



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 19 July 2020

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Fog in Avonhead, Wednesday evening

## A SERVICE FOR MATARIKI

## WELCOME TO KNOX

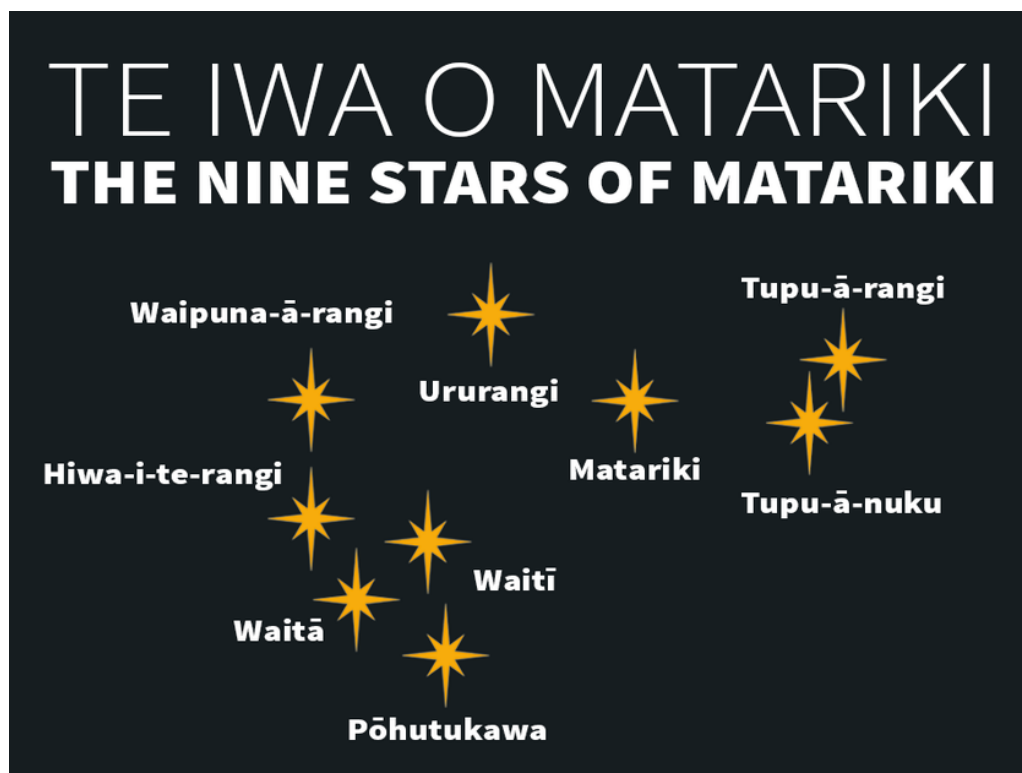
Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish 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 HUMAN BEING, LOOKING TO THE SKIES AND THE STARS;  
JESUS, A GOD BEHOLDING PEOPLE OF THE SEASONS BELOW;  
JESUS, CALLING US INTO A LIFE OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

## Hymn:

Highwood

Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)



1. O God of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky:  
grant us your Spirit's true illumination  
to read the secrets of your work on high.
2. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue;  
from flower to bird, from beast to humankind:  
help us to trace, from birth to final issue,  
the sure unfolding purpose of your mind.
3. You, God, have stamped your image on your creatures  
and, though they mar that image, love them still:  
lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.
4. Great God of nature, shaping and renewing,  
you made us more than nature's child to be;  
you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing,  
the road to life and immortality.

*Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

The land is resting, good God of creation.  
The birds are becoming resourceful in their search for food.  
The ponds are icy,  
and the stars are bright at night.

**MATARIKI PRAISES.**

The heaters are on,  
so the gathered people can be warm.  
The memories of the old,  
and the ideas of the new  
find place in their thinking.

**MATARIKI PRAISES.**

In the love of God,  
what is broken may be mended.  
What is lost may be found.  
What is torn and weeping may yet be blessed.

**MATARIKI PRAISES.**

*Silence*

Somewhere there is hunger,  
**NOT BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FOOD.**

Somewhere there is shivering,  
**NOT BECAUSE CLOTHING IS NOT BEING MADE.**

Somewhere there is loneliness,  
**NOT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO POTENTIAL FRIENDS IN THE WORLD.**

Creation suffers  
because human beings fail to hear the call  
to live with love and generosity.

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:**

God of the times and seasons,  
of the skies, the earth and the people,  
you call us to live with gratitude, hope and love.

**MAY WE EMBRACE THAT CHALLENGE,  
BEING CHRIST-LIKE IN OUR LIVING,  
SPIRITED IN OUR HOPING,  
NOBLE IN OUR REMEMBERING,  
AND A BLESSING TO YOUR GOOD CREATION.**

We pray this, as Jesus taught us to, 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**

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

### **Knox Singers:**

Creation's Hymn  
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

# ***A series of readings, reflections and hymns***

## **Preamble**

**The First Lesson:**        Genesis 1: 1-10

**A Reflection:**            Earth, sky and weeping stars

*We remain seated to sing*

## **Hymn:**

Beechwood

Josiah Booth (1852-1929)



1. God who made the earth,  
the air, the sky, the sea,  
who gave the light its birth,  
careth for me.
2. God, who made the grass,  
the flower, the fruit, the tree,  
the day and night to pass,  
careth for me.
3. God who made the sun,  
the moon and stars to be,  
who, when life's clouds come on,  
careth for me.
4. God, who blessed all things  
to live in liberty,  
who changing seasons brings,  
careth for me.

