



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 5 July 2020



# ARE YOU SERIOUS?

## A COMMUNION SERVICE

## **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 communion table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as anyone seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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.

### **Communion during Covid-19 Alert Level 1**

Since we are still in Alert Level 1, and are being asked to take special care with respect to the sharing of food, we are serving communion today in a slightly different way. Bread will be served by servers who have washed their hands. In order to avoid many hands dipping bread in one cup, we are using the old individual glasses. The server will give you a glass. Once you have finished the non-alcoholic grape juice, place your empty glass in the holder back in your pew.

### **The Call to Worship:**

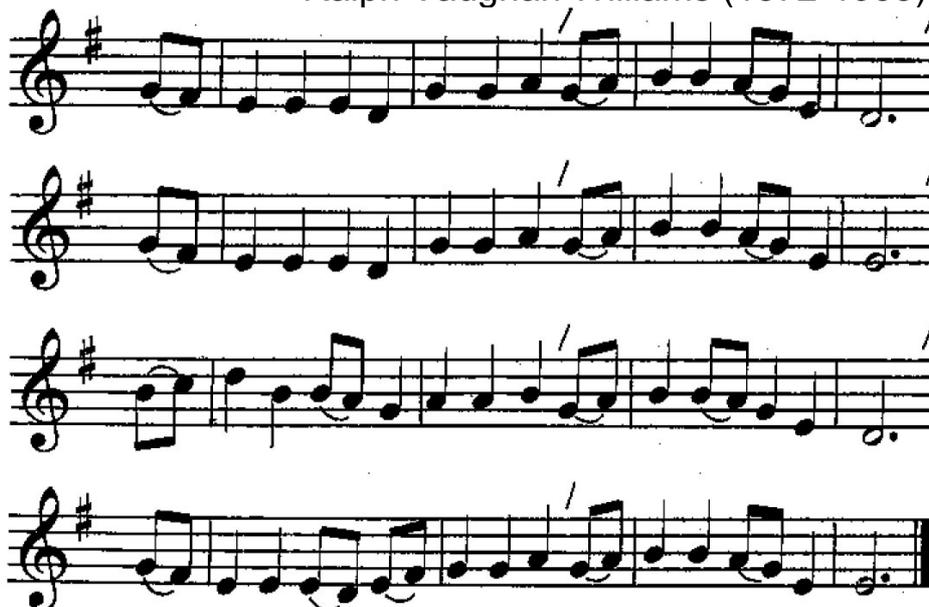
We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**JESUS, COMING TO US WITH BREAD, WINE, AND THE LOVE OF GOD;  
JESUS, OFFERING US REST FROM CARRYING THOSE BURDENS;  
JESUS, WHOSE VOICE WE LONG TO HEAR.**

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

**Hymn:**  
Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest,  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast,"  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

## Prayer of Approach

The voice of Jesus called us to gather,  
**TO BE THE WORSHIPPING PEOPLE OF GOD.**

The voice of Jesus assured us that we were loved,  
**THAT THERE WAS ROOM FOR US IN GOD'S HEART.**

The voice of Jesus told us that life was good,  
**AND THAT EACH DAY IS A BLESSING.**

The voice of Jesus invited us to let go of what burdens us,  
**TO STAND FREE AND PROUD IN GRACE AND FREEDOM.**

Some thought the voice was disingenuous,  
rather too kind.  
**SOME THOUGHT THAT SERIOUSNESS WAS LACKING.**

They called him a drunkard.  
**THEY CALLED HIM MAD.**

They clung to their burdens,  
**AND INSISTED THAT OTHERS REMAIN BOUND.**

We, like them, need to 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:

Teach us, O God of love,  
to listen for your voice.  
When the world tells us we must be silent,  
**LET US HEAR IT CALLING US TO SING.**

When the world tells us to be solemn and serious,  
**LET US HEAR IT CALLING US TO DANCE.**

When the world tells us to be staunch,  
**LET US HEAR IT CALLING US TO CRY.**

Give us courage simply to be who we are,  
in your freedom and wisdom,

**THAT GOOD DEEDS AND WONDERS MIGHT COME FORTH.  
AMEN.**

## **The Notices**

*If there are younger ones present*  
**A Conversation with the Younger Ones**

*Our next Sunday School day is 16 August. Today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the toys and activity sheets in the play area, at the rear of the church.*

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Anthem:** "He shall feed his flock", from Messiah,  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759), Soloist: Elizabeth Christensen

**Sermon:** The burden of controlling the gluttons and misers  
*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, " We drunkards and misers",  
you are invited to respond " **PRAY FOR GOD TO OPEN OUR EYES "***

**. . . 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:

Singing Love

Colin Alexander Gibson (b. 1933)



1. He came singing *love*  
And he lived singing *love*;  
He died singing *love*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *love* to go on  
we must make it our song:  
You and I be the singers
2. He came singing *faith* . . .
3. He came singing *hope* . . .
4. He came singing *peace* . . .

*Colin Gibson (b. 1933)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution and 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, take a communion glass. Once you have returned to your  
seat, place the empty glass in the glass holder.*

## 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:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. With life and light, with grace and peace,  
with burdens shared, and grief released,  
with all that Christ to us would give,  
we go from here, our life to live.
2. Behind we leave the heavy weight,  
the weary loads of human state,  
for Jesus smiled, and we were healed,  
the laws of death, by love repealed.
3. Yes, life is gift, and God is good,  
and to our days, bring grace we would,  
that when our days one day have passed,  
we may in love be held full fast.

*Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation on "Pastoral Symphony", from Messiah  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Tea and coffee are served in the church after the service

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 5 July – 11 July 2020**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Mission Discernment Meeting – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 12 July – 18 July 2020**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Mission Discernment Meetings** - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2nd August after Church. 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](mailto:jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz)

**Methodist and Presbyterian Women's Special Project** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. This year, the special project is – *Chosen people called to proclaim: Life and hope for the women and children in Palestine, with the New Zealand component - the St John Shuttle*. Instead of a retiring offering there will be bowls at both entrances prior to and after the service for your gift for this year's special project.

**Knox Film Group – Sunday 12 July 4pm in the lounge - The Sapphires** is set in 1968. It tells the true story of four Aborigine sisters and cousins who, with their Irish manager, formed a singing group to entertain the troops in Vietnam. It is heart-warming and inspiring.

**Sunday lunch** – After a long break, we can now come together again for lunch so, please join us, on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, at the Kowhai Café (at Oderings Barrington Garden Centre) in Stourbridge St. A table has been booked for us for midday and there is ample parking. If you would like to come along, then please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Names are required by Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't put your name down but would like to join us, you can also email [jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com) but no later than Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>, please.

**POSTAGE STAMPS** - Postage stamps are rather rare these days, but the Presbyterian Women organisation still collects and sells them, so if you have any

used stamps lurking at home do bring them along to church and put them in the labelled box in the new foyer.

**Knox Book Table** – Has now been transformed into a bookcase in the old foyer. We have added CDs and DVDs. \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Come and have a look!!

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact: [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com) Ph 338 7203.



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My hotel room in London comes with a duck and like...I don't need a duck, but the card says "this duck is yours to take home and join you on your future travels" and yes I am fully aware that this is manipulative capitalism at its finest but I CAN'T JUST LEAVE EDWIN





### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 40: 9-11
- Mark 10: 13-16

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