



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 1 March 2020



A LENTEN CONVERSATION

COMMUNION SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, HUNGRY AND FACING HIS TIME OF TESTING;
JESUS, LISTENING HARD FOR THE VOICE OF GOD;
JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING HIS GOD ALONE.**

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

Hymn:

Heinlein

Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch, 1677, alt.



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| 1. Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled. | 3. Shall not we thy sorrows share, learn thy discipline of will, and, like thee, by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of ill? |
| 2. Sunbeams scorching day by day; chilly dewdrops nightly shed; prowling beasts about thy way; stones thy pillow; earth thy bed. | 4. If the tempter, vexing sore, flesh and spirit should assail, thou, our truth, our way, our life, will not suffer us to fail. |
| 5. Watching, praying, struggling thus, victory ours at last shall be; angels minister to us as they ministered to thee. | |

*George Smyttan (1822-1870)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.*

Prayer of Approach

In the desert,
HE IS HUNGRY.

From the silence,
THE TEMPTER SPEAKS.

In the speaking,
THOUGHTS ARE CREEPING.

In the sifting of options,
IDENTITY IS FORMING.

Before he begins his great engagement with the world,
**JESUS CONSIDERS WHO HE IS,
WHAT HE WILL DO,
WHOM HE WILL SERVE.**

Power or love?
SAFETY OR RISK?

Splendour or worship?
FEAR OR TRUST?

"If you are the Son of God" -
JESUS, WHO WILL YOU BE?

Silence

Some chose to keep the food.

LORD HAVE MERCY.

Some choose comfort.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Some choose the money.

LORD HAVE MERCY.

As Jesus converses with the tempter,

**WE STAND WITH CHRIST,
AND MAKE OUR CONFESSION.**

Silence

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:

Lord Jesus Christ,
listening for the voice of God,
you found clarity for the beginning of your ministry.

**GIVE US EARS THAT ARE OPEN
TO THE SPEAKING OF GOD,
THAT WE, LIKE YOU,
MAY DISCOVER WHO WE ARE
AND WHAT WE MUST DO.**

This is our prayer, in your name,
AMEN.

The Notices

If there are younger ones present

A Conversation with the Younger Ones

The next Sunday School day is on 15 March. Today, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Sermon: Setting the tone

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.

Music for Reflection: Improvisation on forty days and forty nights
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "We listen for the voice of Christ",
you are invited to respond **"THAT GOD MIGHT SET THE TONE."***

**. . . 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.

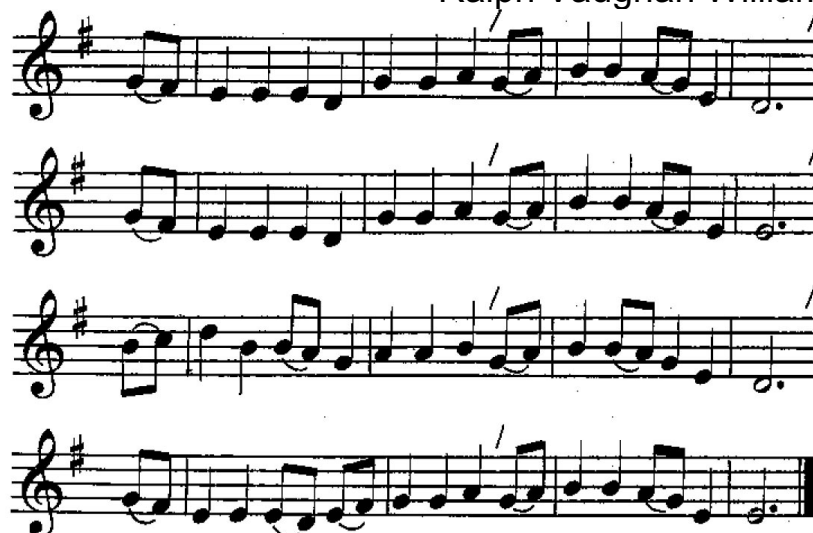
**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Communion Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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| 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest, lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast," I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. | 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. |
| 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." | |

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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.**

We stand for
The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
who began your ministry
with a time in the wilderness:
full of the Holy Spirit,
you met head-on
the destructive claims of the Tempter.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
to the manipulation of vulnerability,
to the corrupt use of power,
to the demeaning and destruction of life,
you said a Spirit-filled "No".
You drew upon your faith
in the God of provision and caring.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

