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TRUST AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Trust and Forgiveness

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

The peace of God be with you. And also with you.

Call to Worship:

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 2' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1978) p. I-9



WOV10 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

- 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.
- 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.

From Psalm 100 William Kethe 1594

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

As we look in wonder at this world of diverse peoples in every corner of the planet, we remember the great migrations of myth and history that called people from times of suffering and slavery into wildernesses of new beginnings.

People and peoples making journeys to lands of promise.

In the Hebrew tradition we remember the Exodus journey, but we also remember the myths and stories of our own nation.

Polynesian mariners sailing across the Pacific and those who sailed from a Europe of economic disparity.

We reflect on the economic injustice and the growing chasm between wealth and poverty that brought adventurous and desperate people seek freedom, prosperity, and new beginnings in this temperate, turbulent, and untamed land.

We also remember the injustice of Roman Palestine and the insight of the crucified Jesus.

We marvel at the way Jesus' understanding of his religious tradition and his practice of peace, inclusiveness and healing brought a whole new vision of the relationship between humanity and divinity.

In thoughtful memory and thankfulness, we come to worship the God we image in Jesus who is Christ for us. Amen

Lament

Yet there is much in our world that calls us to lament as good people suffer from the exploitation and greed of others.

The poor are blamed for their situation while the rich and powerful continue to exploit humanity's most vulnerable people.

Politicians and bureaucrats are often tempted to make decisions by opinion polls and focus groups rather than justice and empathy.

Throughout our world disempowered and marginalised peoples are still exploited and traded as slaves.

Refugees and migrant workers are exploited by fear and their limited residency and the children of the most impoverished are sold as domestic servants, prostitutes, and contracted labour.

This unkind and frightening world of the past that sent so many of our ancestors to seek a peaceful Pacific promise has now expanded and grows towards us.

Air travel that unites people across the globe also spreads deadly viruses and the communication technology that connects people also shares the most intimate information and conspiracy myths with a gossiping global village.

Where armies once marched for weeks to besiege cities for months, the planes of death can bring violence to every part of today's world.

Nations seek to implement their foreign policy through other people's wars but quickly close their boarders to the flood of refugees that result from such violence.

Words of Assurance

Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and the days to come. Through Christ comes resurrection from the worst of human nightmares and an eternal promise of new beginnings **Thanks be to God.**

We conclude our opening prayers using the words we believe Jesus taught his disciples.

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 forever. Amen.

Passing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you all And also with you

The First Lesson:Job 1:1, 2:1-10In this is the Word of GodTHANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 10: 2-16 This is the gospel of Christ. PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.



WOV 451 Lord Jesus Christ,

- Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's son; cleansing our souls from all their sin, pouring your love and goodness in, Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord
- Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day teach us how to pray, Son of God. You have commanded us to do this, in remembrance, Lord, of you: into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.

- Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, born as one of us, Mary's Son; led out to die on Calvary, risen from death to set us free, living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.
- 4. Lord Jesus Christ,
 I would come to you,
 live my life for you,
 Son of God.
 All your commands I know are true,
 your many gifts will make me new,
 into my life your power breaks through,
 living Lord.

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford

<u>Sermon</u>



WOV 81 The King of love my Shepherd is

- The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine for ever.
- Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.
- 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; But yet in love He sought me,

And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

- In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me.
- 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house for ever!

* Henry Williams Baker

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Offering and Dedication

We bring this offering of money and food along with such money that has been given through direct credit asking that it be blessed for the sharing of love in this parish and in partnership with other agencies may bring transformation and new beginnings, both here and around the globe. **Amen**



WOV670 The Journey of life

 The journey of life may be easy, may be hard, there'll be dangers on the way; with Christ at my side I'll take courage as I ride 'gainst the foe that would lead me astray.

> Will you ride, ride, ride with the King of kings, will you follow my leader true; will you shout hosanna! to the lowly Son of God, who died for me and you?

- My burden is light and a song is in my heart, as I travel on life's way, for Christ is my Lord, and he's given me his word that by my side he'll stay.
- I'll follow my leader wherever he may go, for Jesus is my friend; he'll lead me on to the place where he has gone, when I come to my journey's end.

(WOV 670 - Valerie Collison)

Commissioning and benediction with sung amen

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 2' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1978) p IV 8



NOTICES

This Week:

3 October – 9 October 2021

Sunday Wednesday

10.00am Morning Worship10.00am Bible Study (not currently being held)

Next Week: Sunday

Wednesday

10 October –16 October 2021

10.00am Morning Worship10.00am Bible Study (not currently being held)



As we did last year, we will be baking for Christmas with all the proceeds going to the lighting. There will be Christmas Cakes: Small 10cm, Medium 15cm, Large 22-23cm, Truffles, Afghans and Shortbread made by Doug Shaw.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

All recipes and some ingredients will be given. Can you make Christmas Cakes and/or truffles? Donations of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders?

TIMETABLE

- October Order forms go out
- October 31st all orders to be returned
- November make Christmas Cakes and truffles
- December 4th morning packing baking

If you can help in anyway, please contact:

Jennifer McKinnon, Email: <u>Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz</u> or 338 0333 or Jane and Lynda in the Office, Email: <u>office@knoxchurch.co.nz</u> or 379 2456. Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church Office or from the table in the foyer.

Sunday lunch 17 Oct – After having to cancel last month, due to Covid levels, we are hoping to be able to get together again for lunch this month at the Oderings Barrington café (Urban Eatery). Usual time of 12 pm. Please, add your name to one of the lists at the church entrance if you are keen to join us, or email jannekenuysink@gmail.com (by Wednesday the 13th).

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: <u>office@knoxchurch.co.nz</u> Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.

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Keeping in Touch

Please help us get acquainted with you by filling in this form and putting it in the offering bag.

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