

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

WELCOME BACK TO KNOX - BUT LET'S BE CAREFUL!

After a long time in lockdown, we're now allowed to gather again for public worship. This is good, but we need to be careful to keep Covid-19 containment protocols in place - for the sake of all our community.

When you arrive at church, you may find that you can't come in immediately. That's because we need to sign people in (hence causing a two-metre spaced queue at the door). So, you might like to think about arriving early. At the door, the door team will welcome you and tell you about the physical distancing required within the church. They will require you to sanitize your hands and sign a contact-tracing register. We need to limit numbers to 100, so if 100 people have arrived before you, you will not be able to enter the building. Inside the church, you'll find green ticks and red crosses on the pews. Feel free to sit in the "green ticked" pews, but please don't sit in the "red crossed" pews. Within the ticked pews, people from within an established bubble may sit close to each other. The distance between bubbles needs to be two metres, so sitting at the far edges of the pews, rather than in the middle, is required. The ticks and crosses have been placed around the church to allow 100 people to be present with appropriate distancing in place. If it means you can't sit where you normally sit, please be flexible and kind! And please, if people need to squeeze past you to access empty pews, then you're sitting in the wrong place - move down to where people don't need to squeeze past you.

Yes! The lesser limit of one metre is quoted as required for religious meetings, but singing has been identified as a higher-risk activity, and we plan to be doing some singing (minimal) - hence the adoption of the more conservative two metre convention. Please sing in a quiet, non-explosive way - maybe into your order of service.

We always love having children as part of the congregation. The children's play area, though, with all its little toys and books and cushions, presents to great a cleaning challenge, so will not be available during Level Two. If you want to bring children to the service, could you also bring your own toys and books, etc. to keep them busy.

Also identified as an activity of raised transmission risk is the sharing of food and drink. So, we won't be celebrating communion, or having morning tea. We move along at an appropriately cautious rate, to keep all our people safe.

AND PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNWELL, PLEASE STAY AT HOME, AND DO NOT COME TO CHURCH.



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

7 June 2020



TRINITY SUNDAY

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.

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.

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 Litany of coming home:

Christ calls us to be one body,
AND WE ARE.

He is the vine,
AND WE ARE THE BRANCHES.

At various times in history, the Church has not been able to meet.
In times of persecution
and times of exile,
THE PEOPLE WERE KEPT APART.

In recent times, while pandemic aspired to rule us,
**WE HAVE MET THROUGH EMAILS SENT
AND VIDEOS POSTED.**

Now we come again,
**FACE TO FACE,
PERSON TO PERSON -**

which is how God has met us in Christ -
**FREELY CHOOSING TO BE "GOD WITH US",
"FLESH OF OUR FLESH".**

As with all events of incarnation,
part of it is joy and good meeting;
PART OF IT IS RISK AND FEAR.

Both are present in this room.
**IT'S A WEE BIT SCARY,
AND TOTALLY BEAUTIFUL.**

We give thanks to God for keeping us in love
while we have been apart.
WE REJOICE THAT WE CAN COME TOGETHER AGAIN.

May God swaddle us lovingly in worship,
and launch us forth joyfully in mission,
**THROUGH THE SPIRIT,
IN THE NAME OF JESUS.
AMEN.**

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
JESUS, REVEALING GOD'S HEART THROUGH HUMAN LOVE;
JESUS, CALLING US TO EMBODY THE ON-GOING STORY;
JESUS, PROMISING TO BE WITH US ALWAYS.

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
3. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Approach

Arching over our world,
a care, a love,
an abiding "with".
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.

Threaded through our history,
the story of the Son,
flesh of our flesh,
bone of our bone,
blessing and redeeming the world,
never turning away.
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.

Moving our meeting,
hallowing our gathering,
making the many "one",
sap for the vine,
the Holy Spirit of God.
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.

The people offer their worship to God.
**MAY GOD BE PRAISED,
THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ONE.**

Silence

Our confession:
he asked us to move through the world with love,
baptizing with grace,
continuing the story.
Instead we lived another story -
**A STORY OF IMPOSITION
AND AUTHORITARIAN RULE,
A STORY OF JUDGMENT
AND OF TURNING AWAY.**

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:

On a mountain in Galilee,
Jesus commanded his disciples
to go out into the world,
sharing the grace that they had received through him.

**EMPOWERED BY THE LOVE OF GOD,
MAY WE GO WITH THEM,
TAKING OUR PLACE IN THE STORY
OF THE HEALING OF THE WORLD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave us:

**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

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28: 16-20

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Knox Singers:

O Lord, I will praise thee

Gordon Jacobs (1895-1984)

Sermon:

I'll tell you a story

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.

Music for Reflection: Memento Aria

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.

2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "May God's love find form",
you are invited to respond, **"THROUGH THE LIVES OF GOD'S PEOPLE"**.*

The Offering and Dedication

Today we remain seated for the dedication of the Offering

Christ's whole life
was an offering of love and praise
to God.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

May we, like Christ,
find good and beautiful ways
of worshipping and serving.

**AND MAY THIS OFFERING,
MADE NOW,
FIND THE BLESSING OF GOD.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O God, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
you, only you, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still on things eternal look
and hasten to your glorious day;
4. for you delightfully employ
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C Major
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

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NOTICES

This Week: **7 June – 13 June 2020**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **14 June – 20 June 2020**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

The theme for next Sunday's service - The post-service discussion on Cannabis was scheduled for Sunday 14 June. With physical distancing still required, now doesn't feel like the right time for post-church discussions. Instead I'll fashion the theme for the service on the 14th to provoke theological reflection on matters relevant to the cannabis question. The document adopted by PCANZ as a background to the Cannabis referendum, produced by the Inter-Church Bioethics Council, is available here. You might care to read it before Sunday - but the service won't assume knowledge of the document:

http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/202006020000_ICBC%20Legalisation%20of%20Cannabis%20Referendum%20Resource.pdf

Knox Book Group – Sunday 28 June at 11.15am in the Church. Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks. Based on the true story of the village of Eyam, who quarantined themselves when the Great Plague reached them in 1665.

Knox Film Group – Sunday 12 July 4pm in the lounge. TBA.

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*Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.*

*Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.*

*Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.*

*Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.*

John Bell



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- John 2: 1-10
 - Luke 11: 46-50
- Genesis 9: 18-23

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