysterious street artist, Banksy, produced the work above, calling it "Scar of Bethlehem". Putting the holy family beneath a star shaped like a cross around a bullet hole, the artist brings together themes of birth and death, peace and war, blessing and cursing. Why would he do that? Is he the first to do it? Our service takes its theme today from the last words of an elderly person called Simeon.

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.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)



Shirley Murray, who died last week, was one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most prolific and respected hymn writers. While her husband, John, was minister here at Knox from 1967-1975, Shirley was well known to many Knox people. With thanksgiving for Shirley's word-craft and theological integrity, all our hymns for today's service are taken from her canon.

The Call to Worship:

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

**INFANT JESUS, BRINGING PEACE TO A TIRED OLD MAN;
ADULT JESUS, BEING CRUCIFIED BY A BAD DECREE;
RISEN JESUS, BRINGING HOPE TO A WORLD IN NEED.**

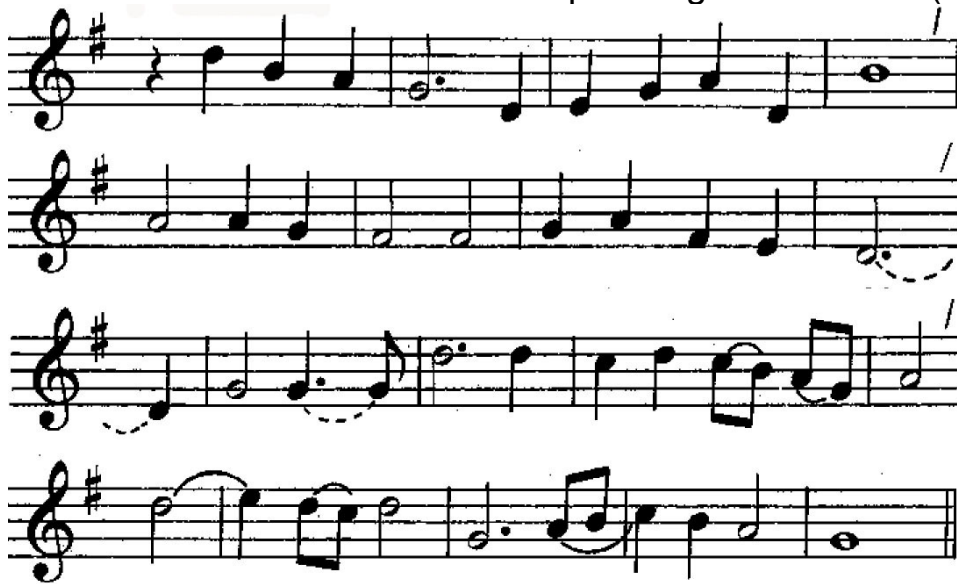
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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| 1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia! | 3. And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia! |
| 2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia! | 4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia! |

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Rejoicing in the wonderful gift of life,
its moments and milestones,
its chapters and cherished happenings,
WE SING OUR ALLELUIA.

Meeting people along the way,
who seem to know as much hope as sorrow,
who hold together creatively
their frustration and their confidence,
WE SING OUR ALLELUIA.

Knowing that Christ is alive,
growing and speaking in our world,
revealing the favour of heaven on earth,
WE SING OUR ALLELUIA.

And coming to his table,
where we shall be welcomed and fed,
blessed and called and sent,
WE SING OUR ALLELUIA.

Praise and thanks to God!
WE SING OUR ALLELUIA.

Also part of the picture, though,
is the falling
and the failing of the other,
the worried mothers
and the children falling victim.
Also part of the picture
is the warning,
the fearing,
the killing.

And 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:

Through the infant Jesus, O God,
you enabled an elderly man
to see his hope fulfilled.
You assured him that light was shining.

**ENABLE US ALSO TO SEE,
THROUGH THE RISEN AND LIVING CHRIST,
THAT YOUR LOVE HAS WON OUR WORLD
AND SET US FREE.**

This is our prayer,
in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

The Notices

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

*Young ones are welcome to enjoy themselves in the activity area,
at the rear of the church.*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 22-40

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

Knox Singers: Hymn study on "Our God, our help in ages past"

Sermon: A eulogy for Simeon

*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

To the minister's words, " God of Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Simeon and Anna",
you are invited to respond " **HEAR OUR PRAYER** "

. . . 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 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:

Love Unknown

John Ireland (1879-1962)



1. Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.
2. Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.
3. Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste -
one people in the name of Christ.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

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:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

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Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude in D
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:	2 February – 8 February 2020
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Next Week:	9 February – 15 February 2020
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	4.00pm Knox Film Group – See over
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Sunday 9th February - The first film will be **Goodbye Christopher Robin** on at 4pm in the Lounge. Set at end of the First World War the film gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin and Milne's creation of the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. It is a compelling film about fame and its effect on family.