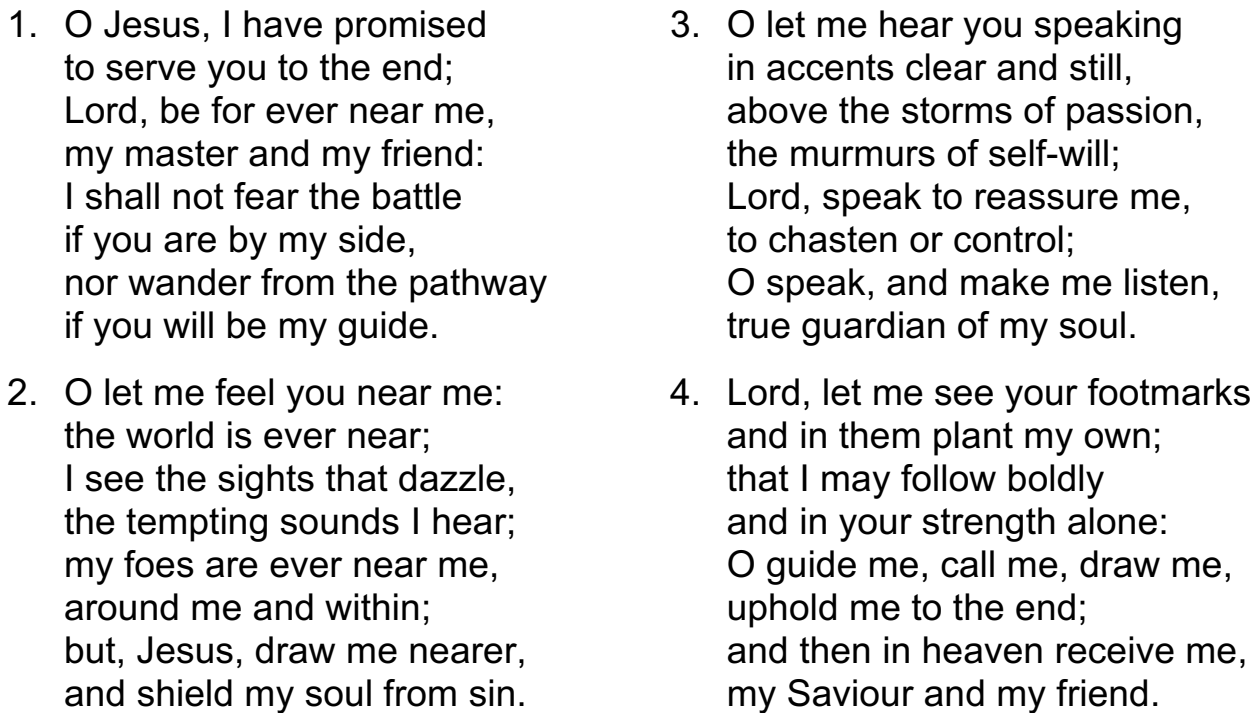
God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your will.
**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY
IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,
THIS LENT,
AND ALL OUR DAYS.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)





Benediction and Sung Amen

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



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| Next Week: | 8 March – 14 March 2020 |
| Sunday | 10.00am Morning Worship |
| | 4.00pm Knox Film Group – <i>see below</i> |
| Wednesday | 10.00am Bible Study |

LENTEN PROGRAMME, 2020 - Five Sunday evenings in March this year, to explore a Christ-centred spirituality that is friendly to our endangered planet. The sessions, conducted by Len Pierce, will be based on the Canticle of St Francis of Assisi, and will be held in the activity corner in the church, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. It is understood that folk may be unable to attend all of the sessions. People are welcome to come as suits.

Knox life - The next issue of Knox Life is planned for March. Contributions are invited to be submitted by Monday 2 March. Please send them to Jane in the Knox office. All contributions welcome.

World Day Of Prayer – Friday 6 March, 10am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. A service prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee, Zimbabwe.

Choose Kindness Public Talk – Saturday 7 March 7.30 – 9pm at Knox Church. Join internationally renowned teacher and Buddhist monk, Gen Kelsang Dornying for a life- changing public talk on kindness. This talk is going to be a great introduction for those who are new to Buddhist teachings and will give you the tools and insights you need to choose kindness every day. Everybody is welcome. \$18, unwaged \$12 or \$20 cash at the door. You can book online or contact the Centre to book your place. Or simply buy your ticket at the door – cash only, no eftpos. Includes refreshments. For more information go to: www.meditateinchristchurch.org

Sunday 8 March 4pm in the lounge. As part of the Lenten Studies, the film **Brother Sun, Sister Moon** (1972) will be shown. Directed by the famous Franco Zeffirelli, the film examines the life of St. Francis of Assisi, including the effect on his family, town, society and church of the decision to give up his previous life of riches and follow the rule of poverty, chastity and obedience to God.

Daily Bible readings guide – “With love to the world”. If you haven't seen this guide, there is a copy of the Feb-May issue in the foyer to have a look at and/ or purchase for \$10. See Janet McGiven or Trudy Heney.

Bus trip to Kaiapoi 14 March - A bus trip (public transport) has been planned for the 14th of March, this time to Kaiapoi. We are aiming at catching the number 95 bus together at 9:52 (hourly service) from the Victoria St. bus stop, across the road from Knox. Please be at the bus stop from 9:45, in case the bus is early. You can leave your car at the Knox car-park. Arrival in Kaiapoi (MC Donald's) at around 10:24. There are several coffee shops, a new pub/café on the river's edge and various retail shops to explore. There are a few nice walking tracks along the river for those who want to stretch their legs. You may even be able to catch a cruise on the Kaiapoi River Queen but note that you need to book this in advance. To return, there is a bus at 11:29, arrive Vic St 12:03; 12:29, arrive 1:03; 1:29, arrive 2:03 etc.

Sunday lunch – come and join us for lunch on Sunday the 15th of March 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 9th. 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 9th, please.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday 16 March at 7.30pm in the Church (entry via the Bealey Avenue door into the new foyer) Janet Wilson will be the Speaker. She will speak about a recent visit to Jakarta and Manila. All welcome

A great prelude to Holy Week.- The Christchurch City Choir will be joined by City Choir Dunedin, the Cathedral Choristers, CSO and six superb soloists at Christchurch Town Hall **7.30pm on Saturday 4 April**. With over 250 musicians on stage, it will be an epic performance. Bach's *St Matthew Passion* is a stunning creation, the music is dramatic, passionate and emotional. Bookings via Ticketek.

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.





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 121
- John 3: 1-17

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