



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 10 May 2020

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*Pieter de Grebber, 1654*

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## JUST SHOW US THE FATHER!

A home-made video of this service will go live  
at 12 noon on Saturday 9 May, 2020, at: <https://youtu.be/AWrRnsR1YL4>

## 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, MAKING THE INVISIBLE GOD VISIBLE IN OUR WORLD;**  
**JESUS, CALLING US TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE;**  
**JESUS, HALLOWING THE GRACE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT.**

In the present moment, I say to you:  
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

St Denio

John Roberts (1822-1877)



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. To all life thou givest, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all:  
we blossom and flourish, as leaves on a tree;  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
3. Great "Father" of glory, pure "Father" of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
of all thy rich graces, this Lord impart  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The dawn comes,  
and, following the night,  
the earth is new.

The smell of rain on the grass,  
the fingers of light stretching through the morning -  
**AND WE SAY THAT GOD IS INVISIBLE!**

The mind knows that it's Sunday,  
and the heart wants to go to church -  
to sing, as we have sung,  
to pray, as we have prayed,  
to see Christ in the faces of those who are with us on the journey.  
They are faces we know very well,  
**YET WE SAY OUR GOD IS INVISIBLE.**

Some hymn writer writes lines about veils being taken  
from our eyes and from our hearts,  
that we might see the One we consigned to invisibility.  
And in the meantime,  
someone from Nazareth makes his home among us,  
being real,  
and sacred,  
and saying "you have seen the Father".  
**HUSH OUR SPEAKING OF GRACE THAT IS INVISIBLE.**

Indeed, hush all we say,  
think and do,  
that says "God is not here",  
or "God is not ours to see",  
or "love cannot be seen".  
**HUSH, O GOD, OUR FOLLY.**

Rather, God, hear our confession, as 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, you revealed yourself in different ways,  
to the people you had called to be your own.

In Christ, you came so close to them  
to put paid to all talk of heavenly distance.

**THROUGH CHRIST,  
REVEAL YOUR CLOSENESS TO US,  
THAT WE, WITH THEM,  
MIGHT REJOICE IN HAVING SEEN GOD,  
AND HAVING BEEN MADE WELL.**

We pray this as Jesus 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.*

**The Psalm:**

Psalm 8: 1, 3-5, 9

In this is the Word of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Gospel Lesson:**

John 14: 1-10

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Knox Singers:**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Traditional

**Sermon:**

Moving beyond the grey-beard man

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>*

**Music for Reflection:**

Aria

Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

**Hymn:**

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;<br>let me be as Christ to you.<br>Pray that I might have the grace to<br>let you be my servant too.          | 4. I will weep when you are weeping,<br>when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;<br>I will share your joy and sorrow<br>'till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,<br>we are trav'lers on the road;<br>we are here to help each other<br>walk the mile and bear the load.            | 5. When we sing to God in heaven<br>we shall find such harmony<br>born of all we've known together<br>of Christ's love and agony.                          |
| 3. I will hold the Christ light for you<br>in the night time of your fear;<br>I will hold my hand out to you,<br>speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;<br>let me be as Christ to you.<br>Pray that I might have the grace to<br>let you be my servant too.                  |

*Richard Gillard (b. 1953)*



## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "They long to see God",  
you are invited to respond **"MAY THEY SEE GOD"**.*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Lead us, O God,  
to think about how to bring food to the hungry and the struggling.

**MOVE US ALSO,  
IN THIS STRANGE AND FLUID TIME,  
TO WORK OUT HOW TO GIVE OF OUR TIME AND TALENT,  
TO BE A BLESSING FOR THE WORLD WHICH YOU LOVE.**

In Jesus' name,  
**AMEN.**

## The Litany for Mothers' Day:

All who are part of this service  
are sons or daughters.  
**WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE  
WOMEN WHO GAVE US LIFE.**

For mothers brave, strong,  
compassionate, full of wisdom  
and grace,  
**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND  
PRAISE.**

For mothers vulnerable, worried,  
frustrated, and hurried,  
**WE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

With those who are preparing  
emptier nests,  
**WE BOTH CELEBRATE AND  
MOURN,  
HOPING THEIR WINGS ARE  
AS STRONG AS THEIR ROOTS  
ARE DEEP.**

For mothers who have died, who  
live no longer with us,  
but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN,  
AND GIVE GOD THANKS FOR LIFE ETERNAL.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world,  
for the women who, created in the image of God,  
give not just life, but abundant life,

**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

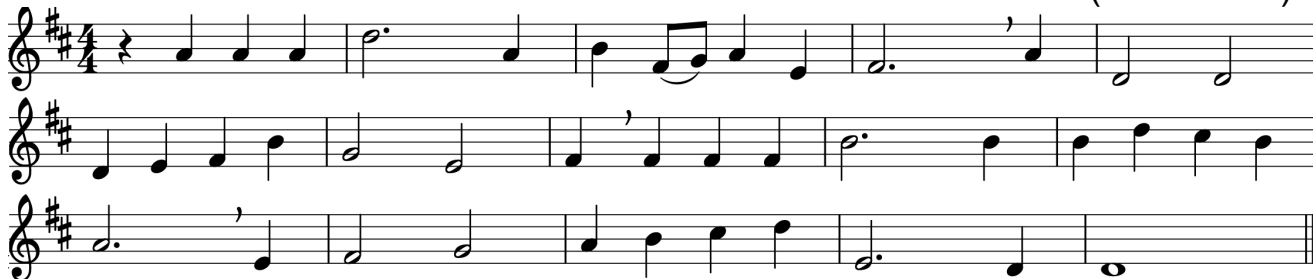
**AMEN.**

*Adapted from Rev. Robb McCoy's Litany, <http://fatpastor.me>*

**Hymn:**

Woodlands

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of the word;  
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
3. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Praise the Lord  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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