



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 10 January 2021

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**INTO WHAT WERE YOU  
BAPTISED?**

## 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, IN HOPE OF WHOSE COMING JOHN BAPTIZED THE CROWDS;  
JESUS, IN WHOM A NEW COMMUNITY OF LOVE WAS FORMED;  
JESUS, IN WHOSE JOY, IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, WE WILL ABIDE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Thaxted

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)





1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and act upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry (b. 1942)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Beyond all praising,  
**GOD IS GOD.**

Beyond the reach of our words,  
**GOD IS GOD.**

Beyond the confines of categories,  
**GOD IS GOD.**

Yet within the hearts and hopes  
of imperfect people,  
**GOD IS GOD.**

In the quiet,  
may God make a home in our devotion,  
making a joyful duty of our praise;  
**IN US, AND FOR US,  
MAY GOD BE GOD.**

*Silence*

We know not from where,  
but into our prayer,  
come some curious questions.

Have we lived the day well?

**HAVE WE CHERISHED THE GIFT OF LIFE?**

Have we loved God?

**HAVE WE LOVED OUR NEIGHBOUR?**

Have we sought the deeper regions of the faith?

**HAVE WE CARED FOR THE WORLD?**

These questions are only questions,

**YET THEY SPEAK TO OUR CONSCIENCE.**

As we process them,  
sift and sort them,

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 be in my head,

**AND IN MY UNDERSTANDING;**

God be in mine eyes,

**AND IN MY LOOKING;**

God be in my mouth,

**AND IN MY SPEAKING;**

God be in my heart,

**AND IN MY THINKING;**

God be at mine end,

**AND AT MY DEPARTING.**

*Book of Hours, 1514*

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
using 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.*

*Our next Sunday School day is in February, a date yet to be confirmed. 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:** Acts 19: 1-7

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1: 4-11

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

### **Hymn:**

Liebster Jesu

Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
by your gospel pure and holy  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
you alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your Church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

### **Sermon:**

Dysfunctional leadership of wonky theology - and a miracle

*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.*

*A video of this sermon has also been uploaded. The link, <https://youtu.be/bJmK1NMRYOQ>, will go live at 10:00am, today.*

**Music for Reflection:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

**Hymn:**

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power redeeming  
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour  
so that all may see I triumph,  
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,  
guide my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self denying,  
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

*Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Len Pierce*



## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Might this money improve the world for twelve people?

**IN THE HANDS OF GOD, IT MIGHT.**

Might this food feed twelve people?

**IN THE SPIRIT, IT MIGHT.**

Might we who make this offering be a blessing to a handful of others?

**IN GOD'S GRACE, WE WILL.**

Thanks be to God.

**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.



4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Chaconne  
Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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

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**For the young ones**



# The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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SPIRIT

JORDAN  
SINS  
WATER  
CONFESS

FORGIVE  
JESUS  
RIVER  
HONEY

HEAVEN  
WILD  
BAPTIZED  
JOHN



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

- Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
- John 1: 43-51

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