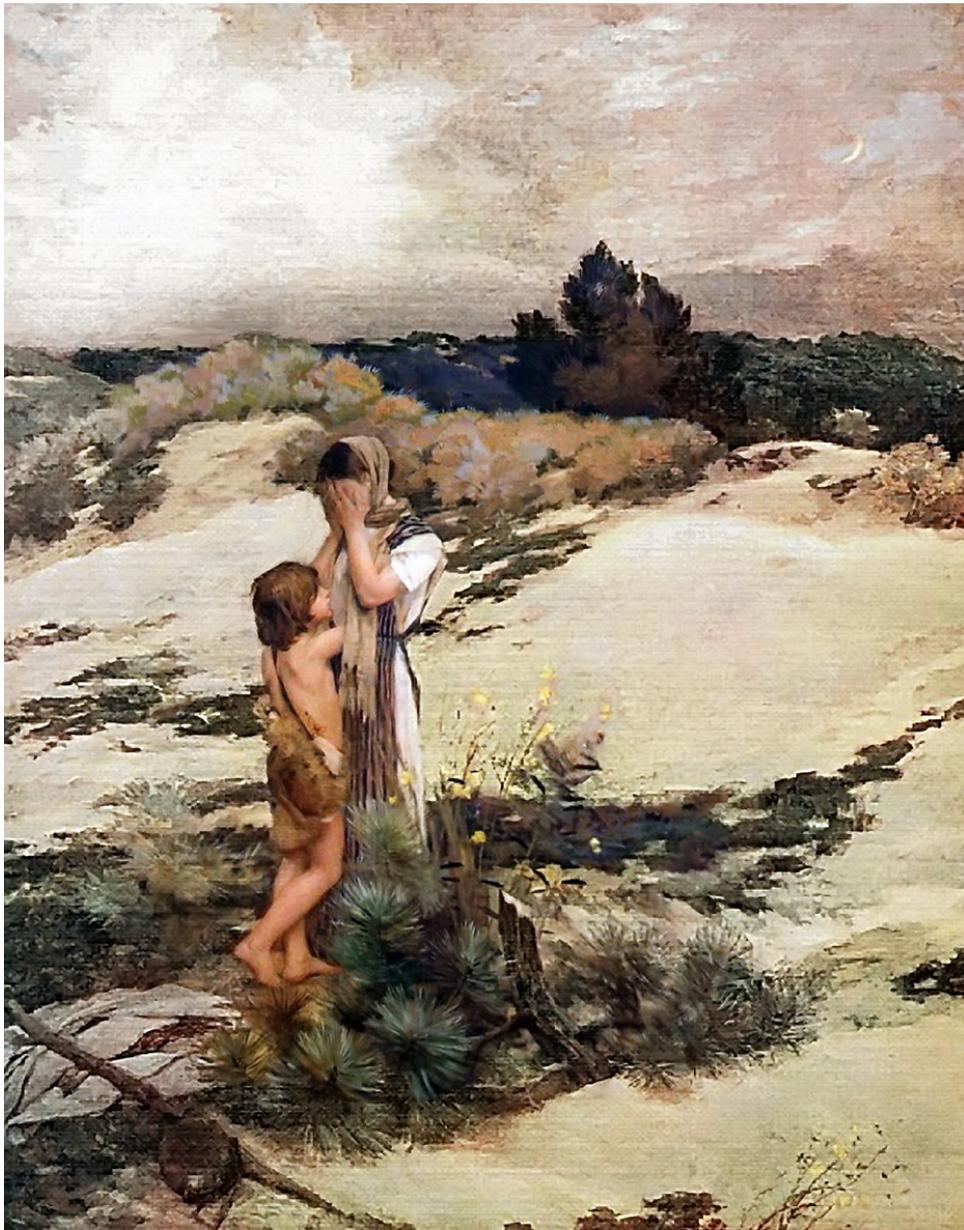




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 21 June 2020



ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

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, A GENUINE CHILD OF ABRAHAM;
JESUS, FIRST-BORN OF THE NEW CREATION;
JESUS, CALLING US INTO A JOURNEY OF FAITH.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Leoni

Hebrew Synagogue Melody





1. The God of Abraham praise
all praises to God's name,
who was and is and is to be,
fore'er the same!
The one eternal God,
before what now appears;
the First, the Last: beyond all thought
through timeless years!
2. The God of Sarah praise,
all praise the God of life,
who takes our fear and laughing scorn
who bears our doubt and strife,
whose promise, standing strong,
endures unto the end,
who calls our hope and worship now
to heav'n ascend.
3. God has eternal life
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
All praise the living God!
Extol that hallowed name,
who was and is, and ever shall
be still the same.

*Vv 1 & 3, Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.
V 2, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

Prayer of Approach

Abraham's household, O God,
was a rich and blessed community,
on a journey towards goodness.

**CARRYING THE SACRED PROMISE,
IT WAS WALKING INTO THE FUTURE.**

We would be part of the household;
PRAISE BE TO GOD.

Abraham's household, O God,
had faith and hope.
It had food and sharing.
**KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE,
IT WAS HOPING AGAINST HOPE.**

We would be part of the household;
PRAISE BE TO GOD.

Abraham's household, O God,
had coercion and manipulation.
It had abuse and neglect.
**FAILING TO LISTEN,
IT MADE PEOPLE VOICELESS.**

We would *not* be part of that,
BUT MAYBE WE ARE.

