



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 22 March 2020



**TRYING TO WORK OUT
WHAT PLEASES GOD**

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.

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.

- During the passing of the peace, where usual practice is to shake hands, alternatives will be encouraged.
- 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. They will also pour milk into your tea or coffee (if required) to minimize the number of hands on the milk jugs.
- If you need to cough, please cover your mouth, preferably coughing into your elbow.

And, of course, if you 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.

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, WALKING FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT;

JESUS, CALLING US TO JOIN HIM ON THE JOURNEY;

JESUS, BLESSING US TO THINK AND HOPE MORE DEEPLY.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Jesus come, for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, for blessing of our city,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through the fear and danger,
with our hope and joy restored.
2. Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
in our place and in our time:
rouse the faith of your disciples –
come, our first and greatest Sign!

3. Jesus, come, surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
know your love, rise up, and live!

Christopher Idle (b. 1938), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Jesus, you already are among us,
and yet we bid you come.
Come with your wisdom and vision,
with your love and "confidence in God".
COME, LORD JESUS, COME.

Jesus, you already are among us,
and yet we bid you come.
Come with your light and intuition,
with your love of life,
and willingness to die.
COME, LORD JESUS, COME.

Jesus, you already are among us,
and yet we bid you come.
Come with your capacity to understand the human condition,
your capacity to unite those around you,
your skill in feeding the flock.
COME, LORD JESUS, COME.

Jesus, you already are among us,
AND FOR THIS WE OFFER SILENT WORSHIP.

Silence

Jesus, you already are among us,
but often it is a challenge for us to find you.
Are you the attractive person to the right
OR THE PLAIN PERSON EVERYWHERE?
Are you in the likely outcome,
OR THE FRIGHTENING RISK?

Are you in the established pattern,
OR THE THING YET TO BE FOUND?

We are reasonably sure
that you are not in the failure to love our neighbour,
nor in the selfish deed.
You are not in the hoarding of toilet paper,
nor in the spreading of sickness.

Insofar as we contribute to these things,
do them,
and live in this world,
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:

God of light,
whose ways you set forth in Christ,
sometimes we struggle to understand
what we should do,
and who we should be.

**GIVE US OPEN EARS,
OPEN EYES,
HEARTS INTENT ON WISDOM,**

that we might stumble into your purposes
BECOMING CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

We pray this in Jesus' name,
using 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

Our next Sunday School day is 5 April. Today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the toys and activity sheets in the play area, at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

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

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5: 8-14

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

Hymn:
Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,
nothing surpasses the love you impart -
you my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me;
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you my inheritance, now and always:
you and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my 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.

Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent

Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.

Sermon:

Who's this Paul, and does Samuel know what he's doing?

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: Meditation No. 4
Caleb Simper (1856-1942)



Hymn:

St Botolph

Gordon Archbold Slater (1896-1979)



1. Who fathoms the Eternal Thought?
Who talks of scheme and plan?
For God is God, and needeth not
the schemes of human hand.
2. I walk with bare, hushed feet the ground
ye tread with boldness shod;
I dare not fix with mete and bound
the love and power of God.
3. I know not what the future hath
of marvel or surprise,
assured alone that life and death
God's mercy underlies.
4. I know not where God's islands lift
their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
beyond such love and care.
5. And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
no harm shall ever come to me
on ocean or on shore.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnston

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

God turns darkness into light.

GOD TURNS FEAR INTO FAITH.

God turns confusion into clarity.

GOD TURNS SEEKING INTO FINDING.

May God bless the food and money we bring.

MAY GOD BLESS ALSO

OUR DESIRE TO DO GOD'S WILL,

this day,

AND EVERY DAY,

AMEN.

Notices

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ, you walk from darkness into light,
and you bid the faithful to come along.

Along the Lenten path,

LEAD US, LORD JESUS.

O Christ,

before you walk into the light,

you must experience what is dark.

You challenge us to be with you there also.

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:

Richmond

later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)



1. Fill thou my life, O gracious God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
3. Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
5. So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.
6. So shall no part of day or night
unblessed or common be,
but all my life, in every step
be fellowship with thee.

