



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 14 March 2021



BELIEVING

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, ASSURING THE WORLD THAT IT IS LOVED;
JESUS, IN WHOM THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION;
JESUS, CALLING US TO MEET HIM IN THE SHARING OF THE BREAD.**

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

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

At the heart of faith -
a conviction,
a hope
that the universe rests in the arms of love.
AMEN, SO MAY IT BE.

Weaving this into human life,
comes the person of Jesus,
the Christ of faith,
story-telling, wondering, journeying,
living for the other.
AMEN, SO MAY IT BE.

Turning it into a present reality,
people embodying the story,
becoming the body and blood
of a new creation,
the Spirit of Truth.
AMEN, SO MAY IT BE.

Biding a while in the love
and re-creative peace of God,
we keep a prayerful silence.

Silence

We over-think it, O God.
We add conditions.
We say there is no condemnation,
but then find others to condemn.
We move swiftly from love language
to deeds of un-love.
So we need 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:

Encouraging the people not to fear,
but to live with assurance and joy,
Jesus spoke to his time
about the God of love and light.

SPEAK TO US

**AND OUR TIME ALSO, O GOD,
THAT THROUGH US,
THE WORLD MIGHT FIND CONFIDENCE AND PEACE.**

We pray this, using the words that Jesus 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 Notices

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.

First Lesson: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

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

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

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

Sermon: "Those who believe in him are not condemned"

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 (available from 10:00am today) can be found at: <https://youtu.be/0Qg5vXtW-Ac>

Music for Reflection: Prelude on 'This Endris Nyght'
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

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.

St Columba

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It consists of three staves, all in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is the melody, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second and third staves are accompaniment, also in treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The accompaniment in the second staff starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The accompaniment in the third staff starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. As at communion, shape your hands,
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.
5. Put peace into each other's hands
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, and 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:

Laudate Dominum

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. You servants of God,
your Sovereign proclaim,
and publish abroad
that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious
of Jesus extol;
who, sovereign and glorious,
now rules over all.
2. Then let us adore,
and render God's right,
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	14 March - 20 March 2021
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	21 March - 27 March 2021
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Film Group - Sunday 14 March 5pm in the lounge: This month's film **Capernaum**, directed by the Lebanese Nadine Labaki, tells the story of refugee children living on the streets of Beirut. It is based on many hours of interviews and stories, and the children were not actors. The film has won many awards.

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 jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 16th.

Advance notice: Book Group Sunday TBC but possibly the book **Two Steps Forward** by Australian husband and wife Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist. It follows the journey of two people on the Camino de Santiago.

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**

End of Financial Year - The end of the financial year is rapidly approaching, which means that soon afterwards all donors to registered charities like Knox Church will be able to apply to the IRD for a refund of one third of the amount of their donations for the year. If you've been thinking of making a donation to Knox why not do it before the end of March and be able to get your refund a month or so afterwards? The recent Knox Life gives you several ways to make a donation. Just make sure we know your name so that we can send you the all-important receipt! Janet Wilson. Donation Secretary.

Coming Easter Services

28th March - Palm Sunday (meet in Knox Lounge to receive palm branches)

1st April - Tenebrae Service at Aldersgate, 7.30pm

2nd April - Good Friday Service Knox, 10am

4th April - Easter Day Breakfast Knox Lounge, 8.30 – 9.00am

4th April - Easter Day Communion, 10am



EASTER DAY BREAKFAST APRIL 4, 2021



As we have done in other years, we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on Easter Day April 4.

Breakfast will be served from 8.30 – 9.00 am in the Knox Lounge.
Breakfast—Fruit and Cereal: Scrambled Eggs and Bacon: Toast and Spread:
Tea, Coffee

Cost \$5 per person \$10 per family.

There are clip boards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday March 28. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering but there will be food for extras.

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.





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Jeremiah 31: 31-34
- John 12: 20-33

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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