



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 7 February 2021



A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF PETER AND ANDREW

A COMMUNION SERVICE

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 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.

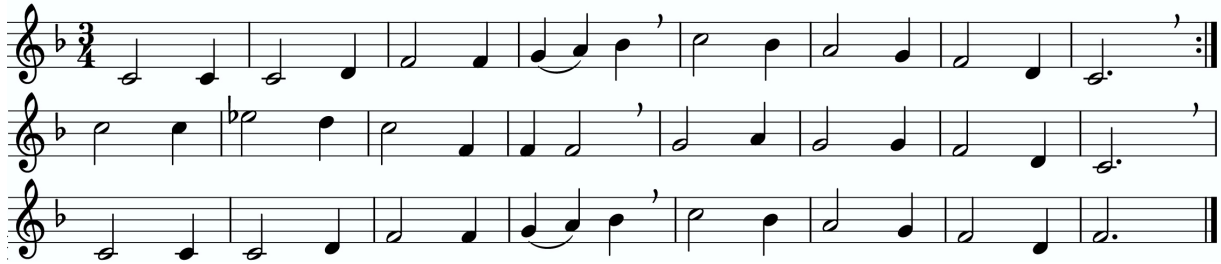
**JESUS, ENTERING THE HOUSE OF PRAYER AND NEED;
JESUS, MENDING LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN BROKEN;
JESUS, LONGING TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Lewis folk melody

Scottish traditional



1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the space where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we may see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for hearts to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Is there a quiet centre
in the busy life we lead?

Is there a place
for wholeness and peace?

**IN CHRIST, THE HEALER,
YES, THERE IS.**

Is there a becoming well,
a breaking of the fever;
is there a love
wherein common humanity
can find embrace?
**IN CHRIST, THE HEALER,
YES, THERE IS.**

Is there a table
where all are welcome,
and where we are fed by grace?
**IN CHRIST, THE HEALER,
YES, THERE IS.**

Finding our place within the love of Christ,
we keep a moment of quiet.

Silence

When we acknowledge our frailty,
when we confess our sins,
when we grieve for what we are doing to the world,
is there forgiveness
or hope?
**YES, IN CHRIST, THE HEALER,
THERE IS.**

Therefore, we are bold to 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:

As Jesus discerned in prayer, O God,
that he needed not to linger at home,
but rather needed to take his healing hands
to all corners of the country,
ENABLE US ALSO

TO SHARE THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE.

Enable us to be people of health and wholeness,
BEING AGENTS OF LOVE IN THE WORLD.
AMEN.

The Notices

Litany of Ordination and Induction:

There are many gifts,
BUT IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT WHO GIVES THEM.

There are different ways of serving God,
BUT IT IS THE SAME LORD WHO IS SERVED.

God works through different people in different ways,
BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD
WHOSE PURPOSES ARE ACHIEVED THROUGH THEM ALL.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
TO USE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

Narrative

The Ordination Prologue for John

Affirmation

John; in view of this declaration, you are now required to answer these questions: Do you undertake, with God's help, the office and ministry of elder, encouraging people in the Faith, exercising spiritual oversight, leadership and discernment, and remaining diligent in prayer and service.

I do.

John; do you believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith contained in the standards of this Church; do you promise to seek the unity and peace of this Church, to uphold the doctrine, worship, government, and discipline thereof, and to take your due part in the administration of its affairs?

I do.

The Lord bless you, and enable you to keep your promises.

Signing the Formula

Neil's Commitment

Neil is invited to come forward.

Current elders are invited to gather for the prayer

Declaration and Welcome

Knox Singers: The Clare Blessing
 John Rutter (b. 1945)

The "Right Hand of Fellowship"

Renewal of Commitment:

Christ calls us all to share in his ministry. Let us, then, dedicate ourselves anew to his service. Please stand.

To all: Members and elders of this congregation: putting your trust in Jesus Christ, do you commit yourselves to love and serve his Church and world?

