



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 1 September 2019



WRONG SEAT? A COMMUNION SERVICE

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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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.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen. When we pray the "Lord's prayer", feel free to pray in your first language.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, HUMBLING THE EXALTED, AND EXALTING THE HUMBLE;
JESUS, WITH FOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL;
JESUS, BIDDING US TAKE OUR PLACE AT THE TABLE.**

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. God of all, of church and kingdom,
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

Someone has set a table for us,
THE TABLE OF GOD.

Someone has called us to take our places,
FOR THE BANQUET OF GRACE.

Someone will feed us
AND MAKE US ONE.

Someone promises now to love us forever,
AND TO MAKE US WHOLE.

We come not because we are strong,
BUT BECAUSE WE ARE WEAK.

We come not because any goodness of our own
gives us the right to come,
BUT BECAUSE WE NEED MERCY AND HELP.

We come because we love Christ a little
AND WANT TO LOVE HIM MORE.

But ah, at this table he will speak a parable,
of people elbowing and shoving,
BARGING INTO THE BEST SEAT.

Here he will out our ambition,
OUR USING OF ONE ANOTHER.

Here he will assure us that the humble will be exalted,
AND THE EXALTED HUMBLED.

Here, with kindness, he will remind us well
OF OUR LIFELONG NEED OF GRACE.

And so we say:

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

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

Lord Jesus,
with neither fear nor favour,
you proclaimed the nearness of God
to all the people you met.
GRANT US POWER,
DEAR CHRIST,
TO SEE YOUR IMAGE IN THE FACES OF OTHERS,
AND TO TREAT ALL PEOPLE ALWAYS
AS HONOURED GUESTS AT YOUR TABLE.

We pray this in your name.
AMEN.

The Notices

If there are younger ones present

A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;

MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.

AMEN.

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Knox Singers: Ecce homo qui est faba
Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Sermon: A new kind of table

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.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "Re-order the table, O God",
you are invited to respond **"TO THE END OF LOVE AND PEACE"**.*

. . . **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 Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1.
Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, sacred or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

John Bell (b. 1949)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, Setting apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,

GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.
If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks and praise

that while we were still far off

you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD

LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;

WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP

BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;

WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,

THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

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 hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*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: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service



NOTICES

This Week: 1 September – 7 September 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 8 September – 14 September 2019

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship - ***Spring Flower Sunday***
4.00pm Knox Film Group – ***see below***
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Spring Flower Sunday - September 8th. To celebrate Spring we will deliver Small bunches of flowers to our shut in and other senior members after the Service . It would be great if you could bring spring flowers to be distributed after the Service - the flowers can be already bunched or will be bunched after the service . Also needed will be people to deliver the flowers after the service. This is an opportunity to connect with other church people especially those who are now unable to come to services .

Matters of the Heart – Women and Heart Disease. Thursday 5 September 6.30 – 8.00pm. Join the Heart Foundation for a FREE community information series. Dr Aniket Puri will talk about acute heart disease in women, how symptoms can present differently in women, sudden coronary dissection and latest treatments available. Friends and family are welcome. New Salvation Army Building, 853 Colombo St. Register at womwnheart.eventbrite.co.nz or by contacting Helen on 03 3662112 or helenc@heartfoundation.org.nz

Knox Film Group – Sunday 8th September 4pm, lounge. Ladies in Lavender. A young Polish sailor is washed ashore on the coast of Cornwall in the last days before WW2. Two elderly sisters help him to recover. What will happen next.....? Starring Maggie Smith and Judi Dench.

Knox Book Group – Sunday 29 September at 11.15am in the Committee Room. “The Lady in the Van” by Alan Bennett.

A Women’s Heart for Mission Retreat Day – Saturday 14th September , 9.30am-4.30pm at McFadden’s Centre, 64 McFadden’s Road.

A Retreat day lead by Ann Gilroy, Editor of Tui Motu. Cost \$50. Enquiries 021 133 5132 or 03 382 2302 or email: helenterry@slingshot.co.nz Information can be found on the notice board.

Together in Humanity - Saturday 14th September 1 to 4pm. 25 Fendalton Road – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Stake Centre. The main purpose of this interfaith event is to highlight – no matter what religion you belong to humanity prevails. Join us in a talk by Hajj Hassanain Rajabali a visiting Shia Islamic scholar from the USA followed by a multi-faith panel discussion. Speakers include: Very Rev Lawrence Kimberley (Anglican), Imam Ibrahim Abdelhalim (Sunni Islam), Kuvalessaya Zakheim (Vaishnava Hinduism), Jared Ormsby (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), Venerable Jambughapitiye Dhammaloka Thero (Theravada Buddhist) To assist us with numbers for catering purposes etc, please register your attendance on eventbrite via the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/together-in-humanity-tickets-70445234593>

Morning Tea - Sunday 15 September. At the conclusion of the Service Inducting 3 new Elders and a Council member to Knox Council a “ fancy “ morning Tea will be held in the Church. If you are able provide a plate please let Jennifer McKinnon know by Sunday September 8 . jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or 3380333

Sunday lunch – Come and join us for lunch at the Ris’tretto Café, 670 Barbadoes St, on Sunday the 15th of September. The café is close to the shops on the corner of Barbadoes and Warrington Streets. There is car parking by the shops and along Barbadoes St. The cabinet food is lovely, and a small menu is also available. Please add your name to the list at the church entrance if you are interested. Names are required by Monday the 9th. If you didn’t put your name down and still would like to come along, you can also email jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but no later than Monday the 9th, please.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday September 16 at 7 30 pm in the Knox Lounge. The Speaker will be Karin Bathgate and her topic is “ Above and beyond the Arctic Circle” . All welcome.

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



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Song of Solomon 2: 10-15 Matthew 9: 18-19, 23-26
- John 11: 38-44 Revelation 21: 1-7

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