



# KNØX CHURCH

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# PARIHAKA A PEACEFUL PROTEST

## 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, GOD'S SPIRITED PROTESTER IN A PEACE-NEEDING WORLD;  
JESUS, PRONOUNCING BLESSINGS ON ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE;  
JESUS, MAKING US ONE IN THE LOVE OF THE CREATOR.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Praise, my soul

John Goss (1800-1880)





1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge  
grace bestowing without cease.  
Celebrate our God's great glory,  
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence,  
friend and stranger, guest and host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure,  
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe  
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*Iona Community*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Moved by you,  
the God of justice, love and peace,  
**HE SAT DOWN  
TO TEACH THE PEOPLE.**

From his hillside  
in an occupied land,  
he spoke of poverty of spirit,  
and of purity of heart.  
**HE SPOKE OF THE HUNGER OF THE SOUL,  
AND THE POWER OF MERCY.**

He called them to be makers of peace  
**AND TRANSCENDERS OF PERSECUTION.**

He gave food to the hungry  
**AND JUSTICE TO THE OPPRESSED.**

He gave sight to the blind  
**AND LIFE TO THE DEAD.**

Declaring blessings on the once-labelled losers,  
**HE TURNED THE VALUE SYSTEM INSIDE OUT.**

"This is the coming kingdom", he said,  
**AND "WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD".**

A new creation began that day,  
**AND NOW WE COME  
TO TAKE OUR PART.**

Praise to the revolutionary Christ.  
**INDEED! THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Silence*

In the hearing of one another,  
we confess before God  
that we have not consistently given ourselves  
to the radical vision of Jesus  
and his beatitude world.  
Sometimes we grab, we steal;  
sometimes we oppress, we hate;  
sometimes we divide, we refuse to listen.  
So 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:**

O God of justice and peace,  
in a Roman occupied territory,  
Jesus spoke of a new kind of society  
in which the poor and persecuted  
received blessings from on high.  
This vision began to form a people  
of a new creation.

**OPEN OUR EARS, O GOD,  
TO THE SPEAKING CHRIST,  
THAT WE TOO MAY FIND OUR WAY  
TO A JUST AND GENEROUS WAY OF LIVING.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the beatitude-giver,  
and we use 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**

**The First Lesson:**

Psalm 146

In this is the Word of God  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Gospel Lesson:**

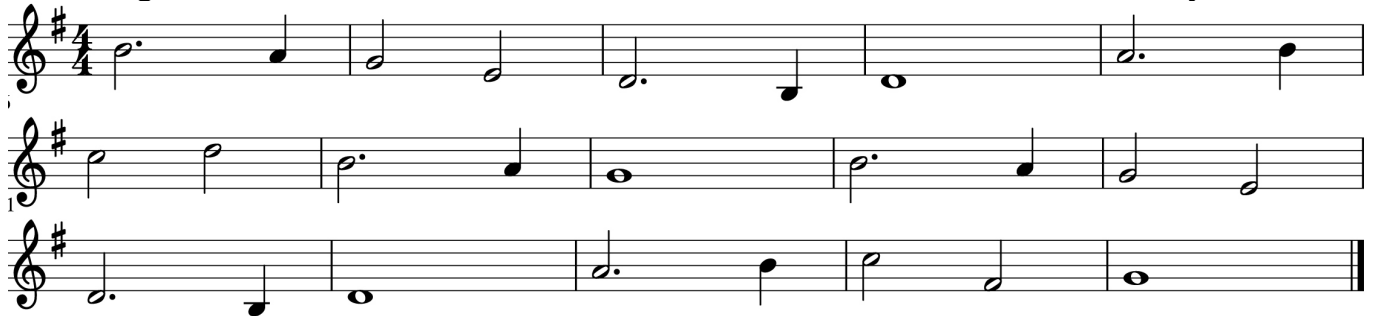
Matthew 5: 1-12

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Hymn:**

Tama ngakau

traditional Maori hymn



1. Tama ngākau mārie  
Tama a te Atua  
Tēnei tonu mātou  
Arohaina mai
2. Murua rā ngā hara  
Wetekina mai  
Ēnei here kino  
Wakararu nei.
3. Takahia ki raro  
Tau e kino ai  
Kei pā kaha tonu  
Ko nga mahi hē.
4. Hōmai he aroha  
Mōu i mate nei  
Tēnei ra e Ihu  
Tākina e koe
5. Tēnei arahina  
A tutuki noa  
Putā i te pōuri  
Whiwhi hari nui.

