



KNOX CHURCH

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BELONGING TO THE EMPEROR

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.

Tagata Atumotu



Today we are joined by special guests from the Tagata Atumotu Trust. TAT's work occurs all around the city, but the office is upstairs in the Knox Centre. Over a while of being neighbours, we have become friends, and we thought it would be good for some of the staff to join us for worship and to tell us a bit about their work. So, this morning we welcome Carmen Collie, Losana Korovulavula, Lisa Suapopo, Suli Tuitaupe, and maybe some others.

Talofa lava. Bula vinaka. Fakaalofa lahi atu. Fakatalofa atu.
Kia orana. Mālō e lelei. Kia Ora.

Welcome

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
JESUS, IN WHOSE HANDS A COIN BECOMES A REVELATION;
JESUS, CALLING US TO CONSIDER TO WHOM WE BELONG;
JESUS, WHOSE LIFE AND GOODNESS WE SEEK TO SHOW.

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast,"
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Prayer of Approach

The people gather to listen to him,
for his words have a strange power -
they come with a sense of life.
He seems to be speaking
from a place of almost ancient wisdom.
Speak, O Christ,
FOR WE WOULD HEAR YOU.

The people gather to see him,
for he looks like love in action -
with the world turning through him
to a better direction.
They think they see in him
the image of One who is creative and kind.
Open our eyes, O Christ,
FOR WE WOULD SEE YOU.

The people gather to be with him,
people next to the person,
drinking in the company
of someone who feels like a healing of the soul.
Be present, O Christ,
**FOR WE WOULD KNOW YOU
AND BE MADE WHOLE.**

Our silent prayer of praise . . .

Silence

Some gather, though,
to ask him trick questions,
to make him say something silly.
Some come with Empire concerns
and shady loyalties.
Some come with taxes and controversies.
They say "speak Jesus,
FOR WE WOULD TRAP YOU".

They come from an experience of a world at war with itself,
with its mockery and cruelty,
its anger and hypocrisy.
They come with corruption and malice,
and the conviction that life doesn't matter.

They say "speak Jesus,
FOR WE WOULD ARREST AND KILL YOU".

For our part in that kind of culture,
for our contribution to the loss of the image of God
upon the life of the world, 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:

Taking a coin in his hand,
showing the people the image of the Emperor,
Jesus challenged the people to think
about to whom they belonged.

**CALL US, SIMILARLY, O GOD,
TO LIVE BOTH AS CITIZENS IN THE WORLD
AND PEOPLE OF THE NEW CREATION.**

Stir up in us your image;
rattle away at our self-understanding,
**THAT WE MAY BECOME MORE TRULY
THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE CREATED US TO BE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he taught 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.

Our next Sunday School day is 1 November. Today the young ones are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church, where they will find activity sheets.

Some words about the Tangata Atumotu Trust

Carmen Collie, General Manager of Tangata Atumotu Trust

The First Lesson: Psalm 99

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 15-22

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Knox Singers:

God is love

Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)

Sermon: Whose image is that?

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:

O le faafetai

traditional Samoan hymn



1. Fa'afetai i le Atua
le na tatou tupu ai
ina ua na alofa fua
ia te i tatou uma nei.

Refrain:

ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai
ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai

2. Faafetai i lona Alo
le na afio mai luga
le ua fai ma faapaolo
mai le puapuaga
Refrain

3. Faafetai i le Agaga
le fesoasoani mai
e manuia ai talosaga
atoa uma mea e fai
Refrain

Traditional Samoan hymn

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Give us, O God, the eyes of Christ",
you are invited to respond "**THAT WE MAY SEE OUR WORLD AS YOU DO**".

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Coins and actions and loyalties
WE OFFER TO GOD.

Food and hope and love
WE SURRENDER TO THE SPIRIT.

May God bless what is offered in the here and now,
**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Diademata

George J. Elvey (1816-1893)



1. Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who rose for you,
and to your risen Saviour bring your thanks for life made new.
2. Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife, this fallen world to save.
Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise;
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.
4. Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail, for your great love for me;
your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in E minor
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

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

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NOTICES

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

Next Week: 25 October - 31 October 2020
Sunday 10.00am Morning service
11.15am Knox Book Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

FUNDRAISING THANKS - Last Sunday we sat down to an amazing lunch inspired and catered by Barbara and Rochelle Howley. \$1072 was raised for the Strengthening. Mask donations raised \$230!!

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.

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.

KNOX BOOK GROUP - Sunday 25th October - 11.15am in the lounge Book Group: The Justification of Johann Gutenberg by Blake Morrison, a novel about the inventor of the printing press in 1450 in Mainz, Germany. The technology of metal printing contributed to the widespread success of the Reformation. Using the few existing legal documents and copies of the first Bible, the author has recreated the colourful life of 15th century, plague-ridden Europe, and the haunting figure of Gutenberg.

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 LIFE – Next issue will be distributed at the end of November. We would love to have your comments, reviews, articles, and poems. *Please send to the Knox Office by Friday 13th November.*



CHRISTMAS BAKING FOR CHRISTMAS



*****Please note – there is a typo on the form. Medium cakes are \$20*****

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.

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.



You are invited to a Waka Toa Ora seminar:

Public Health Update : COVID-19

Dr Anna Stevenson, Medical Officer of Health, CDHB

In January this year COVID-19 first became known to the world. Since that time our regional public health unit - Community and Public Health, a division of Canterbury District Health Board - has been responding to the disease, protecting the community, monitoring the situation and planning for the future. Join us at this seminar to hear the latest on:

- What we know about COVID-19:
 - How it spreads
 - How it presents
 - Emerging treatment options
 - Who it affects
- The local, national and global pictures
- What Community & Public Health is doing
 - Investigating cases, finding and managing contacts
 - Safety at the borders
 - Managing isolation and quarantine
 - Surveillance testing
 - Responding to community needs – mental health and wellbeing
- What the future might look like
- How we can work together

Tuesday 3 November 2020, 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Blue Room, Salvation Army, 853 Colombo Street

[Register online here](#)

Use the registration form to tell us your questions in advance.

A calendar appointment will be emailed following registration.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
- Matthew 22: 34-46

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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