



# Knox Church

Christchurch

## Order of Service

12 October 2014

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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 users of hearing aids operates at Knox

Toilets are available on the ground floor of the Knox Centre

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS WHO SHONE AMONG US, WITH GRACE AND TRUTH;  
JESUS WHO PROMISES TO BE WITH TWO OR THREE  
WHO GATHER IN HIS NAME.**

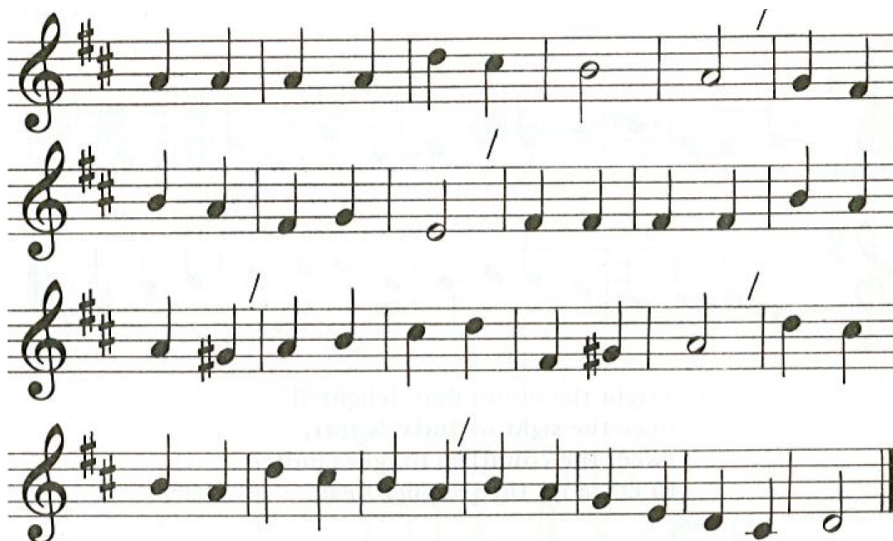
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Praise, my soul

John Goss (1800-1880)



1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge  
grace bestowing without cease.  
Celebrate our God's great glory,  
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence,  
friend and stranger, guest and host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure,  
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe  
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

. . . 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:

. . . OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME;  
YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IT IS 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.*

### A Conversation with the Younger Ones

The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

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

The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

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

### Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)

1. Faith will not grow from words alone,  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with question-marks and doubt.
2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share:  
life comes through death, hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.



3. The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again –  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.
4. Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.

*Elizabeth J. Smith (b. 1956)*

**The Sermon:** Coping with the distance

### **Music for Reflection**

**Hymn:**  
Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if I ever disown you, I stumble and fall;  
but, led in your service your word to obey,  
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

*John Copley Winslow (1882-1974), alt.*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Lola Bathgate*

## **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

## **Notices**

### **Hymn:**

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)

1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.





2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

### **Postlude**

Tea and coffee are served in the Lounge following the morning service

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After this morning's service, you are invited to bring your morning tea or coffee  
back through to the hall and hear Liz Whitehead report back from the recent  
PCANZ General Assembly in Auckland.

# Invitations

**You are invited to participate in**

**Prayers for World Peace**



**Christchurch Interfaith Society**

Invite you to join with them in their annual

**Prayers for World Peace**

***Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm***

***Where: Botanic Gardens – Christchurch***

***Location: the Peace Bell***

***Date: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014***

[www.christchurchinterfaith.org.nz](http://www.christchurchinterfaith.org.nz)  
[www.paradise-press.co.nz/wp.html](http://www.paradise-press.co.nz/wp.html)

**"You must be the change you want to see in the world" – Gandhi**





## **St Luke's Festival – 18 October**

On behalf of the clergy and vestry of St Luke's, I write to extend a warm invitation to members of Knox Church to join with us as we celebrate St Luke's Day on Saturday 18 October.

There will be a Eucharist at 6pm in the Knox Centre Hall, with the Revd Peter Beck as our preacher, followed by light refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Knox Lounge.

It would be lovely to have friends from Knox join us on this occasion.

Kind regards

Jenny (Vicar's Warden)

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## **Knox Café – 7:30pm tonight**

Knox Cafés are informal occasions where people bring their own drink and nibbles to the Knox Centre Lounge for consumption during a really interesting speech. This month (12 October) Matthew Jack will read

from his famous open letters from China. Written in 2010 and 2011, the letters relate Matthew's experiences teaching English to Chinese children, young people and business people – along with his adventures in dealing with Chinese culture, language, politics and food. In his final open letter, Matthew writes: "I'm very grateful to have spent the last six months in China. It's been a great way to celebrate my midlife crisis! I would recommend it to anyone. There's no point in sitting at home, saying 'poor little me', when you can go to China!"



### **Bible readings for next week**

The readings for next week's service are likely to be:

- Psalm 96:1-9
- Matthew 22:15-22 (Jesus is given a trick question by the Pharisees: "is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor, or not?")



## **NOTICES**

### **This Week: 12 October 2014 –18 October 2014**

Today	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	7.30 pm	Knox Café – see below
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in committee room
	7.30 pm	Council meeting in lounge

### **Next Week: 19 October 2014 – 25 October 2014**

Sunday	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	11.00 am	AGM
Monday	7.30 pm	Knox Fireside meets in lounge. All welcome.
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in committee room
Thursday	5.30 pm	Presbyterian Support AGM. See below.

### ***Knox Café***

This will be held on 12 October 7.30 pm in the lounge. Speaker Matthew Jack “Open letters from China”. Bring drinks and nibbles. Tea/coffee provided. All welcome.

### ***Presbyterian Support AGM - Advance notice***

AGM of the PSUSI will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday 23 October at the PS building next door to Knox. Mark Ranby is the guest speaker. All interested are welcome to attend.

### ***St Albans Community Choir***

Unfortunately the concert previously advertised to be held in the Church on 9 November has had to have a change of venue owing to the extension of the Church completion date. The concert will now be held at St Pauls church hall, 1 Harewood Road at 5pm 9 November. Proceeds will go to the St Paul’s restoration fund. The choir is planning a concert of Celtic favourites at Knox around March next year. Further details later.

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community’s life. For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email [janetwilson@clear.net.nz](mailto:janetwilson@clear.net.nz)

## ***Baking for Christmas***

As we did last year we will do baking for Christmas with all proceeds going to the rebuild. There will be Christmas Cakes small 10cm, medium 15cm, large 22-23 cm, 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, truffles? Donation of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders.

### **TIMETABLE**

October – order forms ready

October 30<sup>th</sup> – all order forms to be returned

November – make Christmas cakes and truffles

November 29<sup>th</sup> – in the morning pack baking

If you can help in any way please contact

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Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church Office or from the table in the foyer.

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