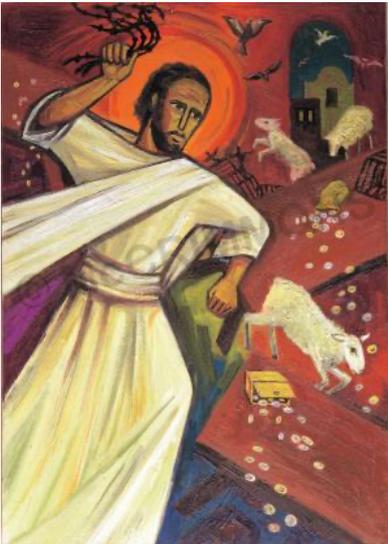




KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 7 March 2021



CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

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, GOD'S DWELLING PLACE AMONG THE PEOPLE;
JESUS EMBRACING ALL WHO'VE HEARD HIS "COME UNTO ME";
JESUS, TURNING TABLES, AND EXCORIATING CORRUPTION!**

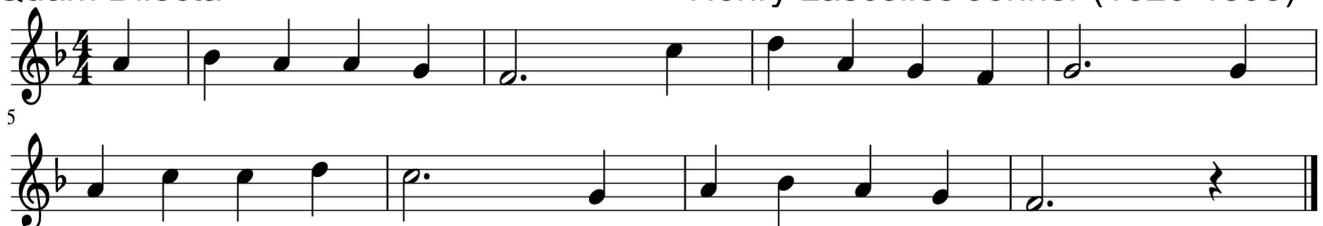
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Quam Dilecta

Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)



1. We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.
2. It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there,
thy chosen flock to greet.
3. We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.
4. We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph song of heaven!
5. Lord Jesus, give us grace,
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

*William Bullock (1798-1874)
and Henry Williams Barker (1821-1877)*

Prayer of Approach

We love the place, O God,
where people of different experience,
of different loves,
of different concerns
can worship as one
in faith, hope and love.

WE LOVE THAT PLACE.

We are grateful for the provision of the roof above,
the solid ground beneath,
the windows with open views of a world which is real.

WE LOVE THIS PLACE.

When considering the spacious welcome of the Spirit,
the deep belonging in the body of Christ,
the blood bonds of the brotherhood and sisterhood of Christ,
we become a people of quiet joy.

WE LOVE OUR PLACE.

It is good to come here
to reflect on these things.

IT "MAKES BETTER" OUR LIFE.

Silence

Sometimes the door is shut
by door-keepers;

LORD HAVE MERCY.

Sometimes we are told we don't belong.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Sometimes the institution says to many of us
things that Jesus never would say.

LORD HAVE MERCY.

Indeed, may God have mercy,
as we make out silent confession.

Silence

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:

Temple-cleansing Jesus,
to your ultimate and grave cost,
you insisted publicly
that there should be room in the house
not just for money,
but for people.

**GIVE THAT SAME CONVICTION TO US,
AND GIVE ALSO THE COURAGE REQUIRED
FOR US TO TAKE THAT GOOD NEWS
TO THE INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.**

We pray this, using the words you gave us, saying:

**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 **(if we're at Covid Alert Level One)** the young ones, under the loving care of their significant adults, are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church.*

Knox Singers: Lord, thou hast told us
Arnold Bax (1883-1953)

The Gospel Lesson: John 2: 13-22

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

Hymn:

Heaven shall not wait

John Bell (b. 1949)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Heaven shall not wait'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. A double bar line with repeat dots follows. The second staff continues with a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The third staff continues with a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The fourth staff continues with a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The fifth staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first two measures, followed by a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The piece ends with a double bar line.

1. Heaven shall not wait
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord;
he has championed the unwanted;
in him justice confronts its timely end.
2. Heaven shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege -
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.
3. Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.
4. Heaven shall not wait
for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

John Bell (b. 1949)

and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Sermon: Five different cleansers?

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 will be available from 10:00am today, at: <https://youtu.be/TQ53AhmO3Tk>

Hymn:

Salley Gardens

Irish folk tune



1. Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of Christ's own bias,
we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self interest
turn prayer and pity blind?"
2. From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
Where is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?"
3. From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage
provokes the bitter cry,

“Don’t query our position!
Don’t criticise our wealth!
Don’t mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!”

4. To God, who through the prophets
proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth’s indifference,
its agony and rage:
“When will the wronged be righted?
When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous
to all instead of some?”
5. God asks, “Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?”
6. Amused in someone’s kitchen,
asleep in someone’s boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "The institution needs to do better",
you are invited to respond "**CLEANSE THE TEMPLE, O CHRIST**".*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer our sensitivity to what is right and wrong.
We offer our capacity to manifest the reforming zeal of Jesus.
We offer our availability to speak for justice and truth.

**AND WITH THAT
WE OFFER THIS MONEY AND FOOD.
MAY GOD BLESS AND ENLIVEN IT ALL,
FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD,
AMEN.**

Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
you sealed your fate
by clearing the temple for the people.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
you called us to consider all manner of reform
and removal of corruption
that the people might flourish.
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:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound -
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread,
and tears of anguish
into joy.
4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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NOTICES

This Week: 7 March - 13 March 2021
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 14 March - 21 March 2021
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

Sunday lunch 21 March – Join 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 jannekenuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 16th.

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 it's also a nice and fresh way to start Sunday. The season is still warm! Think about it. **Len Pierce**

Invitation to Book Launch of *The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: Hearing Justice in John's Gospel* by Kathleen Rushton RSM. This book which focuses on passages in the three-year cycle of the Roman and Revised Common Lectionaries will be launched by Archbishop Paul Martin SM (Catholic Diocese of Christchurch) and Bishop Peter Carrell (Anglican Diocese of Christchurch) at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 23 March at St. Matthew's Hall, 108 Jeffreys Rd.

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The Bible readings for next week will be one or both of:

- Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
- John 3: 14-21

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