



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 28 February 2021

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**CARRYING THE CROSS:  
NO SHAME!**

## 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, TEACHING OPENLY THE WAY OF THE CROSS;**

**JESUS, REFUSING TO BE DISTRACTED OR ASHAMED;**

**JESUS CALLING US TO A LIFE OF SACRIFICE AND HOPE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)





1. All our hope on God is founded:  
who else can our hope renew?  
Still through change and chance God guides us,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, grace alone,  
calls our hearts to be God's own.
2. Well does the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow!  
With delight our souls are nourished;  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
At God's hand love does stand;  
joy awaits each new command.
- 3 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
what with care and toil we're building,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is our temple and our tower.
4. In glad hymns to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the love in Christ made known.  
Hear Christ's call, one and all;  
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*  
*tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Jesus begins to teach his people  
that he will suffer rejection.  
He reveals to them  
the incomprehensible mystery  
of suffering love.

**THIS SEEMS BOTH WONDERFUL AND SAD.**

Jesus begins to play with their sense of success,  
their dealing with horror and shame.

**IT SEEMS BOTH HOLY  
AND AWFUL.**

Jesus presses on with his Lenten journey,

**CALLING HIS LOVED ONES  
TO COME ALONG.**

Lenten worship, O God,  
is a heavy cross,

**A CHANGING OF COLOUR AND CLOUDS  
IN THE CEILING OF THE SKY.**

Before the Lenten call of Jesus,

**WE OFFER SILENT PRAISE.**

*Silence*

Christ calls us to take up the cross;

**WE RECOIL FROM ITS WEIGHT.**

Christ calls us to stand with the suffering;

**WE TURN AWAY IN SHAME.**

Christ calls us to live for one another;

**WE CHOOSE THE WAY OF SERVICE OF SELF.**

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 Peter resisted your taking up the way of the cross,

you urged him, O Christ,

to set his mind on the things of God.

**GIVE US COURAGE**

**TO SEEK THE THINGS OF GOD,**

**AND TO RE-FRAME OUR LIVES**

**IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR SACRIFICIAL WAY.**

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 28 March. Today the young ones, under the loving care of their significant adults, are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 22: 23-31

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 8: 31-38

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

**Hymn:**

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ the 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.*

**Sermon:**

Ways of thinking

A video of this sermon being practised has been uploaded to YouTube and the link will go live at 10:00am today. Go to:  
<https://youtu.be/1G-tDHvdQQE>

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:** Da Jesus an dem Kreuzberg stuns, BWV 621  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Hymn:**

Jackson

Thomas Jackson (1715-1781)



1. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,  
or to defend his cause,  
maintain the honour of his Word,  
the mystery of his cross.
2. Jesus, my God: I know his name,  
his name is all my trust,  
nor will he put my soul to shame,  
not let my hope be lost.
3. Firm as his throne his promise stands,  
and he can well secure  
what I've committed to his hands  
till the decisive hour.
4. So in his wisdom may I grow,  
and see, as from above,  
the world, with all its want and woe,  
and live in faith and love.
5. Speak, living One, that I may hear  
and deeply comprehend  
the cross I'm called in faith to bear  
with pride until the end.

*Vv 1-3, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  
Vv 4&5, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Ken Booth*

*To Ken's words "Give us the eyes of Christ, O God",  
you are invited to respond **"TO SEE ALL THINGS WITH YOUR LOVE"**.*

## **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We offer our willingness to carry the cross;

**WE OFFER OUR COURAGE IN TIMES OF TRIAL.**

We offer our capacity to hope;

**WE OFFER OUR DREAMING AND SINGING.**

And upon this offering of money and food,

**WE PRAY THE BLESSING OF GOD.**

**AMEN.**

## **Notices**

*We stand for*

### **The Lenten Litany:**

O Christ,  
you consistently turned from self,  
to the love God and neighbour.  
You took up your cross,  
and called us to do the same.  
Along the Lenten path,  
**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

O Christ,  
you lived with Spirit and truth,  
bringing honour to the God you followed.  
You called us away from shame  
to dignity in God.  
Along the Lenten path,  
**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your will.  
**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,  
THIS LENT, AND ALL OUR DAYS.  
AMEN.**



**Hymn:**  
Slane



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
you my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me;  
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you my inheritance, now and always:  
you and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent*

*Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Prelude on "Deo Gracias"  
James Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 28 February - 6 March 2021**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.15am Knox Book Group – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

### **Next Week: 7 March - 13 March 2021**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Knox Book Group Next Week: Sunday 28th February 11.15 in the lounge:** As we approach the second anniversary of the Mosque attack, we will all remember Farid Ahmed, who spoke from his wheelchair at the Memorial Service about forgiving the attacker. Today we will look at his book **Husna's Story**, in which he shares his life story, and his philosophy of forgiveness, love and peace.

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next Knox Fireside meeting will be on Monday March 15 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker is Anne Barron who will speak on her business 'BLITZIT' — my time creates your space. All welcome.

**Book Lovers!!** Do take a moment to look at the fabulous new enhanced book case in the old foyer. There are all varieties of reading for you! There is also a tiny sample in the new foyer for you to peruse today. Or you may have books you no longer need, so bring them along to the office or to church. ALL books are welcome! This is a Knox Fundraiser – in 2019 we raised \$1000 and in 2020, despite six months with no hirers, we raised \$500. Well done everyone!!

**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.

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday 5 March at 10am. Join with the women of Vanuatu as we celebrate this year's World Day of Prayer at the Salvation Army, 853, Colombo Street. Morning tea follows the service. Please see poster in foyer.

**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](mailto: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.

**Lenten Programme 2021 - Experiencing Jesus** - Based on the writing of N.J. Scholar Marcus Borg (author of 'Meeting Jesus for the first time'). This relaxed small group setting is an opportunity to answer Jesus' questions to the disciples, 'Who do you say I am' in the light of 21st Century experience. **Time:** Sunday Mornings **BEFORE** worship 9am – 9.45 am. **Dates:** Pre Easter Jesus March 7, 14, 21. Past Easter Jesus April 11, 18. Yes, it is different being before church but its also a nice and fresh way to start Sunday. The season is still warm! Think about it. **Len Pierce**

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## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- John 2: 13-22

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