



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 14 February 2021



A LITTLE PERSON TALKS TO THE MACHINE

(fish or snake, egg or scorpion?)

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, WHOSE SPEECH PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE CHAOS;
JESUS, WHOSE WISDOM INSPIRES THE WORK OF THE FAITHFUL;
JESUS, CALLING US TO PRAY FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard

and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2. Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.

Prayer of Approach

The great and mighty Word is spoken,
AND CHAOS AND DARKNESS FLEE.

The lithe and spirited Word is spoken,
AND HEALING AND SIGHT FLOURISH TO FLOWER.

The gracious and glorious Word is spoken,
AND WISDOM AND LOVE COME FORTH.

This speaking of the Word to the world is wonderful;
IT BRINGS HEALTH AND PEACE.

With the silent words of our hearts,
WE WORSHIP OUR GOD.

Silence

We would use our words,
O living Word,
to serve you.
AMEN, AND AMEN.

Yet sometimes when we speak, people cry.

**WHEN WE SPEAK,
OTHERS STUMBLE.**

Sometimes, when we speak, hatred is fed.

**WHEN WE SPEAK,
ENMITIES GROW.**

Sometimes when others speak, nobody listens.

**WHEN OTHERS SPEAK,
A HARVEST OF NOTHING!**

Sometimes when truth is spoken,
FALSEHOOD SHOUTS LOUDER.

Sometimes when the children ask for fish,
THEY ARE HANDED A SNAKE.

Sometimes, when they ask for an egg,
THEY ARE GIVEN A SCORPION.

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:

You have put within us, O God,
as sense of what is right and just.
**PUT WITHIN US, ALSO, WE PRAY,
THE COURAGE TO SPEAK AND ACT,
UNTIL THE RIGHT COMES FORTH.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words we have been given:

**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 21 February (next week). Today the young ones are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church.

The First Lesson:

Psalm 138

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

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 11: 5-13

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

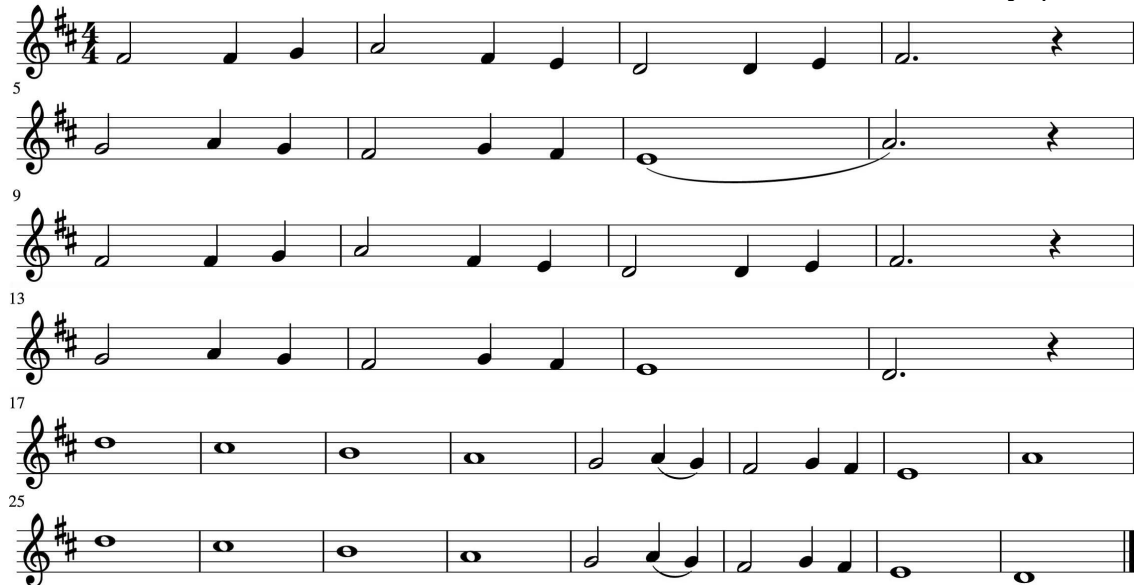


48 years ago: tie or no tie?

Hymn:

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)



1. First set your mind on the kingdom of God
and on its justice and truth,
then all you need will be given to you,
Alleluia.
2. No one can live by bread alone;
sharp is our hunger of soul;
only the word of the Lord will sustain,
Alleluia.
3. Ask and it will be given to you,
seek and you will find,
knock and the door will be opened to you,
Alleluia.

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Sermon:

Are we discouraged?

*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 14 February, at:
<https://youtu.be/UUgqhEiZ59E>*

Music for Reflection

Hymn:

Monk's Gate

English traditional melody



1. We who would valiant be: let us not waver,
but in true constancy follow the Saviour.
There's no discouragement shall make us once relent
our first avowed intent to live as pilgrims.
2. Those who may us surround with dismal stories,
only themselves confound; our strength the more is.
No lions can us fright; we'll 'gainst a giant fight;
we will make our right to live as pilgrims.
3. Since, Saviour, you defend us with your Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Cruel rumours, flee away! We'll fear not what they say;
we'll labour night and day to live as pilgrims.

John Bunyan (1628-1688), alt

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Philippa Ranby

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Bless, in us, courageous Christ,
the energy to work for beneficial change.

**BLESS US WITH A SPIRIT
THAT IS BRAVE AND JOYFUL.**

Bless also what we dedicate just now: this money and food.

