



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 9 August 2020



DON'T BE AFRAID!
a service for Peace Sunday

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, BRINGING PEACE TO HIS FRIGHTENED DISCIPLES;

JESUS, BLESSING THE PEACE MAKERS;

JESUS SAYING "BE NOT AFRAID".

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Monk's Gate

English traditional melody





1. We who would valiant be: let us not waver,
but in true constancy follow the Saviour.
There's no discouragement shall make us once relent
our first avowed intent to live as pilgrims.
2. Those who may us surround with dismal stories,
only themselves confound; our strength the more is.
No foes shall give us fright, ours is the one true Light;
we will make our right to live as pilgrims.
3. Since, Saviour, you defend us with your Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Cruel rumours, flee away! We'll fear not what they say;
we'll labour night and day to live as pilgrims.

John Bunyan (1628-1688), alt.

Prayer of Approach

God seeks a people who worship in spirit and truth.
God seeks a people in whose heart there are wells of peace.
WE WOULD BE THAT PEOPLE.

Christ calls for a people to follow him
in the making of peace,
in the lifting up of others
above their natural fears.
WE WOULD BE THAT PEOPLE.

The Spirit is forming a pilgrim people,
wrestling with goblins and fiends,
being strong in the fray,
being fearless amid the dismal stories.
WE WOULD BE THAT PEOPLE.

Yet, there is in the heart
a seed of fear,
a grain of violence,
a stirring of the lie.
Turning from the pilgrimage of peace,
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:

In Jesus, the peace maker,
you spoke, O God,
to the frightened world.
You said "do not be afraid".
**SPEAK AGAIN, O GOD,
TO US
AND TO OUR WORLD,
THAT WE MAY HEAR YOU,
KNOW YOU,
AND FIND OUR PEACE.**

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.

Next Sunday, 16 August, we have Sunday School. Today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the toys and activity sheets in the play area, at the rear of the church.

A series of readings, reflections and musical meditations

The First Lesson: Micah 4: 1-4

A Reflection: Being afraid

Music for Meditation: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

The Second Lesson: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

A Reflection: I'm afraid

Music for Meditation: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

The Third Lesson: Matthew 14: 22-33

A Reflection: For the afraid

Music for Meditation: Bist du bei mir, BWV 508
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Soloist: Elizabeth Christensen

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graham Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

That people may sit under their own fig trees,
UNDER THEIR OWN VINES,

that swords shall be beaten into plowshares
AND SPEARS INTO PRUNING FORKS,

that people may live in peace,
**MAY GOD ENABLE US
TO GIVE OF OURSELVES,
FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.**

Dedicating our offering,
we pray in the name of Jesus.
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Diademata

George Job Elvey (1816-1893)



1. Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.
2. This is our task today –
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger free,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no one lives in fear.

3. Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

Bill Wallace (b. 1933)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Adagio in G Minor
Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

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

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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.

	<p><i>noun</i></p> <p>a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general.</p>
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NOTICES

This 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

Next Week: 16 August – 22 August 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 7.00pm Knox Fireside Group – *see below*
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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**. We will watch the classic 1963 film of the book. This is in black and white, directed by Peter Brooks. It is true to the book and gives us plenty to think about.

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

CHRISTCHURCH CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY DAY - Contemplative Wisdom And Practice In Islam. Following last year's tragic events at the Christchurch mosques and the effect on our Islamic community, we feel privileged to welcome Hazet Adam from the Wellington Islamic Community as our guest speaker. We look forward to gaining a greater understanding of the

similarities and differences between our two great world faiths with an emphasis on meditative prayer. You will be most welcome to join us at what should be an interesting and informative afternoon among friends. Saturday 15 August 2020, 1 - 4 pm at Chapel Street Community Centre, Cnr Harewood Rd & Chapel St.

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.

KNOX FIRESIDE GROUP - The next meeting of the Knox fireside Group will be on Monday August 17 at 7 30pm in the Church. This will be the postponed AGM. Matthew Jack will be the Speaker. All welcome.

BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION - Lord of the Flies. Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August, Time 7pm cost \$5. Venue Aurora Centre at Burnside High School. This is a Year 13 assessment, directed and produced by the students. Door sales available.

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST - THE LIEDERTAFEL MALE VOICE CHOIR - presents a fundraising concert in aid of our local historic theatre: *The Isaac Theatre Royal!* The concert commencing at 2:30pm will feature musical favourites from New Zealand pop culture such as the "Gum-Boot 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

THE "OPEN CHURCH" - One of the mission projects suspended at Knox because of Covid was the "Open Church". Open Church involved opening the Victoria Street doors between noon and 2:00pm from Monday to Wednesday. During those hours, Knox volunteers kept an eye on the church, recorded visitor numbers, and locked up at the end. We're kicking the project off again on Monday 24 August. If you're interested in joining the group of volunteers, please contact Jane, in the office. She'll explain how things work and take notes about your availability.

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>

Coming Services

Next Sunday School day - 16th August

Creation Series

Spring flowers Sunday – 13th September

Animal Sunday – 20th September

Other services

Visit from Tangata atu motu - 18th October

Visit from Presbyterian Support - 25 October

All Saints Day - 1st November

Parihaka Sunday - 8th November



At the recent mission discernment meeting, it was decided:

- to recommence the Covid-closed Open Church project
- to continue our practice of attending the annual multi-faith prayer event at the Peace Bell in the Botanic Gardens
- to make available pamphlets containing the Peace Sermons of 2018 and the lockdown sermons of 2020
- to explore the Iona rule and occasional peace services
- to circulate a pastoral email (like those circulated weekly during lockdown) one a month in months when there is no Knox Life publication

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.



SEASONING ENSEMBLE

presents

BATTALIA

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

TICKETS \$20/\$25
AVAILABLE ON
[EVENTFINDA.COM](https://www.eventfinda.com)



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
- Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

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