So, our confession:
for the silencing of the vulnerable,
for the abandonment of responsibility,
for the hunger and thirst of the children,
for the giving of the human heart to the realm of jealousy,
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:

God of generous provision,
you heard the voices of Hagar and Ishmael,
crying from their abandonment.
You saved them
and gave them a future.
**ENABLE US NEVER TO ABANDON THE VULNERABLE,
BUT RATHER, IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS,
TO BECOME PART OF YOUR CARING FOR THE WORLD.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,
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

Knox Singers: Teach me, O Lord
 Thomas Attwood (1783-1856)

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.

The First Lesson: Genesis 21: 8-14

The Second Lesson: Genesis 21: 15-21

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

Hymn:

Corvedale

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
2. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-63), alt.

Sermon: Who hears the voice?

*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:

Here I am Lord:

Dan Schutte S.J. (b. 1947)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
3. I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Dan Schutte S.J. (b. 1947)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Ken Booth

To Ken's words, "Give us your blessing, O God",
you're invited to respond, **"THAT WE MAY BE A BLESSING TO THE WORLD"**.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We commit ourselves to being a listening people,
and a people who help others to see
the well that will give them a future.

**MAY THE OFFERING WE MAKE NOW
BE PART OF THE FEEDING OF THE WORLD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in A minor
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 21 June – 27 June 2020
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 28 June – 4 July 2020
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Knox Book Group – *see below*
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Beatles Go Baroque – Sunday 21st June, 2pm at The Piano, or Monday 22nd June 7pm at The Great Hall. Vivaldi Recorder concerto “La Notte” RV439 Concerto grosso “Beatles Go Baroque” and other hidden gems of baroque music. Featuring Daniel Cooper on Harpsichord. Tickets: Adults \$30, Senior \$20, Student \$10, Child \$5. Tickets at the door, or online at www.baroquemusic.co.nz

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.

Mission Discernment Meetings - Sunday 5th July and 2nd August after morning tea. It is intended to have soup and bread after the Mission Discernment meeting. If you can assist by providing Soup please contact: Jennifer McKinnon, 3308333, jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz

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The next referendum service

On 14 June, we explored, in worship, issues relating to one of the September referendum questions, namely that of the recreational use of cannabis. Next week (28 June), we will look at the other referendum issue: euthanasia.

The Inter-Church Bio-ethics Council has produced a document on this euthanasia. Again, as its cannabis document wasn't profoundly theologically oriented, nor is its euthanasia document - but it does present lots of information helpfully. You can find it at:

https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/ICBC_Health_Select_Committee_18_Jan_2016_Final.pdf

Some interesting links



A **statue** of John Hamilton, installed in Civic Square, Hamilton, in 2013, was removed last week - at the request of the Waikato / Tainui Iwi. This is a local example of what is happening around the world in response to the "Black Lives Matter" movement. On Radio New Zealand's National Programme, Emile Donovan presented a short audio examination of the issues involved:

https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018750905



Jusuf Islam, once known as Cat Stevens, visited our city last year, to play his song "Peace Train" during the national memorial event in Hagley Park, following the Christchurch Mosque shootings. Recently he has re-recorded his 1969 album, Tea for the Tillerman. He talks to Charlotte Ryan. She asks him about growing up, changing perspective, immigrants, and wealth:

https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018750444



Way back in 1965, **Herman Munster** said to his vampire son: "The lesson I want you to learn, is it doesn't matter what you look like. You can be tall or short, or fat or thin, ugly or handsome (like your father), or you can be black or yellow or white. It doesn't matter. What does matter is the size of your heart and the strength of your character."

<https://www.facebook.com/JoeyRyanOnline/videos/542562636418138/UzpfSTc5NTI4MDU3NzoxMDE2Mzg1MzlyMTI4MDU3OA/>

Baroque Music Community And Educational Trust Of New Zealand presents

BEATLES GO BAROQUE 2020

Vivaldi Recorder concerto "La Notte" RV 439
Concerto grosso - "Beatles Go Baroque"
and other hidden gems of baroque music in cooperation with
Music Performance Department of Canterbury University



The Beautiful World
of Baroque Music

When: 21 June, 2:00pm, at The Piano - 156 Armagh Street
22 June, 7:00pm, at the Great Hall, Christchurch Arts Centre

LILY DOAK is a recorder player and clarinettist who is completing her final year of Burnside High School who is also completing the first year of a music degree at the University of Canterbury majoring in performance music. This year she was a national finalist in the New Zealand Chamber Music Competition and a member of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra.

MARK MENZIES Described in the Los Angeles Times as an 'extraordinary musician' and a 'riveting violinist', Mark Menzies' career as a viola and violin virtuoso, chamber musician and pianist, conductor and advocate of contemporary music, has seen performances in Europe, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and across the United States

TOMAS HURNIK has a rich musical career performing with Czech symphonies, recording for radio and television, winning various chamber music competitions and taking part in prestigious chamber groups such as Talich Chamber Orchestra. He is now the associate principal in Christchurch Symphony and continues to be passionate about period instrument playing and organizes and performs in concerts, workshops and masterclasses of Baroque music in New Zealand.

DANIEL COOPER is a postgraduate student at the University of Canterbury, studying towards a MMus in conducting with Professor Mark Menzies. In 2018 Daniel graduated with a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours in performance organ from UC. Daniel works as a freelance performer, conductor, and teacher throughout Christchurch and holds numerous musical leadership roles within the community. Daniel thrives on pushing the limits of accepted practices and interpretations, to challenge audiences expectations and open them up to a whole new way of thinking and listening.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 104: 27-30
- John 19: 25b-30
- Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
- Micah 6: 6-8

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