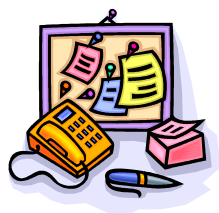
Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: March No. 6 in G
Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 22 March – 28 March 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Lenten Study - see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 29 March – 4 April 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – see below
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.

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

Knox Book Group – Sunday 29 March at 11.15am in the Church. Husna’s Story by Farid Ahmed. Farid’s wife was killed in the Christchurch Mosque Attack while looking for her wheelchair bound husband. Farid’s philosophy of forgiveness, peace and love is an example to us all.

The Christchurch City Choir St Matthew Passion - While we've advertised the St Matthew's Passion concert in our notices over the last few weeks, we've been informed recently that, given new pandemic containment measures, the concert has been cancelled. There are conversations going on concerning whether the concert may be able to be held in 2021.

Knox Film Group – Sunday 5 April 4pm in the Lounge. **Capernäüm** tells the story of a young boy growing up in Beirut. His harrowing life story and eventual escape is based on the director's own life. It is an inspiration to us all.

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.

During an early response to Covid-19 virus, Kia Ora Knox Community!

At our meeting tonight, the Knox Church Council (the body governing our community) spent time discussing issues around the Covid-19 pandemic. We understand that this is a time of heightened anxiety - and not something we need.

Overseas, communities are dealing with bereavements and prohibitions on public gatherings. At home, while we've had no bereavements, and infections so far are assessed as being "contained to overseas transmission", people here seem to have given up gathering locally. Local businesses, consequently, particularly in the hospitality industry, are feeling extreme pressure. Some are "going under". Please support your local businesses. Don't let them fail for reasons totally beyond their control.

We see our role, amid this, as trying to keep our own community life as normal and connected as possible - keeping calm and carrying on. Committed to that, we've judged it sensible to make a few operational adjustments.

Our Simple Changes:

- During our services, we no longer shake hands during the "sign of peace". We deploy other non-contact expressions of love and goodwill. The minister no longer shakes hands at the door as people leave.
- At morning tea, we have no more biscuits on open trays, and ask our servers to pour your milk for you, and to spoon in your sugar. We welcome you bringing your own cup or mug. We're cleaning all our crockery in the dishwasher, rather than by hand.
- For the moment, we're not serving communion. Before Easter, when communion next would be served, we'll assess the situation.

- Our welcoming teams on Sunday morning door duty are encouraging people to sit in the church pews at 2 metre distances from those with whom they do not live. This may require people moving a wee bit from established places of occupation! We have enough space in our building for this to work.
- We're placing paper towels in our toilet rooms, since hand dryers are seen, during current times, as sub-optimal.

What we ask of you:

1. Please keep an eye on your physical state and feelings. If you begin to display symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home. The symptoms are included in the notices section of all orders of service printed and posted from 22 March.
2. If you are feeling lonely or frightened, during any time of isolation of suspended community gatherings, ring the church office (379 2456) and talk to Jane. She will organize for someone living close to you to give you a call. It's important that we keep in touch - but it may have to be by telephone.
3. Please look out for your neighbours. People beyond Knox are bound to have vulnerabilities and needs.

Our church services:

Unless we are instructed to curtail public gathering, we intend to continue to gather for Sunday worship - with appropriate bio-security measures in place. If we are required to cease meeting, we're well prepared to broadcast our services online, via you-tube, and to post transcripts to those who have no internet connection.

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Christchurch people are really good at taking care of our neighbours during times of difficulty. We will rise to this one!

Arohanui,

Matthew Jack
18 March, 2020.