*Traditional Maori*

**Sermon:** A meek kind of protest

*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:** Arabesque  
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Hymn:**  
Gonfalon Royal

Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)



1. How happy you who work for peace!  
Your hands shall plant and not destroy,  
your words defuse the power of hate,  
your prayers bring aroha and joy.
2. The scars of earth, of blast and bomb  
shall then be healed, and green will grow,  
the air that radiated death  
give life and health, as sun or snow.
3. The toys of war shall all be sold  
to buy a feast the world can share,  
the glint of guns become the tools  
that till the earth and make it fair.
4. How happy you who work for peace,  
who mend the torn, who bend the rod!  
You make the Christ direction plain,  
you truly are a child of God.

*Shirley Murray (1931-2020)*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Len Pierce*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Take our meekness, O God,  
our poverty of spirit  
and our hunger;

**USE ALL THINGS TO BLESS THE WORLD.**

Take this money  
and our other gifts,  
**AND LET THEM SERVE  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

We pray this in the name of the peace-maker, Jesus,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation's energy.



4. Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

*Shirley Murray (1931-2020)*

### **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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## **NOTICES**

**Next Week: 8 November – 14 November 2020**  
 Sunday 10.00am Morning  
 4.00pm Knox Film Group – **See below**  
 Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 15 November – 21 November 2020**  
 Sunday 10.00am Morning  
 Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside – **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.

**KNOX FILM GROUP** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 sent to the Knox Office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.*

**SUNDAY LUNCH 15 NOVEMBER** – We will again meet for lunch on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com) but preferably no later than Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**KNOX FIRESIDE GROUP** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Church. You are asked to bring a Family Heirloom or Keepsake to show and tell. All welcome.

**KNOX BOOK GROUP** - 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.

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Next Sunday we'll be having the Blessing of the Animals service, deferred from earlier this year because of Covid. Matthew retained the "precious animals" photos submitted to him earlier in the year, but if you have other photos you would like to have featured in the slide show during the service make sure to send them to him by noon on Thursday 12 November - [minister@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:minister@knoxchurch.co.nz)

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*From Te Ara - online encyclopaedia of New Zealand*

## **Te Whiti and Tohu**

Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi were notable prophets who were Taranaki kinsmen and married to sisters. In 1862 Te Whiti had helped passengers and crew escape from the wreck of the *Lord Worsley*; four years later, endorsed by Te Ua, the two men established the pacifist community of Parihaka (formerly Repanga). The new name recalled the lamentations of the people.

The community held monthly public meetings on the 17th (later the 18th), discussing the scriptural promises and the confiscated lands of Taranaki. Te Whiti, who was the greater orator, repudiated the authority of the settlers' laws over Māori. At first the two men shared the leadership on a six-monthly rotation; later, they quarrelled over money and divided the settlement into two segments, with each leader presiding over his own [marae](#). During the 1870s Parihaka grew into the largest Māori settlement in the country.

## **Surveying and ploughing**

In 1878 the government began surveying the confiscated southern Taranaki lands for European settlement. In response, from May 1879, under the initial direction of Tohu, the Parihaka men went out to reclaim this land by ploughing it. As they were arrested and imprisoned, others took their places, with people coming particularly from Pātea, Whanganui and Waikato. Te Whiti . . . wanted to make Parihaka 'Israel', the new kingdom for Māori, and sought to reclaim the [rangatiratanga](#) (chieftainship) guaranteed by the Treaty of Waitangi.

## **Government sacks Parihaka**

Responding to the growing Māori support for Parihaka, on 5 November 1881 the government sent troops to break up the community. All outsiders were expelled (about 1,600 people), and their homes destroyed. Te Whiti, Tohu and a third Taranaki prophet, Tītōkōwaru, were arrested and spent six months imprisoned awaiting trial. Then the Supreme Court judge threw out the charge of obstruction laid against Tītōkōwaru.

Faced with the probability of the collapse of the remaining trials, the government urgently passed special legislation allowing the indefinite imprisonment of Te Whiti and Tohu. Sent to the South Island, they were released in early 1883. They returned to reconstruct Parihaka as a model (and modern) community.



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 40: 28-31
- Matthew 6: 25-27

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