WE DO.

To the congregation: As members of this congregation, will you encourage and support your elders and council members, and remember them in your prayers?

WE WILL.

To the elders and councillors: In your ministry of service and leadership, will you seek the mind of Christ, serve the peace and unity of the Church, and do all things in the love of God, God being your helper?

WE WILL.

Prayer:

**GOD OF GRACE,
YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE SERVANTS OF JESUS,
AND TO SHARE IN HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE AND RECONCILIATION.
RENEW OUR ENTHUSIASM;
GIVE US JOY IN YOUR SERVICE,
THAT WE MAY DECLARE YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS
AND SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THE WORLD;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
AMEN.**

An Acknowledgement of Don McEwan

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1: 29-39

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Sermon:

It had no date on it

*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 being practised can be found, from 10:00am on Sunday 7 February, at:
<https://youtu.be/XhBLX9jSEVc>*

*The "Message from New Zealand" video can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYTQlr6CGOY>*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*In our prayers for ourselves and others, to my words "Does that form part of what he knows he needs to do next?",
you are invited to respond **"SHOW US, O GOD, WHAT TO DO NEXT"**.*

**. . . 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:

Angelus

Heilige Seelenlust, Breslau 1657



1. At even, when the sun was set
the sick, O Lord, around you lay;
O in what divers pains they met,
O with what joy they went away!
2. How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
3. In conflicts that destroy our health
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

4. Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Verse 1: Henry Twells (1823-1900)

Verses 2- 4: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

We sit for

The Invitation and Institution

The 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, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.*

*If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

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:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Highland Cathedral
Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

Following the service, a special morning tea will be served in the church

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NOTICES

This Week: 7 February – 13 February 2021
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship –
Commissioning of new Council members
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 14 February – 20 February 2021
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday 7th February - A Special Morning Tea will be held to celebrate the commissioning of Neil Lambie and John Laing as new members of Council. If you are willing to bring a small plate, please contact Jennifer McKinnon.

Rosters for 2021- 2022 - Because of retirements and people moving away we need additional people for our Door Duty and Morning Tea Rosters. The rosters run from March 2021 – February 2022. If you can help with any or both Rosters please contact, Jennifer McKinnon jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz , or the Church Office, office@knoxchurch.co.nz

Sunday lunch 21 February – Please consider joining us for a pleasant lunch in good company at the Urban Eatery café, at Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. There is ample parking, and a reservation has been made for us for midday. 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 jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 15th.

Fireside Garden Visit – Saturday 27 February. We will be visiting Phil and Linda Duckers' garden at 85, Sutherlands Road, Halswell. This garden is a picturesque no dig garden, with wandering paths, water features, and orchard and "follies". Afternoon Tea will be provided. Cost \$10 per person, which will go to the Duckers choice of charity. Please be at Knox Car Park by 1.45pm. Lists will be at both doors to fill in. Numbers MUST be in by Sunday 21 February. All welcome.

Knox Book Group – Sunday 28 February. Husna's Story – the book one of the Mosque survivors has written about his wife, Husna.

Flowers - If you wish to contribute to the cost of flowers or provide flowers for the church, in either memory of a loved one or the celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc, please contact the office and advise them of the date and celebration and this will be included in the newsletter for that date alternatively contact either Barbara or Rochelle Howley.

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.



Waitangi Day 6 February is regarded by many as our national day. It commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi/e Tiriti o Waitangi between the Tangata Whenua (Māori) and the Crown (British Empire), at the marae in Paihia in 1840 - 181 years ago. It was an incredible achievement by all concerned. No treaty is without faults and blemishes. With both parties involved, it was signed with hope for a fruitful future.

Our history, in the nearly two centuries since the signing of the Treaty, records stories of deception, distortion, abuse and manipulation. Grief and pain will never pass. This is always the case in treaties with land and control of people at the core of such an arrangement. How do we face this? We must learn the Treaty of Waitangi story, remember and honour the Treaty, with respect for one another. We must move forward as a nation, united in love, honour, and respect. The Treaty of Waitangi is our story - look back, learn, remember, be gracious and resolutely move on.

