

Knox Service Outline

03/22/26

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Reader: Harold McNabb

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison) Elder

Knox Church recognizes that the land where we gather for worship belongs to God, as does all of creation. We also acknowledge the Coast Salish Peoples on whose territories we meet, worship, and engage in ministry. We recognize that this is the unceded territory of the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ people. As we pray, reflect, and celebrate in this place, we do so as guests lamenting historic and current injustices. We are grateful to be here, and we honour the Nations who have cared for these lands, waters and air and continue to do so today. We ask that God lead us along the path of reconciliation, bringing accountability and healing.

Gathering Song: Broken for me (Verse 1) #550

Psalm: 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

Pastor

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

More than those who watch for the morning,

we wait faithfully for God.

With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

we wait faithfully for God.

Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.

Pastor

First Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness, #324

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Responsive)

Pastor

God in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise you. In the face of all that wearies us and worries us, your Word echoes across the centuries with hope. As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season, his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our sorrows, walking with us; sharing our tears. You stand beside us when we don't know which way to turn. In this time of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises. Draw near to us when we need you the most with love that will never let us go. We offer you our wonder and our praise as the creating God, leading Christ, and inspiring Spirit.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us; so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to you this day, whatever burden you carry. Be renewed by the breath of the Holy Spirit that will bring you into each new day.

Second Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say #671

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Reader

Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

OT Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from

the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

NT Reading: John 18:1-14

Reader

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these people go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Scripture Response

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Anger

Pastor

Third Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace #740

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor

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

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Prayer of Dedication (Responsive)

Pastor

God breathes the power of new life into the world through Christ who is both Friend and Saviour to us. We offer our gifts in gratitude for God's renewing breath, trusting its power will move through our gifts into the world God loves.

We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Responsive)

Pastor

God of the loving heart, thank you that in Christ, you call each of us by name and unite us in his body, the Church. Give us love enough to make a difference in your world, and trust enough to follow even when the way ahead us is a challenge.

Leader: Christ of majesty and mercy,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

God of peace and promise, in Christ you call us to love our enemies and to be peacemakers in the word you love. We pray today for people and places divided by ancient bitterness and current hostility,(especially we remember ... adding places in the recent news...)

Leader: Christ of majesty and mercy,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of the bruised and broken, we are grateful that, in Christ, you have taken up the cross and know by heart the things that bring us suffering and pain. We pray today for all those in need of healing and comfort, whatever the source of their pain....

Leader: Christ of majesty and mercy,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of the lonely and sorrowing, in Christ you faced the loss we know when loved ones die or when friends let us down. We remember before you those who grieve the loss of their beloved and those who face a lonely future....

Leader: Christ of majesty and mercy,

All: Bring your compassion to this world once more.

O God of hope and new possibility, in Christ you opened the way into the future for us through the power of your redeeming love. Give us the courage we need to face our future, assured of your presence and

power to sustain us. We offer all that we are and all that we hope for through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together as his people:

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Pastor

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

Fourth Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love #229

Commissioning & Benediction

Pastor

As we move toward Holy Week and turn towards the Cross, remember the words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. So may the tears of the Lord Jesus wash over your sorrows, the Spirit of God dwell in your hearts, and God's promise of new life lead you through each day ahead.

Dispersal Song: 665 - Lord Jesus you shall be my song (Verse 1 Sing Twice)

Postlude