

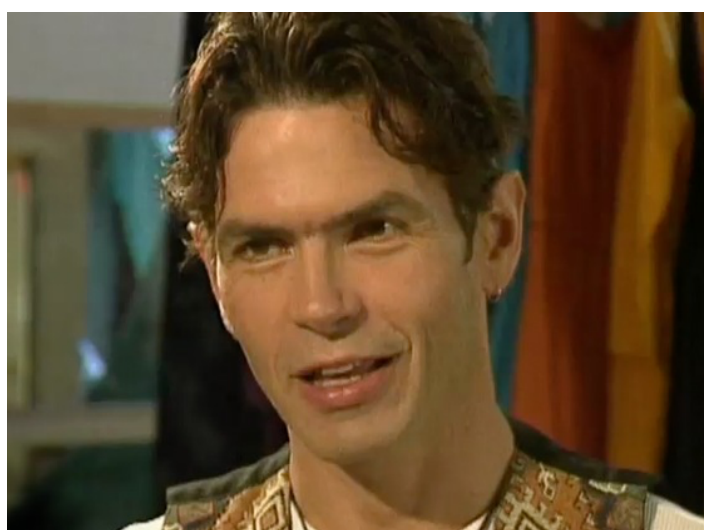


KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

1 November 2020



THE CHILDREN OF GOD

A COMMUNION SERVICE
FOR ALL SAINT'S DAY

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.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one.
Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely,
are welcome to receive communion here.

We are very happy to welcome Richard Oswin to the piano this morning, while Daniel (our organist) is away for the weekend.

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.

Communion during Covid-19 Alert Level One

Since we are in Covid-19 Alert Level One, and are being asked to take special care with respect to the sharing of food, we are serving communion today in a slightly different way. Bread will be served by servers who have washed their hands. In order to avoid many hands dipping bread in one cup, we are using the old individual glasses. The server will give you a glass. Once you have finished the non-alcoholic grape juice, place your empty glass in the holder, back in your pew. We will use the shared cup again once we are out of alert levels.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**JESUS, CALLING US TO JOIN IN THE SONG OF THE AGES;
JESUS, WHOSE IMAGE THE SPIRIT GROWS IN US;
JESUS, IN WHOSE NAME WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

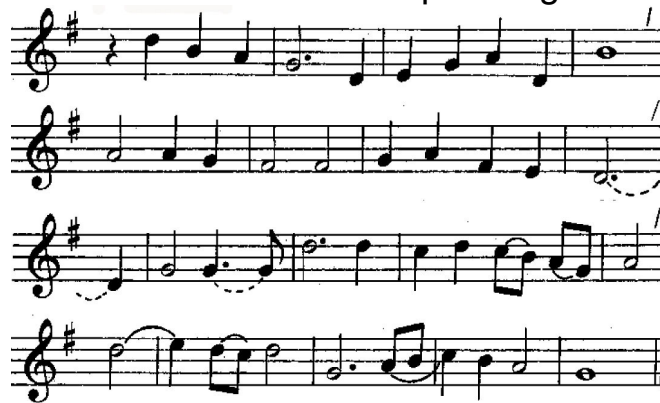
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. For all the saints who from their labour's rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia!
2. You were their rock, the refuge and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia!
3. Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
live as the saints who nobly lived of old
and in our lives your liberty behold.
Alleluia!
4. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the struggle long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia!

William W. How (1823-1897), alt.

Prayer of Approach

As the parent forms the child,
loving, defending, nourishing,
could it be that we are being formed
by the great love of God?
See what love God has given us,
that we should be called children of God.

**AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE;
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Could it be that Christ is being revealed to us,
taking form among and within us,
until we are recognising the nature of God
emerging in our sharing of life?
Beloved, we are God's children now.

**THAT IS WHO WE ARE;
PRAISE AND GLORY BE TO GOD.**

Could it be that the Spirit is working,
forming a purity of heart,
a peace of the mind,
a deep seeing of our significance?
Could it be that there is no need to fear,
no need to fear,
no need to fear -
for God's love is strong and never fails.
Beloved, we are God's children.

**THAT IS WHO ARE;
HEAR OUR SILENT PRAISE.**

Silence

Could it be that we forget who we are?
LORD HAVE MERCY.

Could it be that we demean the family likeness?
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Could it be that we scoff at purity?
LORD HAVE MERCY.