What of today? As a nation, we are making progress. Treaty settlements continue, much has been completed. Our Pakeha/Palagi population still leads in the majority in all areas of our society. The Māori economy has improved. The study of the history of this land is now a reality from the earliest stages of schooling. Māori, Pacifica and Asian peoples are progressing slowly but surely in academic qualifications, management roles, and owning their own businesses. Representing us in the NZ Parliament are an increasing number of Māori, Pacifica and other ethnicities, more than ever before in our short history.

As a nation, we are young. We are one of a handful of nations leading the world in the battle with Covid-19. In the sporting arenas, we compete “above our weight” and our lack of resources (isolation, people, and the latest technology) does not hinder us. This attitude and demeanour is very much the reflection of who we are in the global landscape. We are a warrior nation of men and women influenced and nurtured by our heritage - Māori, English, Scottish, Pacific, Asian, European, plus many other origins.

Today, we the Tangata Whenua, the Crown, and the Manuhiri (late comers), stand on the shoulders of giants. We owe it to them to build up this land, to grow our potentials, to live in peace and harmony, be involved and participate in every level of our society.

Let us honour a bicultural treaty signed in 1840. We, a multicultural society, 5 million strong. We flourish and grow as a cross-cultural nation, emphasising building families, communities, and ourselves, on Godly values and principles.

Kia kaha, i te aroha o te Atua ia Ihu Karaiti. Be strong in the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Ke manuia/Blessings
Fakaofa

Right Reverend Fakaofa Kaio
Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
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Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

4 February 2021



Prayer for the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar

Dear colleagues,

Many of you will be aware of the military coup that took place in Myanmar on February 1st, with the military announcing that they were declaring a state of emergency and taking over the governance of the country. The army's stated reason is that the National League for Democracy, which won over 80% of the votes in November's general election, committed large-scale electoral fraud. There has been no evidence of fraud and these claims have been dismissed by all independent observers. Democratically elected leaders have been detained, some face criminal charges and have not been heard from since Monday.

The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand has a close partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM). In recent years this has included PCANZ members the Rev. Helen and Wayne Harray serving the PCM as partners in mission at Tahan Theological College. They are currently in New Zealand on extended furlough due to Covid-19 restrictions and so are not directly caught in the coup.

Those within the PCANZ who have had contact with members of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar are naturally dismayed and deeply concerned at these developments. Members of the PCANZ have visited Myanmar and several of our congregations here have hosted PCM visitors. So far, information that we have received from the PCM General Secretary Rev. Ramthanga and other contacts is that there is an uneasy calm, with no reports of violence at this stage. However, it is an evolving situation and things could change at any moment. Video footage has been shared revealing acts of civil disobedience and some leading figures are publicly claiming that they will not cooperate with the military government.

You may wish to include prayers for the nation of Myanmar and in particular, the Presbyterian Church in your services on Sunday. Pray for courage and wise decision making as church leaders counsel their members on how to respond to the coup. In the past, public protests have seen innocent people targeted by plainclothes police who spy on protesters and then arrest them for civil disobedience. So people are wary of protesting. But after having had a taste of freedom since the first democratic elections in 2015, combined with a deep-seated mistrust of the military and a clear desire for democratic government signalled in the November election results, public unrest seems inevitable.

The situation will continue to change rapidly, and information can be gained from trusted news sites such as the BBC (bbc.com). There will also be regular updates on the PCANZ Global Mission Facebook page.

The PCM deeply appreciates their partnership with the PCANZ and are very grateful for our solidarity with them at this time of national uncertainty. Please uphold them in your prayers and keep informed as the situation continues to unfold.

Sincerely,

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For the Young Ones



Jesus prays in a quiet place



Bible readings for next week will be:

- 2 Kings 2: 1-6
- 2 Kings 2: 7-12

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