Request for three interviews

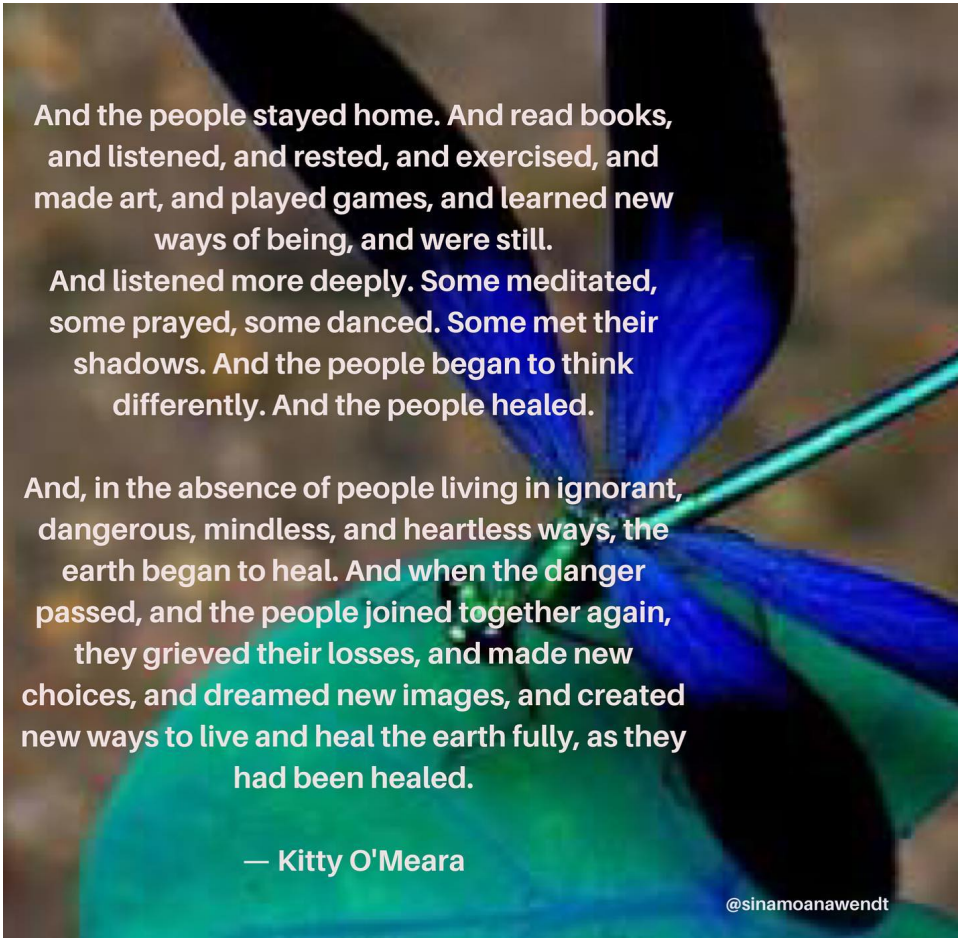
Request sent to the minister of Knox from
Emeritus Professor Amanda Barusch, of Otago University:

I have a Bachelor of Social Work student who lives in Christchurch and would like to conduct a life history project with an older adult; ideally, someone 70 or older who is "ageing well." I wonder if one of your parishioners might be interested in working with her on this project. It would involve three "life review" interviews in a place of their choosing. I'm sure she would be happy to give a copy of her paper to the participant. I find most people enjoy this process. What do you think? Can I put her in touch with you?

From the student, Meg Stewart:

The university assignment is a series of three informal interviews based on an individual's life history. The participant may be asked to describe critical life events, memories, challenges and successes they have experienced throughout their life. The interviews will be recorded for class presentation only, and no identifying features will be included in the project.

If you are interested in being interviewed by Meg, let Matthew know.



And the people stayed home. And read books,
and listened, and rested, and exercised, and
made art, and played games, and learned new
ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply. Some meditated,
some prayed, some danced. Some met their
shadows. And the people began to think
differently. And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the
earth began to heal. And when the danger
passed, and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new
choices, and dreamed new images, and created
new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they
had been healed.

— Kitty O'Meara

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SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	DRY COUGH	FEVER	RUNNY NOSE	SORE THROAT	BREATH- LESSNESS	HEADACHE	BODY ACHES	SNEEZE	FATIGUE	DIARRHOEA
COVID -19										
FLU										
COLD										

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SOURCE: WHO, CDC

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Ezekiel 37: 1-14
- Romans 8: 6-11

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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