

KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 2 August 2020



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FEEDING THE PEOPLE 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.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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

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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.

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. We will use the shared cup again once we are out of alert levels.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, LOOKING UPON THE PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION; JESUS, CALLING US TO THE TABLE OF GRACE; JESUS, PUTTING THE BREAD OF LIFE INTO OUR HANDS.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:



- I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, that faith might come to be.
- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- As Christ breaks bread and bids us share each proud division ends.
 That love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4. And thus we meet, and better know the Presence ever near, and join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here.
- Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as God's people in the world, we'll live and speak God's praise.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Prayer of Approach

In the desert, water gushes from a rock.

GOD CARES FOR THE PEOPLE.

In the morning, far from home, manna is on the ground.

GOD CARES FOR THE PEOPLE.

At the point of loneliness and loss, Jesus breaks bread and says "this is for you".

GOD CARES FOR THE PEOPLE.

At the time of hunger and emptiness, Christ says "take, eat", peace be with you.

GOD CARES FOR THE PEOPLE.

It is a story of loving kindness, of the sharing of life. It is the story of the world finding a friend in the compassion of Christ. As ever, always,

GOD CARES FOR THE PEOPLE.

A moment of prayer . . .

Not all life is shared with love and kindness.
Not every table is about a welcome.
Part of our experience,
and part of our contribution to the world
is greed and self.
Shiny, high apartments soar over little shacks;
presidential pockets bulge with stolen funds;
people turn the hungry 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:

The word of the people, to you, O Christ, was "we have nothing to give the people". Your word to them was "you give them something to eat". SPEAK THAT SAME WORD TO US, AND ENABLE US TO BLESS THE WORLD WITH THE PLENTY THAT COMES FROM GOD.

We pray this in your name, **AMEN**.

The Notices

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.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 13-21

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Knox Singers: Bread of the World

Scottish traditional, arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Sermon: Two ways of setting the table

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, "Could it actually work?" you are invited to respond "MAY THE PEOPLE BE FED".

... 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:

Here I am Lord:

Dan Schutte S.J. (b. 1947)

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.

- 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)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, 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 and 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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)

- Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain whence the living waters flow; let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises, I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)



This Week: 2 August – 8 August 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship + mission meeting - **see below**

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 9 August – 15 August 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship + meeting - see below

4.00pm Knox Film Group – see below

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Mission Discernment Meeting – Sunday 2nd August. The follow up Mission discernment Meeting will be held after morning tea. We will have soup and bread at the close of the meeting.

KNOX LIFE - The next issue will be distributed in August. We'd love to have your comments, reviews, articles, poems, especially items inspired by or relating to lockdown. *Please send to the Knox office by Friday 7 August.*

Car Park Clean Up - This is planned for 8 August, start time 9.30am. 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.

Sunday lunch – Please, join us for lunch on Sunday the 16th of August, 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 Tuesday the 11th. If you didn't put your name down but would like to join us, you can also email jannekenuysink@gmail.com but no later than Tuesday the 11th, please.

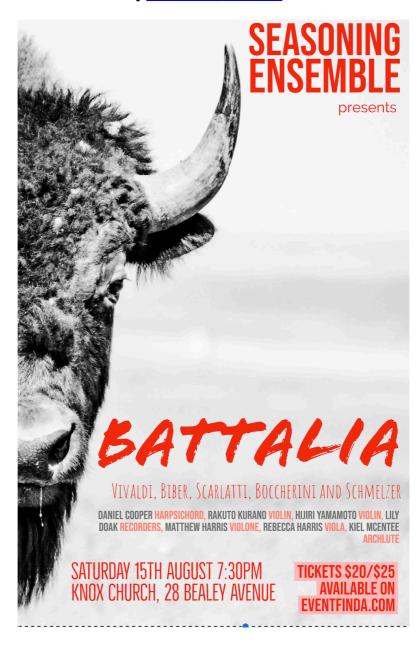
CBS Choir and Orchestra – Sunday 16 August 2pm at the Catholic Pro-Cathedral. Beethoven's 5th Symphony and followed by his Choral Fantasy. Musical Director – Don Whelan. Free admission. Retiring Collection.

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

Sunday 23rd August, 2:30pm - The Liedertafel Male Voice Choir - presents a fundraising concert in aid of our local historic theatre: *The Isaac Theatre Royal!* The concert features favourites from New Zealand pop culture such as the "GumBoot Song", "Pokarekare Ana", and "Te Harinui" alongside the perennial favourites including "Jerusalem", "God Save The Queen" and "There'll Always Be An England". Audience participation mandatory! The afternoon will be led by Musical Director and M.C. Daniel Cooper. Tickets are \$25 (+fees) from Ticketek

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.





Bible readings for next week will be:

• Micah 4: 1-4 Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14: 22-33

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