



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 27 March 2022



HE WAS LOST, BUT NOW IS FOUND

Lent 4

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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.

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.

Pre-service Music - the organ music before the service is an extended improvisation on the hymn tunes featured in the service.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, WALKING HIS COSTLY WAY TO THE CROSS;

JESUS, SPEAKING OF LOVE THAT RACES FORWARD TO CLAIM US;

JESUS, CALLING US TO FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)





1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Gathered around Jesus,
to disapprove of him,
they are told one of his tales.

**SPEAK TO US, O CHRIST,
OF THE GOD OF LOVE.**

God is like a foolish old man,
whose love never dies.
God is like a heart that breaks
and mourns
while people are lost.

**SPEAK TO US, O CHRIST,
OF HEAVEN'S TIRELESS YEARNING.**

God is like a parent who hears,
who hears all the reasons
why we feel we are slaves,
rather than family,
but will not believe it.

**SPEAK TO US, O CHRIST,
OF THE DELIGHT WITHIN WHICH GOD HOLDS US.**

God is like someone rushing out,
dignity cast to the four winds,
through an absolute passion to have and to hold,
to comfort and welcome,
to bless and keep.

**SPEAK TO US, O CHRIST,
OF THE MIRACLE OF FORGIVENESS.**

And as you speak,
we will hear,
and in the silence we will worship.

Silence

We confess, O God,
that we are not at peace with creation,
that we eye it with an ambition
that steals it
and squanders it.

We confess
that we are not at peace with our sisters and brothers,
that we resent them,

and judge them,
and distance them.

We confess
that we have not shone forth the image in which we have been made,
the image of love, caring and dignity.
Instead we have become slaves in the pig sty,
people lost in a world of tragic selfish making.

So 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 love,
you call us to the high task
of loving and forgiving.
You inspire us to embrace those
from whom we have become estranged.
**GIVE US GRACE TO RISE TO THAT CHALLENGE,
AND THUS TO BE PEOPLE OF YOUR IMAGE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
upon whose words we draw,
as together we say

**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.**

*In a suitably physically remote way,
we exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

Our next Sunday School day will happen once we've moved into a Green traffic light setting, and will operate in way consistent with whatever constraints are recommended.

The Scripture Lesson:

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-19

Luke 15: 20-32

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Dominus Regit Me

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,
whose goodness fails me never,
whose hand all things I need bestows
and watches me forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my loving Shepherd leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food from heaven feeds me.
3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,
and on your shoulder gently laid,
then home rejoicing brought me.

4. I do not fear death's shadowed vale
when you are here beside me;
your rod and staff and strength prevail
to comfort and to guide me.
5. You spread a table in my sight,
your gifts of grace bestowing;
and from your chalice I delight
to taste your mercy flowing.
6. And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
based on Psalm 23*

Sermon: To kill a fatted calf

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at:
<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html> A video of this sermon being
practised is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/OuqLnAY4-aw>

Music for Reflection: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:

Ebenezer

T.J. Williams (1869-1944)



1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of his love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to that glorious rest above.

2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus -
spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore:
He who lived among his loved ones
intercedes for them above;
He who called them his own people
watches over them in love.
3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
Vast the ocean of his blessing,
Sweet the haven of his rest!
Water deep, and pure and living,
life from heaven on earth is he;
this my everlasting glory -
Jesus' mighty love for me!

S.T. Francis (1834-1925), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Lesley Hunt

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

A much-loved child of the grieving father is hungry.
WE DEDICATE THIS FOOD.

A missing family member has no shoes on his feet.
WE DEDICATE THIS MONEY.

The world is much in need of love and forgiveness.
**WE OFFER OURSELVES
FOR THE SERVICE OF GOD.**

May God bless what we offer,
**IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
AMEN.**

Notices

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
in response to the Pharisees and Scribes,
and their judgment of the tax collectors and sinners,
you told a story of overflowing, powerful love.
In the face of small mindedness,
you kept your head to give a creative response.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
in the story of broken brothers
and a grieving father,
you showed the wonderful power
and pure beauty
of love and forgiveness.
You called us to love and forgive one another.
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:

Corvedale

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal too greatly grown.
3. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-63)(alt.)

Benediction and Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

During the current Covid containment level, we are not having our usual post-service morning tea. Should you wish to linger in the church for company and conversation, please do - just remember to maintain suitable physical distancing.



NOTICES

This Week: **27 March - 2 April 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **3 April - 9 April 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday lunch 10 April – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat after church at Urban Eatery (Oderings Garden Centre, Barrington). We meet at around 12pm. Note that, due to Easter being the third Sunday, this month's event is on the second Sunday. Please add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance or, you can send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com, but no later than Wednesday the 6th.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS GROUP - Those who have expressed an interest last year in the Knox Public Questions group are invited to gather after next week's service (3 April) for a quick meeting. We'll take a look at our terms of reference and have talk about what sorts of things we envisage coming up for the group to work on this year. You can view the terms of reference which have been posted on the website. [http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/202203210000 Public Questions Group Terms of Reference.pdf](http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/202203210000_Public%20Questions%20Group%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf) A few printed copies will be available on the table at the back of the church this morning and next Sunday.

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 126
- John 12: 1-8

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