

# Knox Service Outline - Communion 03/01/26

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## *Prelude*

### **Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison)**

**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.**

### **Celebrations, Joys & Concerns**

**Elder**

***Sung Response: God's Blessing on You***

***Gathering Song: Power of your Love***

### **Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

God is very near to us.

**We come together to praise God, who lives and dwells among us.**

Bring your songs and your praises and let the Spirit of God be heard in this place!

**We praise God, with our songs and our voices!**

God comes to us in the midst of the ordinary.

**We come, seeking God's healing touch, forgiveness and peace.**

God's faithfulness and love endures forever!

**We lift our hearts in praise today and forevermore!**

Peace to all of you! Let us worship God.

### **Prayer of Approach & Confession**

**Pastor**

Holy God, your touch changes our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today ready to see the wonder of your power working through us. Come and reveal your living presence among us. We praise you and give thanks for your constant love and your guiding hand upon our lives. Help us to be open to your Word and to answer your call among us. God of wonder, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Christ Jesus we Praise you for your love that is poured out for us, that floods our hearts, nourishes our souls and washes us clean and new. Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted, without giving thanks and without sharing. Forgive us, O Holy One, if we have refused to hear your voice within our hearts or through the prophets of our

day. Forgive us when we have sinned against you and those whose lives we touch, through our actions, our ignorance or our weakness. Heal us, renew us, forgive us and set us free to serve you with joy and justice; with compassion and courage; and with grace and generosity. We pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor**

God says to us: You are my chosen ones. I love you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you. I call you by name. You are mine. Dare to live fully – the life to which I have called you. By God's all sufficient grace; we are forgiven people. Thanks be to God.

**Lent Liturgy - Second Sunday of Lent**

God's covenant continued through Abram and Sarai. God promised that things would change.

**Even Abram and Sarai's names changed as a sign of God's constant presence with them.**

The promise that God made is our promise too: When we journey with God, God will make us fruitful and the people of faith will increase.

**May we embrace the changes that leave power, might and pride behind.**

May the God of the covenant love us so much that we cannot stay the same.

**May Christ, who called people to give up everything and follow him, also compel us to follow him.**

May the Holy Spirit of comfort assure us that in every change, God is faithful.

**May we hear the call of the God of covenant and change.**

**First Hymn: 410 - Joyful, joyful we adore you**

**Prayer for Understanding (Unison)**

**Reader**

**Lord of life we come to your seeking the light of your face and the surprises of your grace. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of your love and your wisdom. Encourage what you have begun in each of us through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

**First Reading: Psalm 121**

**Reader**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

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The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Second Reading:** Luke 17:11-19

**Reader**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Third Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Reader**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Scripture Response**

**Reader**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Pastor**

**Second Hymn: 474 - The Love of God Comes Close**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Jesus says - "you did not choose me. I chose you - to love one another as I have loved you." We are called to love with abundant love. May the gifts we offer transform lives and make God's love flourish and bless those in need in our broken world. Let us bring our gifts to God.

**Offering Song: 306 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Pastor**

Holy God, with the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and the tiny ones who burrow in the ground, we offer you thanks and praise: for your unending goodness, for the beauty of the earth; receive all we offer you today so we may colour the earth with the ways of peace until all creation rests with you in completeness, in Jesus' name we pray.

**The Apostles' Creed 539**

**Pastor**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Third Hymn: 534 - All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor**

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of companionship with Jesus, and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor, and the wounded of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you, and gave himself for you. This is the Lord's table. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, You were God. Outside all we know, You are God. After all is finished, You will be God. You beyond the galaxies, You under the oceans, You inside the leaves, You pouring down rain, You opening the flowers, You feeding the insects, You giving us your image, You carrying us through the waters, You holding us in the night, Your smile on Sarah and Abraham, Your hand with Moses and Miriam, Your words through Deborah and Isaiah, Your hope through Elizabeth and Mary.

**Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and the great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:**

*O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the one who comes and bears your name always!*

In the fullness of time, you gave us Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You being truly and eternal God, lived as Jesus among us, took flesh and became human for us and for our salvation. Holy God, we remember your Son, His life with the humble, His welcome of the outcast, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth. You, loving Jesus, healing, teaching, dying, rising, sharing our joys and our sorrows inviting us all to your feast.

**As we remember his life and death and rising, as we come to this meal prepared for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith...**

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

To what shall we compare your grace, O God? Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, one body, make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive. By these signs of bread and wine, we recognize the longings of all our hearts for a time when all humanity will be one family - Holy Spirit, hover over our lives, uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world.

**You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, Our Life, our Mercy, our Might, Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, Our Light, our Treasure, Our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! All honour and glory is yours forever and so we sing...**

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and amen!*

**Words of Institution**

**Pastor**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed and arrested, he took bread. And after giving thanks to God, He broke it and said, 'This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, 'This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink

it, in remembrance of me.' This is the bread of life and the cup of joy! Come! For the table is ready! The gifts of God, for the people of God!

**Sharing the Cup & Bread**

**Pastor**

*(When it is time to share in Holy Communion, you are invited to please come forward. Please hold your hand out to receive the bread. And remember that all are welcome at this table. If you are unable to come to the front, please signal an elder who will come and serve you. The bread is gluten and dairy-free. Both juice and wine are available.)*

**Prayer After Communion**

Loving and eternal God, we thank you and praise you that you accept and love us just as we are. You long for us to grow, to blossom into wholeness, and to strengthen us with your love and your healing touch. We thank you for your son, Jesus, who is our peace. We thank you that you give us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet at this table together. Set us free from our fears, our anxieties, and the burdens we need not carry. Show us the outcast within ourselves.

Holy Spirit, spirit of gentleness, in the silence hear our prayers for others: We bring to you those who need your healing touch, for those whose illnesses are long, painful or difficult to cure. In your love, and in your power, bring healing. Bring peace. We bring to you those who are troubled in mind, those who feel hopeless, or trapped. In your love and in your power, bring healing. Bring peace. For those who are burdened with grief. We pray for those who are marginalized, discriminated against, and left alone. In your love and in your power, bring healing. Bring peace.

For those living on the streets, those facing poverty, and addiction. We pray for our broken and wounded world. For those overwhelmed with violence and war. Empower us to be the face of love to one another, as well as to those we avoid. Open our eyes to see everyone as precious. Jesus, our companion, our healer and redeemer, we reach out to touch you and seek your peace. May thankfulness for your love and mercy erupt within us into uncontainable joy, poured out and overflowing. We ask these things in your precious and holy name. Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer (Sung) : 469 - Our Father in Heaven***

***Fourth Hymn: 81 - Unto the Hills***

**Blessing**

**Pastor**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with you and enfold you with peace - now, this day and always. Amen.

***Dispersal Song: All that I am***

**Postlude**