Speak to us again, O God,
of your great mercy,
your enduring love and your power to forgive,
for this is a word we need to hear.

Silence

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:

God of all the saints,
you have declared us
to be your children,
a people held in love.
**GIVE US GRACE TO CLAIM THIS IDENTITY,
TO GROW IN PURITY OF HEART,
AND TO SHOW FORTH THE LIKENESS OF JESUS,
FOR THE BLESSING AND HEALING OF THE WORLD.
AMEN.**

The Notices

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.
**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.
AMEN.**

Young ones are invited to leave the steps at this point, but to stay in church for the anthem, before going next door for Sunday School activities. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to Sunday School.

Knox Singers: Be still
David Evans (b. 1957)

Bible Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-3
In this is the Word of God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Sermon:

Kevin, Michael and some other guy in God

*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.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "Who are we?",
you are invited to respond "BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD".*

**. . . 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 Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, sacred or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

John Bell (b. 1949)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, BEARER OF OUR SINS,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,

GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread, and a glass of grape juice, and return to your seat.*

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks and praise

that while we were still far off

you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD

LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;

WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP

BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;

WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,

THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude

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

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NOTICES

Next Week: 1 November – 7 November 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 8 November – 14 November 2020

Sunday	10.00am	Morning
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – See below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

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.

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 or annettere852@gmail.com

KNOX FILM GROUP – Sunday 8th November at 4pm in the Lounge. Little Women 2019 version, which views the family story from the perspective of Jo as an adult looking back.

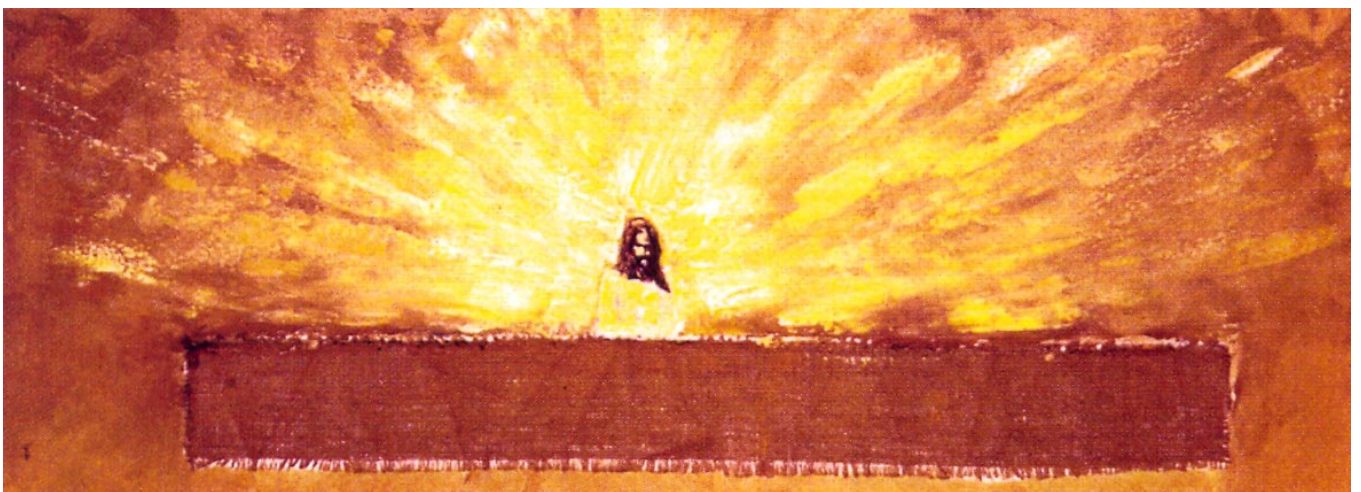
KNOX LIFE – Next issue will be distributed at the end of November. We would love to have your comments, reviews, articles, and poems. *Please send to the Knox Office by Friday 13th November.*

SUNDAY LUNCH, 15 NOVEMBER – We will again meet for lunch on Sunday the 15th of November, 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 jannekenuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 10th.

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER – 11.15am Final book group for the year. Little Women by Louise May Alcott as well as March by Geraldine Brooks. Both books deal with the heavily autobiographical life of the March family, particularly during the American Civil War in the 1860's.

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

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
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Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 146
- Matthew 5: 1-12

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