



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 17 May 2020



GOD'S SAFE PLACE

A home-made video of this service will go live
at 12 noon on Saturday 16 May, 2020, at: <https://youtu.be/dvZ82ah1d7Q>

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, DECLARING THAT HIS PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ORPHANED;
JESUS, ASSURING HIS PEOPLE OF CONSTANT SUPPORT;
JESUS, IN WHOSE PRESENCE WE ARE MADE WELL.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Old 100th

Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551



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| 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice. | 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take. |
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3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe (d.1594) alt.

Prayer of Approach

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord,

**"MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS;
MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST".**

Psalm 91:1-2

God is good
AND FULL OF MERCY.

God's truth is solid,
A ROCK UPON WHICH TO STAND.

God keeps the flock,
HOLDING US IN EVERLASTING ARMS.

We praise you, O God,
FOR THE LOVE WITHIN WHICH WE LIVE.

We praise you
FOR THE TENDERNESS OF YOUR CARE.

We praise you
FOR THE WARMTH OF THE BED AT NIGHT.

We praise you
FOR THE PROMISE THAT WE SHALL NOT BE ORPHANED.

We offer silent praise.

Forgive us, O God,
for what we do when we are frightened.
**FORGIVE US, O GOD,
FOR THE HURTFUL THINGS WE SAY.**

Forgive us
for our retreating from the gift of life.
**FORGIVE US
OUR HIDING AWAY.**

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:

You promised your people, Jesus Christ,
that they would not be orphaned,
but that you would send an Advocate to them,
to lead them in truth and surround them in love.
You promised to be with them always.

**WE REJOICE IN THIS PROMISE,
AND PRAY IT MAY EMBOLDEN US,
EVEN IN TESTING TIMES,
TO LIVE WITH FAITH AND JOY.**

We pray this in your name,
and use the words that you have taught 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.

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

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

The First Lesson: 1 Peter 3: 13-22
Read by Deirdre Parr Carryer
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: John 14: 15-21
Read by Chris Swannell
This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Organ Voluntary: Adagio No. 4
Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

Sermon: Frightened to drink a coffee - may God help me
Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>

Hymn:
Melita

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bidst the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Trinity of love and power,
our people shield in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
guard them wherever they may go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825-1878)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "For those in peril on the sea",
you are invited to respond **"PROVIDE, IN US, YOUR LOVE AND SAFETY".***

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Tiny, little offerings
find themselves fearing they count for nothing.
**BUT IN YOU, O GOD,
THEY WILL FIND WINGS TO FLY.**

Hesitant, stammering expressions of hope
find themselves shaking at the knees,
**BUT IN YOU, O GOD,
THEY KNOW THEY FIND A BLESSING.**

Bless what we offer here and now, O God,
**THAT SUPPORT AND SAFETY MAY COME UPON ALL YOUR PEOPLE,
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
And keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Holy Ghost
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: March on "A mighty fortress is our God"
Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

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Are you feeling a bit nervous about going out?

On "Seven Sharp", on Tuesday night, Dr Michelle Dickinson, a Science Educator from Auckland, was interviewed about the move from Level 3 to Level 2. When asked about those who may be feeling a bit fearful about moving into Level 2, and who may feel inclined to stay in primary bubbles, Michelle said "O, please stay in your bubble; don't feel pressured to have to go outside. One of the things I've been talking about on social media is, just because level two is coming, it doesn't mean that you have to go out and see everybody. There has to be a real transition stage. I've had lots of people invite me over for dinner . . . and I've said "no" to pretty much everybody, because I'm not ready yet. I just want to take my time. So, don't feel pressured to go out, if you don't want to. Remember this is still a level, Level 2; it's about "playing it safe". So just get used to your new normal. Transition slowly; don't go out to all the parties quite yet, and just take your time, if you want to."

Inter-faith Prayers

The Christchurch Inter-faith community was called to come together to produce a video of prayers in response to the Covid-19 coronavirus epidemic. Knox participated.

From the Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers, Deborah Williams and David Minifie offered the following prayer:

"Help us, quite simply, to be quiet and still in our own mind and spirit, and in the space we have to spare, let trust in you, acceptance, love of others, flow in.

Help us to trust your Spirit wholly and completely, as it does its secret work - hiddenly, persistently and quietly, in the stormy world around us, and the stormy world within."

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