

# Knox Service Outline

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## *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: And on this path (Verse 1)*

**Psalm:** 16 - A Miktam of David

**Pastor**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

All things of God, all the heavens,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**  
Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**  
Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,  
**Worship and praise your Maker.**  
Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,  
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,  
**Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

**First Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King #267**

**Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

Glory to you, O God our Maker, we come giving thanks for the wonder in your creation, the great theatre of your glory. Glory to you, O Christ we come praising you, for you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, we come praising you for your guidance, wisdom and inspiration. Glory to you, Holy Trinity, source of all truth, love, hope and joy, now and always. To begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

**God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor**

Friends, the risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and forgiveness to us this day. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace with yourself and with one another. Amen.

**Second Hymn: Because He lives**

**Prayer for Understanding (Unison)**

**Reader**

**Gracious God, as we listen to the Scripture, increase our understanding by the power of your Spirit. Shape our lives with your wisdom and inspire our love through Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

**OT Reading:** Exodus 24:3-8

**Reader**

Moses went and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances, and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the Israelites, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "Here is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

**NT Reading:** 1 Peter 1:1-3

**Reader**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

**Scripture Response**

**Reader**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** Intro to 1 Peter

**Pastor**

**Third Hymn: Blessed Assurance #687**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Pastor**

The Risen Christ invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and his side. When we give our gifts in Jesus' name, we can touch the wounds of the world with his healing power. Give, knowing that you will make a difference for Christ's sake.

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastor**

Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Christ we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers. Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him. Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Pastor**

God of new Life, the Risen Christ spoke words of peace to his friends. Thank you for strengthening our faith and offering us that peace as we live in you day by day. We are grateful that you give us courage to face our fears and struggles, patience to endure moments when the way ahead is not clear, and resilience to meet changing realities. Make us a source of peace and resilience for Christ's sake.

Loving God, we pray for the many places of brokenness in our world. We think especially of those weighed down by economic pressures, and those who have been trampled in the search for prosperity. We pray for people and communities at odds over policies and opinions, and those who feel their concerns are going unheard. We pray for the earth itself under the impact of human activity and for those working to protect its future. Grant the earth and all its peoples your gifts of hope and healing.

Faithful God, we pray for those who struggle with their experience of the church. Open them to your love and grace so that any pain the church has caused will be healed. Guide us with your Spirit of wisdom to know how to live out our faith in ways that create pathways for others to find you, not barriers. We pray for our congregation, for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for the Church of Jesus Christ in every country and culture. In these days of challenge, strengthen our trust in you and our concern for others. Give us ears to hear the correction we need, with hearts opened by the grace of the Risen Christ.

We also pray for ourselves, our family and friends, our community and country. We lay before you in silence the people and concerns on our hearts and minds today.

*(Silence for 15 seconds)*

We are grateful that we can place all our worries and our hopes into your hands, O God, knowing that you will hear us and respond. Hear us now as we offer the words our Risen Lord taught us to say:

**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: In Christ alone***

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Pastor**

Go in Joy and peace to love and serve God and one another and may the blessing of God the Creator, Christ and Spirit be upon you.

***Dispersal Song: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, (Verse 3)***

***Postlude***