



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 11 October 2020



NOT THE WORLD'S BEST IDEA

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, JOURNEYING WITH GOD THROUGH THE GIFT OF TODAY;

JESUS, CALLING US TO WALK BY HIS SIDE;

JESUS, GIVING COURAGE AND PEACE TO ALL WHO FOLLOW HIM.

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

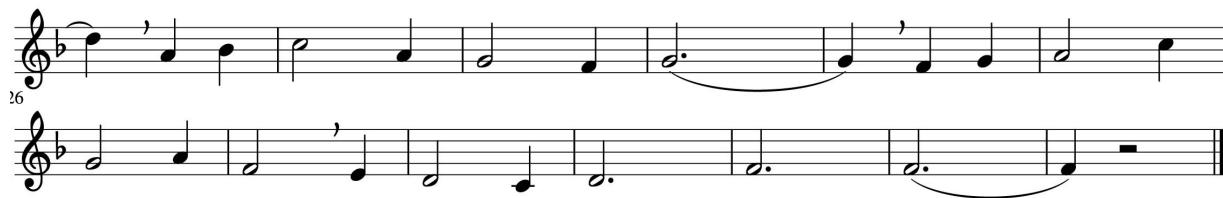
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune





1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (b. 1949)

Prayer of Approach

The story is of a God who bids us come.
"WALK WITH ME", GOD SAYS.

The story is of a God who presses on forward.
**WHO MOVES FROM PAST TO PRESENT,
AND FROM PRESENT TO FUTURE.**

The story is of a God who opens the eyes,
**WHO FILLS THE WORLD
WITH THINGS TO BE DISCOVERED.**

The story is of a people invited to grow,
CALLED TO EXPLORE.

It is of a people shown new things,
BROUGHT TO NEW PLACES.

When the Red Sea parts,
WHEN CHRIST CALLS DISCIPLES,

when Spirit descends,
WE RESPOND IN FAITH.

For our journeying with God,
we give our thanks.
**THANKS BE TO GOD
FOR THE PILGRIM'S WAY.**

Silence

Sometimes, O God,
the heart grows faint.
SOMETIMES THE CONFIDENCE FADES.

Sometimes the subtlety of heaven
causes us to pursue certainties that are dead.
**WE CHOOSE THE BORINGLY OBVIOUS,
CASTING IMAGES OF WHAT DOES NOT LIVE.**

We worship the trivial,
WE SERVE THE SHALLOW.

We thicken our necks,
AND CAUSE ANGER IN OTHERS.

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:

Gracious and living God,
you led your people
by fire and cloud
from slavery to freedom.

When they lost confidence in the journey,
and stumbled on the way,
you gave them, in Moses,
someone to be on their side,
and to plead their case.

**GIVE US THE CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE, O GOD,
SIMILARLY TO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE IN NEED,
THAT ALL MAY SING OF STEADFAST LOVE
AND LIFE IN ABUNDANCE.**

We pray this in the name and spirit of Jesus,
using the words he gave us:

**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 next week, Sunday 18 October. Today the young ones are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church, where they will find activity sheets.

The First Lesson: Exodus 32: 1-14

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Second Lesson: Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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)

Sermon:

Diffidence, drunkenness and defending

*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:

Melody

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Hymn:

Corvedale

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal too greatly grown.
3. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,

we would take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-63)(alt.)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Philippa Ranby

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

May we never lose confidence, O God,
in your provision and goodness.

**RATHER, MAY WE ALWAYS OFFER OUR HEARTS, MINDS,
AND HANDS FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

Giving of our substance and loyalties,

**WE ASK THAT ALL PEOPLE MAY FIND BLESSING
IN THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. With life and light, with grace and peace,
with burdens shared, and grief released,
with all that Christ to us would give,
we go from here, our life to live.
2. Behind we leave the heavy weight,
the weary loads of human state,

for Jesus smiled, and we were healed,
the laws of death, by love repealed.

3. Yes, life is gift, and God is good,
and to our days, bring grace we would,
that when our days one day have passed,
we may in love be held full fast.

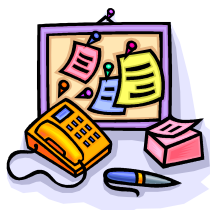
Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Fantasia on 'Ad Coenam Agni'
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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NOTICES

Next Week: 11 October - 17 October 2020
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship – **AGM see below**
4.00pm Knox Film Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 18 October - 24 October 2020
Sunday 10.00am Morning
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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. Martin 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.

Sunday 11 October – Knox Film Group, 4pm in Lounge. Peaceful Warrior (2006) is based on the true story of US university gymnast, Dan Millman. At a petrol station late one night, he encounters an old man whom he nicknames 'Socrates'. This man teaches Dan to 'live in the moment' and achieve success, even after Dan's leg gets smashed in a car crash. The film embodies the lessons we can learn from the Bhagavad Gita.

Sunday lunch – We will get together for lunch again on Sunday the 18th of October, at the Urban Eatery café, at Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. A reservation has been made 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. If you forgot to put your name down but would like to join us, you can also email jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 13th.

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 FIRESIDE GROUP - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday October 19th at 7 30pm in the Church. The speaker will be Phil Ducker who is a passionate organic gardener. All welcome.

PILLARS - Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November instead of our food etc donations going to St Georges Iona they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc welcome and will be well used. This is the tenth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS.

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.



CHRISTMAS BAKING FOR CHRISTMAS



As we did last year, we will do baking for Christmas with all the proceeds going to the strengthening. There will be Christmas Cakes: Small 10cm, Medium 15cm, Large 22-23cm, Truffles, Afghans and Shortbread made by Doug Shaw.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

All recipes and some ingredients will be given. Can you make Christmas Cakes and/or truffles? Donation of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders?

TIMETABLE

- October- Order forms to go out
- October 31st – all order forms to be returned
- November – make Christmas cakes and truffles
- December 5th morning packing baking

If you can help in anyway, please contact:

Jennifer McKinnon: Email: Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or 338 0333 or Jane in the Office: Email: office@knoxchurch.co.nz or 379 2456. Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church Office or from the table in the foyer.



Apis: the divine bull of the Egyptian capital Memphis, a manifestation of the god Ptah. Already in the most ancient times, the Egyptians venerated bulls, animals that represented fertility. ("Strong bull" was a common title for creator gods and kings.)

The bull image clearly would have reminded Exodus Israelites of Egypt.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 99
- Matthew 22: 15-22

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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