

# Knox Service Outline

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## **Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement - Unison** (Worship Elder)

**As followers of Jesus, we are compelled to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is our love of God and neighbour that leads us to acknowledge that we gather with gratitude on the traditional and unceded Coast Salish Territory of Lkwungen people. We pray that past and present injustices can be reconciled as we commit ourselves again to just and respectful relationships.**

### Call to Worship – Responsive

Come, all who are weary from a night of empty nets.

Come, all who long to see Jesus again.

**We come, hungry for his presence, listening for his voice.**

Look! He stands on the shore, calling us by name.

He has prepared a place for us, a fire is burning, and breakfast is waiting.

**We come to meet the risen Christ, who feeds us, restores us, and sends us.**

Let us worship the Living One—Jesus, our Lord and our friend!

## **302 - Lord of the Dance**

### Gathering Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, you met your disciples in their ordinary work, in their confusion, in their exhaustion, and you spoke peace to them. You invited them to your table and served them with love.

We come today as they did—some with doubt, some with hope, some carrying empty nets, others full of questions. But you know each of us, and you welcome us still. Kindle the fire of your presence among us, break the bread of your Word, and nourish us with your grace.

By your Spirit, open our eyes to recognize you again, and send us into the world with hearts restored and lives renewed. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer - Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

□ Assurance of Pardon - Responsive

Friends, Jesus met his disciples not with judgment, but with breakfast and grace. He called them in love—and he calls us too. In Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are welcomed, restored, and made new.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

□ Prayer for Understanding - Unison

**Risen Christ, you called to your disciples from the shore, and in your voice they found hope again. Call to us now through your Word. Open our ears to hear, our minds to understand, and our hearts to respond. By your Spirit, make us ready to follow you. Amen.**

Scripture: John 21:1-14 (NT 115)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**Response:**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “A Life-giving breakfast with Jesus” Rev. Daniel Martinez

*122 - Hymn Thine is the Glory*

□ Invitation to the Offering

In the quiet of the morning, Jesus invited his disciples to bring what they had caught— and then he added his abundance to their offering. So now, we bring what we have— our gifts, our time, our hearts— trusting that in Christ’s hands, even small offerings become a feast of grace. Let us give with joy.

**306 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

□ Prayer of Dedication – Unison

**Generous God, you have filled our nets and fed our souls. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them—and us—for your work of love in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

□ Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Friends, this is the table of the risen Christ. It is the joyful feast of the people of God.

Here, Jesus is the host. And just as he called to his disciples across the water— "Come and have breakfast"— he now calls to us: "Come, all who hunger, and be fed. Come, all who thirst, and drink deeply of grace. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are loved."

Christ is risen, and he is here—ready to nourish us with his presence, life and hope.

Let us come to the table with grateful and open hearts.

□ Words of Institution - Responsive

On the night before he gave himself for the world, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of his life, his death, and his resurrection, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

□ Communion

*Please come forward to receive Holy Communion – everyone is welcome at this table. If you are unable to come to the front, please signal an elder who will come and serve you. We use gluten and dairy-free bread. You may choose either juice or wine.*

### Pastoral Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious and faithful God, having been fed at your table, we give you thanks. You have nourished us with your presence, strengthened us with your mercy, and reminded us that we belong to you and to one another. So now, filled with gratitude, we turn to the needs of the world you so deeply love. We pray for people and places torn by violence and war— for Ukraine, for Gaza and Israel, for Sudan, and every land where fear and grief have replaced laughter and rest. Lord, have mercy. Closer to home, we pray for those who struggle to afford housing, and for those needing mental health care and support. Be near to the lonely, the unemployed, the overwhelmed. Strengthen all who work for healing, equity, and renewal in our communities. We thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness to the church. Even in seasons of change and uncertainty, you are planting seeds of something new.

We lift before you the partnership between Knox Presbyterian Church and Holydene. Thank you for the Spirit-led conversations, the shared hopes, and the grace that is emerging as we walk together. May this relationship grow in trust, in mutual encouragement, and shared mission. Help us to listen deeply, dream faithfully, and serve generously. May our work together reflect the heart of Jesus— welcoming, healing, and always pointing toward your kingdom.

Finally, Lord, we pray for those in our hearts this morning: for loved ones who are sick, for those who grieve, for anyone feeling lost, afraid, or forgotten. We lift their names to you now in silence...

You, Lord, are the one who called to your disciples across the water and welcomed them to a meal of grace. As we follow you, let us become the kind of people who reflect your loving embrace and send us out now as your people—renewed, grateful, and ready to love. In the name of Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray, Amen.

***104 - Christ is Risen shout Hosanna (tune Ode to Joy)***

### Benediction

***622 - Go now in peace***