*Sarah Betts Rhodes (1829-1904), alt.*

**The Second Lesson:**    Deuteronomy 8: 10-18

**A Reflection:**            Saying grace

*We remain seated to sing*

**Hymn:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

**The Third Lesson:** 2 Timothy 1: 1-5

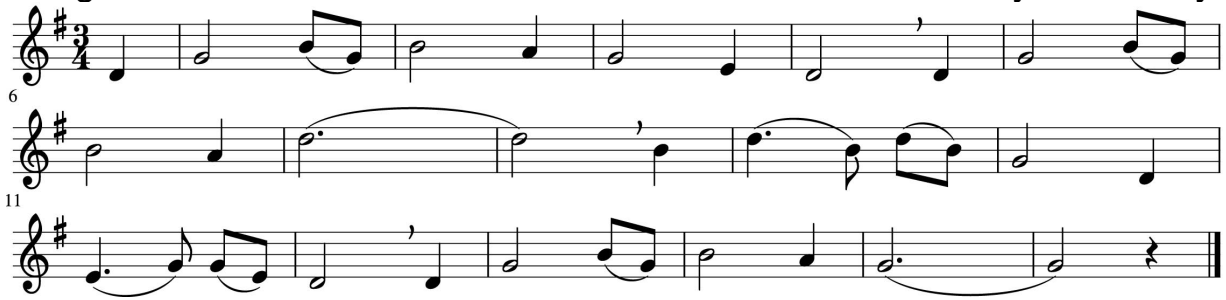
**A Reflection:** Those who went before us

*We remain seated to sing*

**Hymn:**

Amazing Grace

American Folk Hymn Melody



1. Say yes to life with all its hopes,  
its pleasures and its pain;  
for those who live a life of faith,  
their loss is turned to gain.
2. Say yes to life; affirm the gift  
with confidence reborn,  
remembering the darkest hours  
are prelude to the dawn.
3. Say yes to life; rest in God's strength  
to make the darkness light;  
go forth empowered, refreshed, renewed,  
life's morning follows night.

*Jocelyn Marshall (b. 1931)*

**The Fourth Lesson:** Hebrews 4: 14-16

**A Reflection:** Tangled in the kite string

*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**

*led by John McKean*





## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Loving God,

we marvel at your love.

**YOU HAVE DEALT WONDERFULLY WITH US.**

Your mercy is steadfast from generation to generation,

**AND THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT WITH YOUR PROMISES.**

Bless what here is offered,

**AND ENABLE US TO SERVE YOU**

**WITH OUR LOVE, HOPE AND GENEROSITY.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus.

**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Lord of the Years

Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926)



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Boléro de Concert  
Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wely (1817-1869)

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

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## **NOTICES**

**This Week:**                **19 July – 25 July 2020**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
Wednesday           10.00am    Bible Study

**Next Week:**            **26 July – 1 August July 2020**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
                              11.15am    Knox Book Group – **see below**  
Wednesday           10.00am    Bible Study

**Presbyterian and Methodist Women's Special Project 2020** - We were delighted that last Sunday \$412 was gifted for this year's Special Project . Thank you all very much.

***The Christchurch City Choir Concert*** - Saturday 25 July 7.30pm at the Transitional Cathedral. The choir along with Lois Johnston (Soprano), Malcolm Leitch (Baritone) and Jeremy Woodside (Organ) will present an evening of reflective music. Singing Requiem, Opus 48 [Gabriel Fauré] and other works for choir and organ, conducted by Dr John Linker, this will be an evening not to be missed. Looking back on our COVID-19 journey so far, remembering those we lost and looking forward to what the future holds it will be 60 minutes of music and contemplation. Entry is by koha but seats are limited so you will need to secure your tickets at [Eventfinda](#). The highlight of the concert is **Gabriel Fauré's** popular and very human **Requiem** mass. Written in the late 19th century and purely 'for the pleasure of it', Fauré described his *Requiem* as a lullaby of death and of a happy deliverance, rather than a painful experience. With distinctive colour and expressive shaping, it is a sensitive, passionate and uplifting work.

**Knox Book Group** - Sunday 26th July 11.15am in the lounge: **Lord of the Flies**. This classic 1954 English novel by William Golding tells of a group of schoolboys stranded on an uncharted island after their plane crashes. With no adult supervision, their initial freedom and order collapses, and life becomes terrifying. The book is set on the eve of World War 2, and so is also an allegory.

**KNOX LIFE** - The next issue of Knox Life will be distributed in August. We would love to have your contributions - comments, reviews, articles, poems. *Please send to the Knox office by Friday 7 August.*

**Car Park Clean Up** - This is planned for 8 August so bring brooms, shovels, spades and cutting tools. We need to sweep old leaves, remove weeds and cut back or remove shrubs.

**Mission Discernment Meeting** – Sunday 2nd August. The follow up Mission discernment Meeting will be held after morning Worship. It is intended to have Soup and bread at the close of the meeting. If you can assist with soup please contact Jennifer McKinnon, 3380333, [jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz)

### **Lockdown ideas for the Mission Group**

At the last mission discernment session, we debriefed our Covid lockdown experience, in acknowledgement that this significant event may have sown seeds of thought about what might be added to our list of peace projects for the coming years. Some really helpful notes were taken of our conversation, and Matthew has a few things to bring to our next meeting, 2 August - BUT, if you've had any developments of the things you expressed at the meeting, or if anything you heard seems to be turning into a "peace project", please let Matthew know. He'd like to circulate any new ideas prior to our next meeting.

**Knox Film Group** - Sunday 9th August 4pm in the lounge: **Lord of the Flies**. Filmed in 1990 in colour (the original film of 1963 was in black and white).

**Burnside High School production** Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August. evenings. This promises to be very good! Details of time and cost TBA.

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### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 128
- Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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