



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 21 July 2019



IN GOD'S TENT

**O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Psalm 15

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 hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;
they may cause alarm.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE GOD COULD NEVER BE CONTAINED IN A HOUSE;
JESUS, IN WHOSE WORDS AND DEEDS WE FIND GOD'S LIFE;
JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TO THE SACRED AROUND US.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)





1. God is here! as we, God's people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and nation,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out:
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer of Approach

God is here.

GOD IS HERE.

Again - God is here.

GOD IS HERE.

Silence

It is said that where two or three gather
in the name of Jesus,
where that name is remembered with love,
God is here.

GOD IS HERE.

When friendship is valued,
and vows are honoured,
when wealth is shared,
God is here.

GOD IS HERE.

When the rush is called to a halt,
when the work is Sabbath-ed,
when we hear our names spoken into stillness,
God is here.

GOD IS HERE.

When silence comes,
and we wait upon the Spirit,
God is here.

**IN FAITH WE SAY
“GOD IS HERE”.**

Silence

We confess that we have neither honoured
nor given ourselves to embodying
the presence of God.

**IN BUSYNESS
AND IN SELFISHNESS,
WE HAVE CHASED GOD FROM THE WORLD.**

God dwells in friendship;
BUT WE HAVE BEEN INDIFFERENT TO FRIENDS.

God dwells in generosity;
BUT WE HAVE BEEN MEAN.

God dwells in faithfulness;
BUT WE HAVE BROKEN OUR PROMISES.

In all this we have said
“God is not here”.
GOD IS NOT HERE.

So we say:

Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . God is here, moving me, in the name of Christ, to say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you came to the house of Mary and Martha,
revealing to them,
in all their personal peculiarity,
that God was with them.

**COME TO THIS HOUSE ALSO,
OPENING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS
TO THE LOVE WHICH IS OURS
THROUGH YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND CARE.**

We pray this in your name,
saying:

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

If there are younger ones present

A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Although there is no Sunday School during the holidays, young ones are welcome to enjoy activity sheets in the children's area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson:

Psalm 15

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 10: 38-42

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

St Anne

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home: | 4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun. |
| 2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure. | 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day. |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same. | 6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home. |

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Sermon: Could God be here?

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>

Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.

Hymn:
Repton

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Dear God, embracing humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of your word,
let us, like them, by spirit stirred,
rise up and followers be.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above!
There Jesus met you prayerfully:
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
4. Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Bob Fendall

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Mary offers her listening.

MARTHA OFFERS HER WORK.

The psalmist sees God present in friendship,
IN GENEROSITY,

in commitment,
AND IN TRUTH.

With this physical offering of food and money,
WE OFFER ALL THESE THINGS AS WELL,

in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Two Oaks

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)





1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

3. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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NOTICES

This Week: 21 July – 27 July 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	11.15am	Congregational meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – See Below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 28 July – 3 August 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – See Below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Budget Congregational Meeting – will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 21st July (today).

Sunday lunch –at the Opawa Café on July the 21st.(today). Meet at around 12 pm, at the Opawa Café in Opawa Road. The café is at the block of shops on the right of Opawa Road. Turn right into Hawford Rd just past the shops and right again into the parking area.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be the AGM on Monday 22 July at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker will be Matthew Jack . All are welcome .

Knox Book Group – Sunday 28th July, 11.15am in Committee Room. The book will be, “The One Hundred year old man who climbed out the window and disappeared”. By Jonas Jonasson.

Knox Café - The next Knox Cafe will be on Sunday Evening 4 August 7pm in the Knox Lounge. Hugh Wilson will be speaking about his work in restoring native vegetation at Hinewai Reserve on Banks Peninsula. We hope to screen the short film "Fools and Dreamers" about Hugh and his work. All welcome. Bring your own drinks and nibbles; tea and coffee provided. *Koha for support of Hinewai.*

Seasoning Ensemble – Opera and Oratorio. A programme of overtures, sinfonias and arias from operas and oratorios by Handel, Bach and Vivaldi – with guest bass/baritone Albert Bennett. Daniel Cooper harpsichord/director. Monday 5th August 12.10pm at The Piano. \$15/\$10

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 janmwil507@gmail.com



*Hindu pilgrims climb the hillside steps to the temple in Ramanagara, India
- a holy hill?*



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Hosea 1: 2-10
- Psalm 85

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