



KNØX CHURCH

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THE 2021 WISH LIST OF FOOLS AND DREAMERS

A COMMUNION SERVICE
FOR THE NEW YEAR

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.

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Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely,
are welcome to receive communion here.

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.

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The Welcome

One Minute of Silence

The New Year Sentences:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe

every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21: 1-5

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHO WALKED WITH US TO THE BEGINNING OF TODAY;
JESUS, WHOSE VISION FOR THE WORLD CALLS US FORWARD;
JESUS, FORMING US TOWARDS HOPE AND AUDACIOUS BELIEF.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

We live, O God,
beneath a vision of your making the creation new,
of your consigning to the past
all mourning, and crying, and being in pain.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS.

We live, on our New Year Sunday,
singing of One whose love
is spread as a mantle over all our experience,
whose heart moves as our hearts move,
and who will reign forever.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS.

We live, O Ancient of Days,
as a people who are open to hope,
open to faith,
and open to love.
Seeking to manifest just such these abiding things,
in the spirit of Jesus,

A NEW YEAR BEGINS.

We have met you in the person of Jesus,
and in his spirit, we offer ourselves in worship.

Silence

We confess, O God,
that we have not given ourselves to faith, hope and love.
We have chosen other ways,
and followed paths that are neither good for us,
nor for those along whose side we have walked.

In thought, word and deed,
we have fallen short.

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:

God of eternity,
in whose hands we live,
move us, in this brand new year,
to seek and serve you.
**MAY WE SEE YOU MORE CLEARLY,
LOVE YOU MORE DEARLY,
AND FOLLOW YOU MORE NEARLY,
ALL THIS YEAR LONG.
AMEN.**

The Notices

Our next Sunday School day will be some time in February (TBA). Today young ones are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church, where they will find activity sheets.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

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

Sermon: Hoped for this year?

*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

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "Fools and dreamers in Christ",
you are invited to respond **"WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD"**.*

**. . . 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, scared 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 and 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

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,

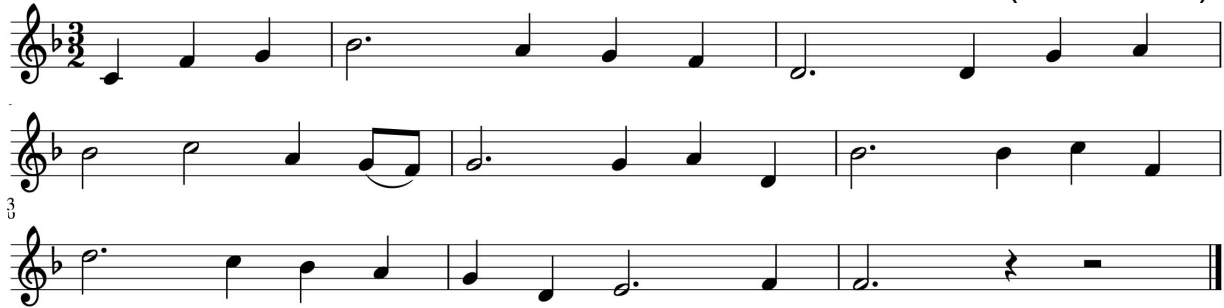
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:

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

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge

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THE CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURE

Knox Church Office is now closed for the summer break. It will open again at 9:00am on Monday 13 January. Because the minister is not taking his annual leave until later in January, he will be clearing the office answerphone intermittently during the closure. For any urgent matters, though, contact him at his home phone number, 3570 111.

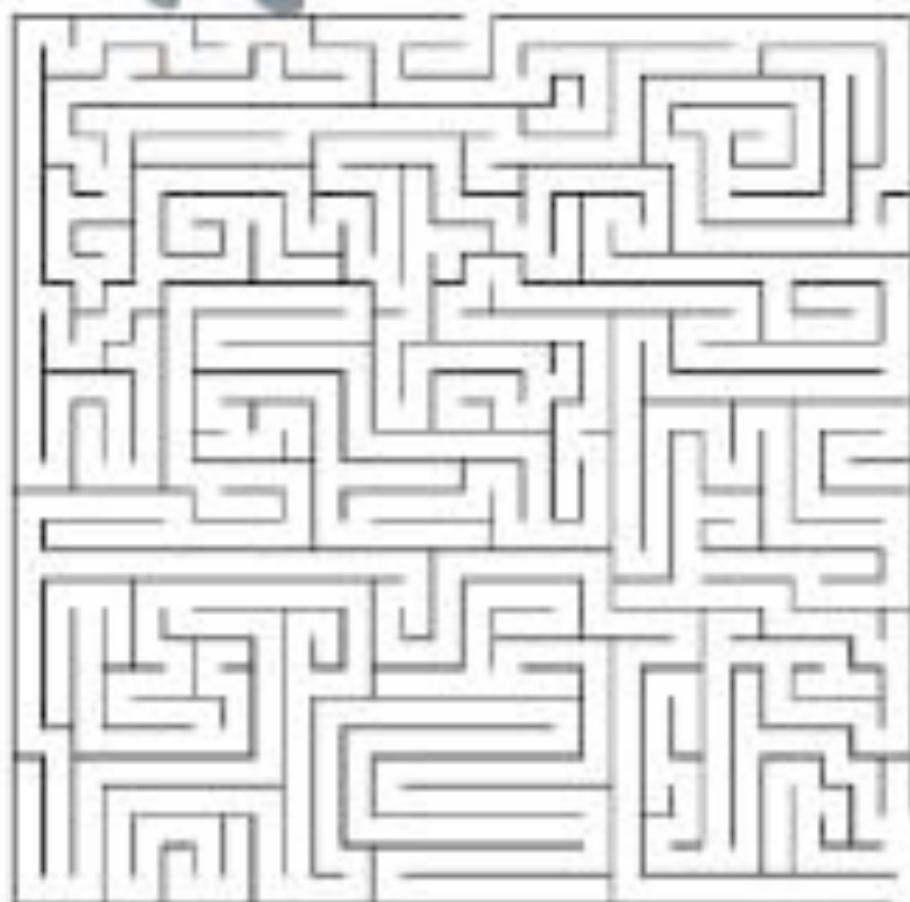
For the Young Ones





Happy New Year!

Can you help the children get together for their New Year party?





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 19: 1-7
- Mark 1: 4-11

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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