



# KNØX CHURCH

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## **Order of Service** **25 October 2020**

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## **IN GOD'S GOOD TIME** **THE EYES ARE OPENED**

**a service in the good company of our neighbours,  
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island**

## 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, HELD, AS A CHILD, IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER;  
JESUS, SEEN BY TWO ELDERLY PEOPLE AS GOD'S PROMISE KEPT;  
JESUS, WHOSE KINGDOM WE BOTH WELCOME AND AWAIT.**

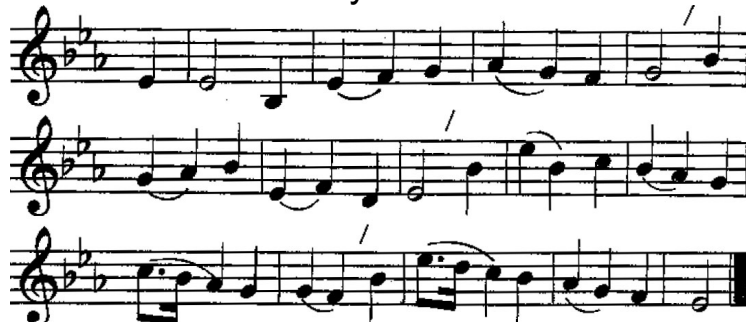
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Irish

from Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749



1. "Your kingdom come!" - on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo! already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned with might,  
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad, -  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

*Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Your love meets us, O God,  
and enfolds us  
as parents hold us,  
carry us into the world,  
delight in our having come to be.  
Your love meets us and enfolds us  
even before we begin  
to await the coming of a kingdom.

**OPEN OUR EYES, O GOD,  
AND HEAR OUR PRAISES!**

Your love meets us, O God,  
and enfolds us  
as life makes us busy,  
rather to distracted to go "looking for God".

Still there are flags on the hills,  
and light shining on our horizons,  
signalling the enduring promises.

**OPEN OUR EYES, O GOD,  
AND HEAR OUR PRAISES!**

Your love meets us, O God,  
and enfolds us  
as time races away  
and new becomes old  
and the diary is rather more spacious.  
While the world sees us less  
but we see the world more,  
still you place signs of grace  
in our lives.

**OPEN OUR EYES, O GOD,  
AND HEAR OUR PRAISES!**

With all those who have lived within your promise,  
and who have found each part of life  
to be part of your very life,  
with all who ever have seen in Christ  
that you are faithful,  
we offer our silent praise.

**STILL OUR HEARTS, GOD,  
AND HEAR OUR PRAISES!**

*Silence*

Sometimes,  
as God calls us to open our eyes,  
we grimly shut them tightly.  
We refuse to see the dignity of others;  
we refuse to see the need that is obvious;  
we refuse to see the cross on the hill;  
we refuse to see the face of Christ  
in the face of our neighbours.  
And in that refusal,  
we go our own way  
away from the calling of God.

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:**

Being true to your promise, O God,  
to bless the world through the birth of the Messiah,  
your goodness came into the world  
through a child from Nazareth.

Among the first to welcome him  
were two elderly people.

**AS YOU ENABLED THEM,  
IN THEIR TIME,  
TO SEE THE CHRIST WITHIN THEIR WORLD,  
SO ENABLE US TO SEE HIM IN OUR MIDST.**

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.*

**The First Lesson:** Luke 2: 22-35  
Read by Victoria Newcombe  
General Manager Social Services

**The Second Lesson:** Luke 2: 36-40  
Read by Chris Guerin  
Enliven Homeshare Practice Leader  
  
This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Hymn:**  
Miniver

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)*

**Sermon:** Noticed by two elderly people

*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:** Contemplation on Hawkhurst  
Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

*Barry Helem, Chief Executive of Presbyterian Support Services, Upper South Island, brings*

**A Word about the Work of Presbyterian Support**

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Andrew Johnston - Chair of the Board of Presbyterian Support Services, Upper South Island*

**The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

For innocence and experience

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

For freshness and for the mellow

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

For what we have received

and what we can give to others

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

May what we offer here,

and what we resolve to give this week

**FIND ITS BLESSING**

**IN THE GRACE AND GOODNESS OF GOD,**

that real differences shall be made

**IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS, AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,  
glory be to Christ, our Sun,  
glory be to God the Spirit,  
great Redeemer, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,  
came our loyalties to claim;  
glory be to God who won us,  
caught our spirits in the flame;  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the One whose love remains.
3. Glory be to God in this day,  
with our current weal and woe;  
glory be to God who calls us,  
in whose name we've far to go.  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the God in Christ we know.
4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'  
thus its praise creation brings;  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
from our hearts our worship springs!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),  
alt. Matthew Jack*



## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Sortie on Laus Deo  
Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)

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

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## **NOTICES**

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

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**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 sent to the Knox Office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.*

**WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2020** – 7-8pm Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our busy lives this is possible. We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful. Weekly at All Souls Anglican Church, 30 Church Lane, Christchurch. For more information: Contact Annette Reinheimer or Richard Carr, Email [carr56@gmail.com](mailto:carr56@gmail.com) or [annettere852@gmail.com](mailto:annettere852@gmail.com)



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> – all order forms to be returned
- November – make Christmas cakes and truffles
- December 5<sup>th</sup> morning packing baking

***If you can help in anyway, please contact:***

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

**INTERFAITH PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE** - Some weeks ago we recorded a video clip, a Knox group praying for peace. That clip has now been cut and pasted into a larger video with other prayers from other faith groups in Otautahi Christchurch. You can view the full video by following the link: <https://youtu.be/9rZI-enT8i8>

## **ACTING COUNCIL CLERK**

Jean Brouwer will be Acting Council Clerk from 27 October to 11 November. Her phone number is 355 6534.

**PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - While the Knox Council is proud to offer support to the St George's Iona foodbank on an on-going basis, and while we suspend our support for three weeks in November so that gifts may be directed to the work of PILLARS (supporting the families of people in jail), today we also are happy to draw your attention to the Christmas appeal needs of PSUSI. Find details of the appeal at:

**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.**

### **1500 years ago, Augustine of Hippo prayed this prayer:**

O God, full of compassion,  
I commit and commend myself to you,  
in whom I am, and live, and know.  
Be the Goal of my pilgrimage, and my Rest by the way.  
Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thoughts  
beneath the shadow of your wings.  
Let my heart, this sea of restless waves,  
find peace in you, O God.  
You bountifully give all good gifts.  
Give those who are weary refreshing food.  
Gather our distracted thoughts and powers into harmony again.  
Set the prisoner free.  
See, he stands at your door and knocks.  
Open it to him, that he may enter with a free step,  
and be quickened by you.  
For you are the Well-spring of Life,  
the Light of eternal Brightness,  
where the just live who love you.  
Let it be to me according to your word.  
Amen.



## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- 1 John 3: 1-3

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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