



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 27 September 2020



Breaking open the rock of innovative inspiration

service conducted today, with thanks from the minister,
by Rev. Hugh Perry

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.
The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

The field of mission
is the holy ground of God.

We tread this way with awe:

in the mystery of grace.

For walk we must, even in the silence:

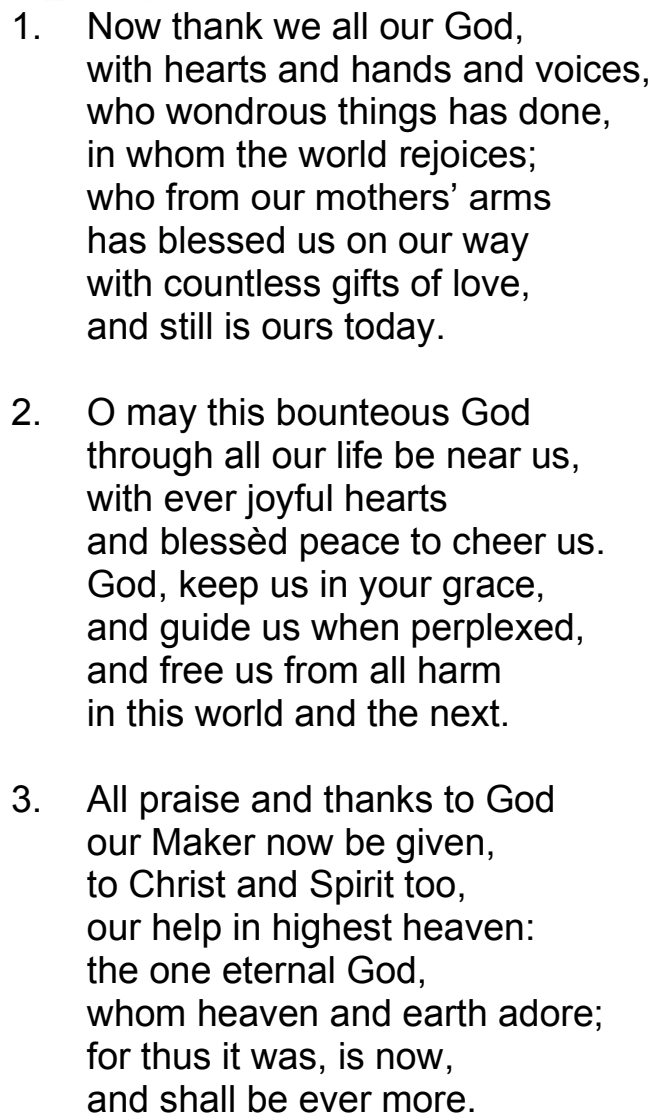
following the call of Christ.

Dorothy McRae-McMahon, *The Glory Of Blood Sweat And Tears Liturgies For Living And Dying* (Melbourne: The Joint Board of Christian Education 1996) p.72

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too,
our help in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

The lengthening days and the first appearance of spring flowers opens our mind to the wonder of creation and inspires praise and gratitude.

For the gift of life in all its complex diversity and interdependence we are forever thankful

We reflect on the swirling mass of the universe which is the very cauldron of creation where the divine word brings all things into being.

Through our science we witness stability and peace within the chaos of ever-changing timelessness.

In the image of a bush that burns without being consumed humanity is called out of the slavery our fears impose upon us and into the promise of interdependent empathic communities.

In our human frailty we are each called to new possibilities through the challenge of inspiration and Spirit filled leadership that guides our living.

Individuals are renewed as they recognise the divine within them through the image of Jesus Christ who lived our life, shared our pain and died our death and even now walks beside us in our darkest moments. In Christ we have the possibility of renewal by offering ourselves for the healing of others

In living as Christ, we become the spring of living water that nourishes the soul and brings hope to those around us.

Even in our present pandemic world we can still be thankful for the science that gives us understanding, the caring for others we are called to give and receive.

Lament

Words of Assurance

In the image of a Christ, who shares our pain and death,

is the resurrection hope of love and life restored.

Christ is the living spring of empathy and caring community.

Thanks be to God

We conclude our opening prayers using the words tradition gives us as Jesus' words.

**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

The peace of Christ be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

We exchange a non-contact sign of peace with one another.

Subject to our being at Alert Level 1, our next Sunday School day will be 18 October. During Alert Level 2, sadly the play area is not operating.

The First Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32
This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Greenlane

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory,
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.
2. Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding,
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.
3. Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever,
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness,
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Sermon:

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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.

Music for Reflection:

Improvisation

Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:

Neighbour

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
4. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
5. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .

6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?
When they put me in prison, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there'
wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour . . .

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnston

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Notices

Hymn:

Columbus

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Lord, you were our beginning,

*the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .
3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: "Chorale Prelude No. 3"
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Tea and coffee are served in the church after the service.

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NOTICES

Next Week:	27 September – 3 October 2020
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship – <i>Congregational Mtg</i> 11.15am Knox Film Group – <i>See below</i>
Next Week:	4 October - 10 October 2020
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON 27 SEPTEMBER

The Knox Church Council has asked the Knox Trust to provide further funds to support the current strengthening work in the Knox Centre. The Trust has approved a further \$250,000 but requires this to be registered as an interest free “loan”, to be repaid only if the property is ever sold. PCANZ rules require such an arrangement to be approved by the congregation, the Presbytery and the Church Property Trustees. A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the Sunday service on 27 September to ask for congregational approval.

Sunday 27 September 11.15am in the lounge.

The **Bhagavad Gita** (also known as the Song of God). We will focus on a couple of the 18 Chapters, looking at the parallels between this book and the teaching of Christ and the Vertical / Horizontal aspects of the Cross.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER – Sunday 4th October, 12pm in the Lounge. You are all invited to a congregational dinner Hosted and Cooked by Barbara and Rochelle Howley.

Menu

Shared dips and bread
Hot ham vegetables and salads
Dessert

Cost: \$36 per person. Payment in advance by online banking to account: 01-0902-0073153-00, or cash on the day. Lists will be at both doors for you to put your name down. Final numbers must be in by 27th September to allow for planning.

Come along and enjoy fellowship and community – profits to go to The Strengthening

KNOX CHURCH AGM - Sunday 11 October

The AGM of Knox Church will be held immediately following the service on Sunday 11 October. The Annual Report and Financial Performance Report are available for perusal for the two weeks prior to the meeting.

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER - Town Hall Auditorium 3pm. Marin Setchell plays his annual organ curator's concert. Admission will be FREE, but

tickets **must** be booked in advance online at nzorgan.com. Koha requested. Limited seating only

MAKE YOU AND YOUR HOME SAFE - This is a sheet we were given at the Fireside meeting and it is excellent and really applies to everyone to keep themselves and their homes safe. There will be some sheets at both doors for you to take home and Keep Safe!

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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