



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 15 March 2020



WORDS AT THE WELL

Health Matters

In a time of concern about the spread of the Corona virus, the national office of the PCANZ has asked congregations, as they gather for public worship, to observe some cautionary protocols.

The minister will speak to these at the start of the service.

In short:

- If you need to cough, please cover your mouth, preferably coughing into your elbow.
- During the passing of the peace, where usual practice is to shake hands, alternatives will be encouraged. The minister will present options at the start of the service.
- Today we will not be passing the offering bags around, hand to hand. Offering boxes will be available on the tables by the Victoria Street doors and in the new foyer. If you haven't put your offering in the box before the service, simply deposit your offering there after the service - being aware that the offering prayer is offered in the understanding that all offerings, regardless of current location, are dedicated.
- Consider washing your hands before and after morning tea. The morning tea servers will have done the same, and we will be washing all dishes for the foreseeable future in the dishwasher, rather than more gently by hand in the sink.

And, of course, if you have been travelling to Iran, Italy, or China, and are feeling unwell, please ring your doctor and think carefully about whether you ought to be circulating in public places.

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.

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.

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.

JESUS, DRAWING THE WORLD INTO CONVERSATION;

JESUS, OFFERING THE LIVING WATER;

JESUS, GIVING CONVICTION TO "WE ARE ONE".

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Fulda

William Gardiner (1770-1853)



1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress
your heart has never known recoil.
3. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to see
the sweet compassion of your face.
4. O Master, from the well of life
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
and tread the city's streets again:

5. till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Franks Mason North (1850-1935) alt.

Prayer of Approach

In a busy city,
where cross the crowded ways of life,
word has gone out
that life-giving water
is being poured out.

SO THE PEOPLE GATHER TO DRINK.

At a well,
Jew and Samaritan,
together discover
a shared future and hope.

SO THE PEOPLE PAUSE IN PRAYER.

He says neither on this mountain,
nor on that mountain,
but in the heart,
by Spirit and truth,
shall worship be given.

SO WE OFFER WORSHIP.

We offer silent worship,
IN THE NAME
OF THE "CHRIST OF THE WELL".

Silence

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:

At a well in the Middle East, O God,
your son entered into conversation
with someone assumed to be an enemy.

From that conversation
came faith, unity and life.

**DRAW US, ALSO,
INTO A SHARING OF WORDS
WITH OTHERS IN OUR CITY,
THAT BLESSINGS MAY COME
FOR ALL YOUR CHILDREN.**

We pray this in the name of the Christ of the well,
and use the words he taught us, saying:

**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.

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.

The First Lesson: John 4: 5-26

The First Reflection: The private conversation

The Second Lesson: John 4: 27-42

The Second Reflection: The public debate

*These reflections will be posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Hymn:

Dream Angus

Scottish folk melody



1. Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.
*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*
2. Feel for the people we must avoid -
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
To the lost.....
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,

feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.
To the lost.....

4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.
To the lost.....

John Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

She brought her bucket
AND HE BROUGHT HIS THIRST.

She brought her suspicion
AND HE BROUGHT HIS IMPATIENCE.

Yet somehow God blessed it,
AND BEAUTY EMERGED.

May God similarly bless what we bring now,
THAT LOVE AND UNITY MAY GROW.

Bless the money and food,
**AND THE HEARTS OF THOSE
WHO MAKE THIS OFFERING,**

in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
you spoke to the woman at the well.
From that conversation
came understanding, unity and life.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US, LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
you challenge us to step into the future with faith.
You dare us to hope for peace on earth.
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.**

Benediction

Hymn:

Concord

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



1. Let there be light,
Let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather,
Let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,
Open our minds to ponder,
Open the door to concord
Opening into grace.

3. Perish the sword,
Perish the angry judgment,
Perish the bombs and hunger,
Perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love,
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom,
Hallowed be your name.
5. Let there be light,
Open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror,
Hallow the world God made.

Frances Wheeler Davis (b.1936)

We sit

How to mark an Anniversary

As we have approached the first anniversary of the shootings at Christchurch's two mosques, there has been debate around the country concerning whether it is appropriate to mark the occasion. Some Muslim spokespeople, making the point that anniversaries are not normally a part of Islamic practice, have discouraged the holding of special events. Other spokespeople have noted that the attacks hurt the whole city, and changed the way we all think about community across cultures and faiths. The event organised for this afternoon, by the Christchurch City Council, will be attended by representatives from both of Christchurch's mosques – so at a local level there seems to be a gracious acceptance that marking the occasion will occur in Christchurch – hopefully in a pastorally sensitive way. We are taking care, here at Knox, not to forget what happened, and yet to respect Islam's ambivalence concerning anniversaries. The balance for us, this morning, is to admit what has happened, but then to focus on standing up for love, understanding, peace and unity in the city – expressing our hope for, and commitment to, a better future.

Matthew.

We keep a short silence

Peace Anthem: Grant us thy peace
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

We stand for

A Litany for Love and Peace in Otautahi Christchurch:

Blessed are the peacemakers,
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED “CHILDREN OF GOD”.

Pause

Aware of the costs of violence,
WE STAND FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY.

Aware of the results of hatred,
WE STAND FOR LOVE IN OUR CITY.

Aware of the fruits of ignorance,
WE STAND FOR UNDERSTANDING IN OUR CITY.

Aware of the consequences of prejudice,
WE STAND FOR UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE OF OUR CITY.

May the God of the entire human family tend to the broken hearted.
MAY THE GOD OF ALL PEOPLE HEAL THE NATIONS.

May the God of many names enfold our community,
ENABLING US TO BE PEOPLE OF LOVE AND PEACE.

Aaronic Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

We sit

Postlude: Piano Concerto no. 2, movement II
Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
Soloist: Gabriel Baird

***We ask today that no applause be given for the postlude.
Please leave the church quietly in your own time.***

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 15 March – 21 March 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5:00pm	Lenten Study with Len Pierce - see below
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 22 March – 28 March 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Lenten Programme, 2020 - Five Sunday evenings in March, exploring 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. Each session is independent, so come and go as you need to.

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 for further information.

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

Seasoning Ensemble – Presents “*Battalia*”. A concert featuring Daniel Cooper on Harpsichord. Music from Vivaldi, Biber, Scarlatti, Boccherini and Sammartini. Saturday 28th March 7.30pm at Knox Church. Tickets \$20/25 available on Eventfinda.com

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.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Ephesians 5: 8-14

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