



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 2 May 2021



# WHAT HAVE YOU GOT PLANNED FOR TODAY?

## 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, WHOSE LIFE IS FULL OF SURPRISE AND ADVENTURE;  
JESUS, IN WHOSE SPEAKING WE ARE TRANSFORMED;  
JESUS, CALLING US TODAY TO ARTICULATE HIS VOICE.**

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

**Hymn:**  
Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest,  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast,"  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

The human being hears the voice of Jesus saying  
"I am light,  
**LOOK UNTO ME".**

"I am living water,  
**COME AND THIRST NO MORE".**

"I am rest,  
**LAY DOWN YOUR BURDEN".**

The voice of Jesus is heard  
**AND RE-CREATION BEGINS.**

Dare we believe, O God,  
that the voice of Jesus  
is no longer confined  
just to old pages  
and ancient times?  
**DARE WE BELIEVE  
THAT IT STILL SPEAKS  
WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE,  
AT THE RIGHT TIME,  
IN THE RIGHT MIND AND HEART?**

Dare we believe that we are called into the speaking of Jesus  
**IN THIS VERY PLACE AND TIME?**

If this is the case,  
then we must confess.  
For there are times when we are preoccupied  
**OR FRIGHTENED,**

when we are busy with our own speaking,  
**THE MYRIAD MULTITUDE  
OF THINGS WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO SAY.**

The world, which would hear life and grace,  
**HEARS INSTEAD THE NOISE OF ANGRY SELF.**

Since we fail to avail ourselves  
to be speakers of the voice Jesus,  
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:**

God, in whose hands we live our days,  
and in whose guidance no day is empty,  
you found a way  
to claim the attention and cooperation of Philip,  
calling him to meet someone who had both need and potential.  
**FIND A WAY OF CLAIMING OUR ATTENTION TOO,  
THAT WE, LIKE PHILIP,  
MIGHT SERVE YOUR GOOD AND GRACIOUS PURPOSES**  
this day and every day,  
**AMEN.**

## **The Notices**

### **A Conversation with the Younger Ones**

**Knox Singers:**      The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester  
L.J. White (1910-1970)

### **The Young One's Prayer:**

E te Atua	<i>O Lord,</i>
Homai to aroha ki nga Kaiako	<i>we give thanks for our teachers</i>
me ngā tamariki.	<i>and the children.</i>
Homai to aroha ki ngā whānau	<i>We give thanks for our families</i>
me tēnei hāhi	<i>and the (Knox) congregation</i>
Āmine	<i>Amen.</i>

### **The Young People's Blessing:**

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.  
**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;  
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.  
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.  
AMEN.**

*Parents, grandparents, care-givers, are encouraged to join the young ones at  
Sunday School. Our next Sunday School day is 20 June.*

**Bible Lesson:** Acts 8: 26-40

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

**Sermon:** Philip's world is different

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/iMhOSTzl2qs> The script is available at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*To the minister's words " Interrupt the routine, O God",  
you are invited to respond "WITH YOUR DEEPENING PURPOSE".*

**. . . 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:**

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

3. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
4. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution, 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: Slane

Irish traditional melody



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. 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:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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## **NOTICES**

**This Week:**                    **2 May – 8 May 2021**  
Sunday                    10.00am    Morning Worship  
Wednesday               10.00am    Bible Study

**Next Week:**                **9 May – 15 May 2021**  
Sunday                    10.00am    Morning Worship  
                                 11.15am    Knox Book Group – **See Below**  
Wednesday               10.00am    Bible Study

**Sunday 9 May: 4pm Film: Goodbye Mr. Chips.** This 2002 version of the well-loved book by James Hilton stars Martin Clunes as Latin master Mr. Chipping. Set in the later years of the nineteenth century, the kindly and beloved Mr. Chips is the mainstay of Brookfields boys boarding school. He is considered to be married to the job, but on a walking holiday, he meets and marries the vivacious Kathie. Just before World War One the insensitive new headmaster Ralston tries to edge Chipping out but the boys rally and . . .

**Sunday lunch 16 May** – 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](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com) but preferably no later than Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CHEESE ROLLS  
FUNDRAISER  
\$10 a dozen**

Delicious Cheese Rolls made by Barbara and Rochelle Howley will be available to be ordered with pick up spread out over four Sundays –  
9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Order forms at each door.

Payment prior to pick up to Jennifer McKinnon or Office.

Cash or Internet Banking to 01-0902-0073153-00.

**Orders must be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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### Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 10: 44-48
- John 15: 9-17

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