Sunday lunch – 16th of February come and join us for lunch at the Kowhai Café, at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. A table has been booked for us for midday and there is ample parking. You can choose from the menu or pick something from the cabinet. If you'd like to come, then please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Names are required by Monday the 10th. If you didn't put your name down and still would like to come along, you can also email jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but no later than Monday the 10th, please.

Saturday 29 February – Visit Brian and Helen Cokers Garden at West Melton. This will be an opportunity to see the development since our last visit when the garden was very new. Afternoon Tea will be provided and there will be a charge of \$10 per person which will be donated to the Charity Hospital. It is intended that we car pool, leaving Knox car park at 2pm. All are welcome. Forms to fill in are at each door. Numbers by Sunday 23 February.

Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March – Opening Celebration Weekend of the Aldersgate Centre (Durham Street Methodist). There are several functions which you may attend.

- Opening Celebration – Saturday 29th February at 2.30pm
- Celebration Dinner – Saturday 29th February at 7pm
- Sunday Celebration – Sunday 1 March at 10am
- Festival of Music – Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm

Further details can be found on our noticeboards. To register, please contact opening@aldersgate.org.nz

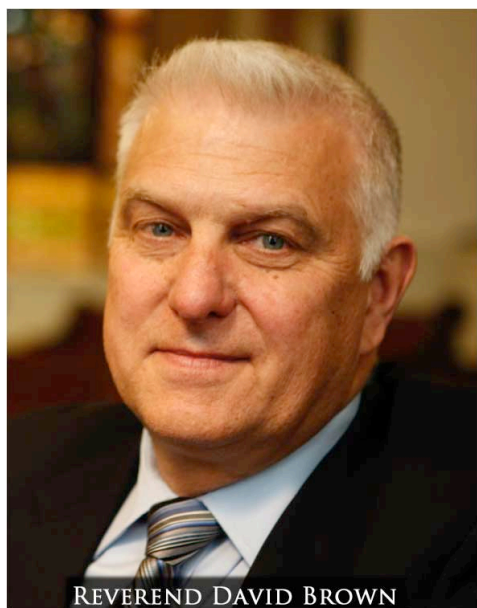
SUNDAY FLOWERS - This year Barbara and Rochelle Howley have taken responsibility for ensuring we have fresh flowers to enhance our Sunday services - thank you both! (We have been enjoying their delightful arrangements for several weeks already.) Last year a number of people provided flowers for the church on a date of personal significance and we invite similar offers for this year. Barbara and Rochelle are happy to arrange any flowers you provide, if you would like them to. Please put your name in the Flower Calendar for the Sunday on which you will offer your gift of flowers or contact Jane in the church office. With the church being open to passers-by several days during the week now, it is especially nice to have fresh flowers as a welcoming gesture to visitors. Your help will be appreciated by all.

ROSTERS 2020/21 - We need people to join the Rosters for Door Duty and Morning Tea. If you can help, please give your name to Jennifer McKinnon or Janet Wilson.

PRAYER ROSTER - At Knox, on most Sundays, "Prayers for Others and Ourselves" are led by members of the congregation. They write their own prayers, after being sent a draft of the sermon on the Thursday just prior the service. This enriches our worship greatly. Due to some recent retirements, we are looking for additional people to join the Prayer Roster. If you are interested please contact either Matthew or Jennifer McKinnon for further information.

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.

Rev David Brown,



REVEREND DAVID BROWN

a Presbyterian minister from Noe Valley parish, San Francisco, is taking some study leave in Aotearoa New Zealand in mid-February, to look at some of the things being done in progressive congregations here, including here at Knox. He hopes to be able to hear something of our story and of the values that have driven our mission discernment. He's also happy to run a couple of evening (5:30pm - 7:00pm) workshops for us. On Thursday 20th, he'll speak about dismantling structural racism, and on Thursday 27th, he'll describe how the Presbyterian Church USA came to an inclusive stance on same sex marriage and rainbow leadership. He'll be preaching on Sunday 23rd. The Noe Valley parish website can be found here:
<http://www.noevalleyministry.org/>

As mentioned above, David would love not just to speak to us, but also to hear from us. After morning tea on Sunday 23 February, we'll gather in the children's area to talk with him - to tell him our recovery story, and maybe to give him a glimpse into our mission discernment process.



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 58: 1-12
- 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

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