



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

26 July 2020



THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

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, TELLING STORIES OF GRACE AND UNDERSTANDING;

JESUS, REVEALING PEARLS AND TREASURE THROUGH HIS WORD;

JESUS, DARING US TO BELIEVE THAT THE KINGDOM IS WITHIN US.

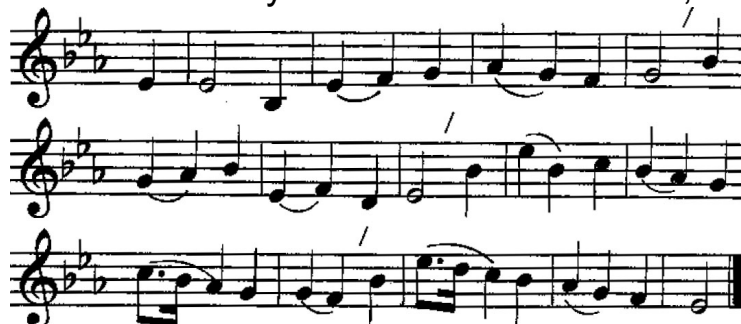
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Irish

From Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749



1. "Your kingdom come!" - on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad, -
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Prayer of Approach

"To what", he asks,
"can the kingdom of God be compared?"

THE PEOPLE LEAN FORWARD.

No simple statement comes next.
He tells them stories of coins
and fish
and people finding hidden things.
THE PEOPLE TILT THEIR HEADS.

He speaks of suddenly seeing,
of finally understanding.
He speaks of people letting go of the rest,
that they might seize the important.
THE PEOPLE SKIP A BEAT.

Is it simple or complicated?
Is his easy or hard?
Is it wise or foolish -
or that wisdom that's foolishness to the Greeks?
THE PEOPLE ARE NEVER SURE.

But his word stays with them,
makes a home in their "what if".
It's like there may be lights and flags on the horizon,
THE BEGINNINGS OF A NEW UNDERSTANDING.

So the people wait in wonder,
AND SILENTLY THEY WORSHIP.

Silence

What ever are you going to do with us, O God?

You call us to play and imagine;
WE MAKE LISTS AND DRAW STRAIGHT LINES.

You give us what truly is valuable;
WE ASK FOR THE CASH EQUIVALENT.

You ask us to be kind;
WE GIVE OURSELVES TO JUDGMENT.

You urge us to catch those who are falling;
WE SMILE AS THEY THUD.

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:

Jesus described the kingdom
as the discovery of a pearl of great price,
for which immediately it became obvious
the possession of all other things was irrelevant.

Jesus described the kingdom
as the finding of treasure
the gaining of which now was a single priority in life.

**OPEN OUR EYES, O GOD,
THAT WE MIGHT KNOW DEEPLY
WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND GOOD,
AND GIVE US COURAGE TO SEEK IT.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave us, 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 gathering 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.*

The First Lesson: Psalm 128

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

Music for Reflection: Mein gläubiges Herze frohlocke
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Soloist: Elizabeth Christensen

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

To God be the glory

William Howard Doane (1832-1915)



1. To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
and there, where predictable plantings should be,
there grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
just like that new life springing forth from the ground.
2. A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
a poor woman sees that her neighbours are fed,
a church reaches out to the youth in the town,
a man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
when even a few faithful lives change the rest.
3. While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
a boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:

loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
may we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

Sermon: Is that a pearl?

*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:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



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| 1. O Jesus, may I promise
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be forever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide. | 3. O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul. |
| 2. O let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin. | 4. Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend. |

John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Philippa Ranby

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

By your kingdom parables,
woven with love and imagination,
MOULD OUR THINKING.

By your generosity of spirit,
flowing from eternal love,
ENABLE OUR GIVING.

By your calling and challenging,
borne up on wings of hope,
**LET US LOVE AND SERVE YOU,
BY LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

Bless what we offer now,
TO THE EMERGING OF THE KINGDOM AMONG US,
in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Austria

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)



1. Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

2. See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage,
grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age.
3. Saviour, since of Zion's city, we, through grace, a part may claim,
let the world deride or pity, we will glory in your name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, and all boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Passacaglia
John Ebenezer West (1863-1929)

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

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NOTICES

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

Next Week: 2 August – 8 August 2020
 Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship + meeting **see below**
 Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

Presbyterian and Methodist Women's Special Project 2020 - We were delighted that \$422 was gifted for this year's Special Project. Thank you all very much.

Mission Discernment Meeting – Sunday 2nd August. The follow up Mission discernment Meeting will be held after morning tea. 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. Documents for the session will be posted on the news page of the website a few days before.

KNOX LIFE - The next issue of Knox Life will be distributed in August. We would love to have your contributions - comments, reviews, articles, poems. Items inspired by or relating to lockdown experiences are particularly welcome. *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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - A congregational meeting to approve the budget will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 9th August. Copies of the budget will be available beforehand for everyone to inspect.


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).

SATURDAY 15th August 7:30pm-8:45pm. Knox Church, 28 Bealey Avenue - Seasoning Ensemble presents their much anticipated "**Battalia**" concert! Twists, turns, drama, passion, and excitement! Don't miss this incredible concert featuring music evocative by some of the most prolific Baroque composers! This concert features **Heinrich Biber's "Battalia" - "10 Battle Scenes"**. A programmatic journey through the scenes of the renaissance battle field! Also featured in this concert is **Heinrich Schmelzer's "Fechtschule" - "the Fencing School"**! Other delightful gems and favourites by Vivaldi, Bach, A. Scarlatti, Handel, and Boccherini will take you on a vibrant musical journey through German, English, Spanish and Italian baroque styles! Hijiri Yamamoto – violin, Rakuto Kurano – violin, Rebecca Harris – viola, Matthew Harris – bass, Lily Doak – recorders, Daniel Cooper – harpsichord, Kiel McEntee – archlute. \$25 adult, \$20 concession, \$10 child

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

ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL - Sunday 30 August 2pm at the Catholic Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. Enjoy singing with the Combined Christchurch Choirs. Visit: <http://www.cathedral.org.nz/cbsfestivals.html>

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 Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.



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ENSEMBLE**
presents

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VIVALDI, BIBER, SCARLATTI, BOCCHERINI AND SCHMELZER

DANIEL COOPER **HARPSICHORD**, RAKUTO KURANO **VIOLIN**, HIJIRI YAMAMOTO **VIOLIN**, LILY
DOAK **RECORDERS**, MATTHEW HARRIS **VIOLONE**, REBECCA HARRIS **VIOLA**, KIEL MCENTEE
ARCHLUTE

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 7:30PM
KNOX CHURCH, 28 BEALEY AVENUE

TICKETS \$20/\$25
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The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Matthew 14: 13-21

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