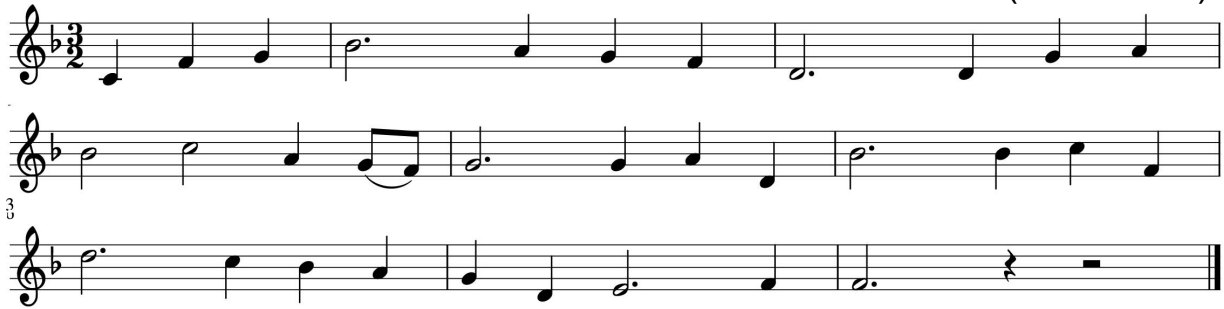
**MAY ALL THAT WE OFFER
WORK FOR THE BETTERING OF THE WORLD,
AND THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE. AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
you, only you, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still on things eternal look
and hasten to your glorious day;
5. for you delightfully employ
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 14 February – 20 February 2021

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 21 February 2021- 27 February 2021

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition. The NZCCM is hosting a BYO picnic in the grounds of All Souls Church on Sat, 27 Feb. This is an ideal opportunity to explore Meditation in the Christian tradition and see if it is a form of prayer that suits you. The earliest records of Christian meditation go back to the 4th century AD. Further information about the gathering may be found on the noticeboard. People of all faiths are welcome to join the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation in this shared tradition of the deepening of the spiritual life. The wccm web-site is wccm.org and that for our NZ branch is christianmeditation.org.nz

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

March Knox Life - Contributions are invited for the next issue of Knox Life which will be published in March. Please think about sending to the office any item of interest - comments, poems, photos, reviews etc. Closing date is 1 March.

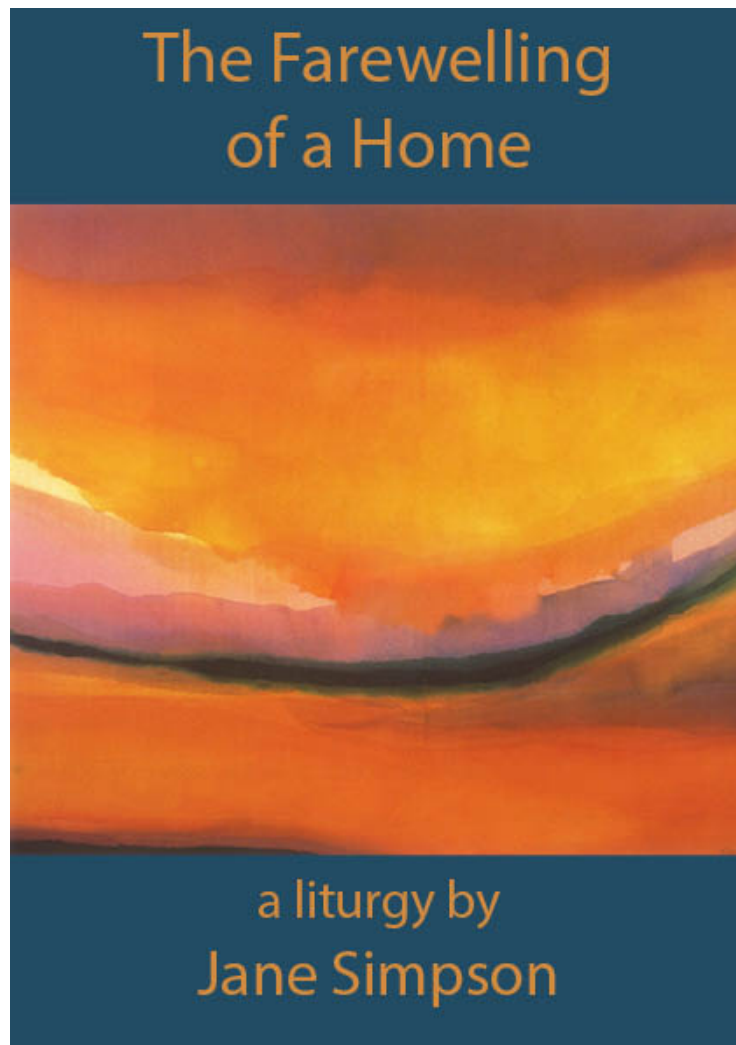
Flowers - If you wish to contribute to the cost of flowers or provide flowers for the church, in either memory of a loved one or the celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc please contact the office and advise them of the date and celebration and this will be included in the newsletter for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

With Love to the World - If you are wanting to receive your own copy of the daily bible readings "With love to the world" for 2021 please let Trudy Heney know. Contact: heneytrudy@gmail.com or 0210301096. There are 4 issues a year (Feb, May, Aug, Dec) at a total cost for the year of \$45. The notes start on 15 February 2021.

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.

In a different kind of dress-code protest, when the girls' request to wear trousers, rather than skirts, in the cold English winter was denied by the School Board, the boys went out in sympathy, choosing to wear skirts.





You are invited to the launch of a book which came out of the earthquakes but can be used by anyone leaving their home for the last time, for example moving into a retirement village.

The Farewelling of a Home: a liturgy by Jane Simpson
2.00pm on Saturday 20 February at the Cardboard Cathedral.
The book will be launched by Canterbury poet, Bernadette Hall. All are welcome.

Jane is an Anglican, an historian and award-winning poet. The language is accessible and it can be used by people who have no experience of formal worship. Further details are on the publisher's website, www.poiema.co.nz



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 9: 8-17
- Mark 1: 9-15

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