



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 30 May 2021



A CONVERSATION WITH JESUS

a service for Trinity Sunday

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.

Pre-service Music - the organ music before the service is an extended improvisation on the hymn tunes featured in the service.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

JESUS, TEACHER OF THE PEOPLE AND REVEALER OF SIGNS;

JESUS, OPEN TO OUR QUESTIONS AND WONDERING;

JESUS, HELPING US ON OUR JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
from the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Approach

Early in the morning,
majesty is being praised,
a public act of worship is proceeding.

**PEOPLE HAVE COME OPENLY,
LOUDLY TO SING OF A TRIUNE GOD.**

There is no scandal of thought,
no apologizing for naming God the way we do.

**TOTALLY ORTHODOX ARE WE!
SORT OF . . .**

It is a far cry, O God,
from the days when your presence in Jesus
was strange and new,
WHEN HE WAS A DANGEROUS CONTROVERSY.

It's a far cry
from the days when people with good reputations
HAD TO ASK HIM QUESTIONS IN SECRET.

We give thanks for the freedom within which we live,
THE LIBERTY WITHIN WHICH WE WORSHIP.

We praise God for the well-worn ideas we've inherited,
**FOR THE OFT-TRAVELLED PATHS
OF CHURCHLY THOUGHT.**

Our location in time and culture
makes it simpler for us,
as early in the day we sing:
**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD THE ALMIGHTY!"**

Silence

Do we suffer, though,
from not caring greatly
about how radical is the One
whom we have seen in Jesus?
**DO WE NOT HEAR SHARPLY
THE SHOCK AND SCANDAL
OF HIS LOVING THE ENTIRE WORLD?**

Do we let him lie,
asleep in our old texts
and regulations?
**DO WE LET HIM FADE
LIKE A WATERCOLOUR FROM LONG AGO?**

If we have become bored with God,
and indifferent to our neighbour,
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, you call us
to join you on a journey from darkness into light.
You take us from being partial former selves
to being more complete and joyous parts of your new creation.

**GIVE US CURIOSITY, FLEXIBILITY AND COURAGE,
THAT WE MAY JOIN YOU ON THE JOURNEY
AND FIND OUR TRUER SELVES.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
and use the words he 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 20 June. 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: Romans 8: 12-17

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

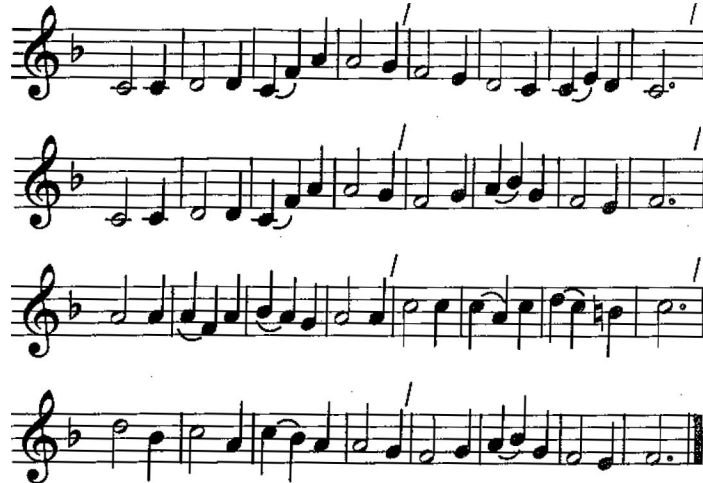
The Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1-17

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

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back ;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge

you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937 – 2001)

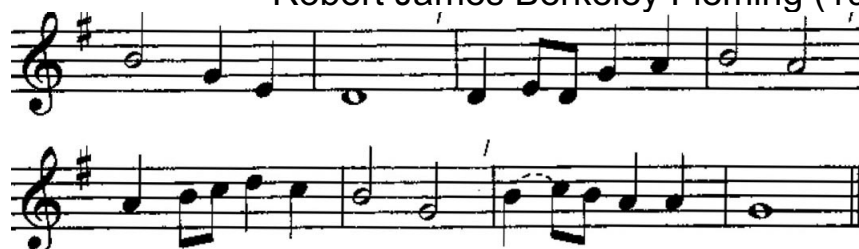
Sermon: A journey for the former self

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/BJ70poug81g> The script is available at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

Music for Reflection: Prelude to an anthem
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Hymn:
Concord

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



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| 1. Let there be light,
Let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather,
Let them be face to face. | 3. Perish the sword,
Perish the angry judgment,
Perish the bombs and hunger,
Perish the fight for gain. |
| 2. Open our lips,
Open our minds to ponder,
Open the door to concord
Opening into grace. | 4. Hallow our love,
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom,
Hallowed be your name. |
| 5. Let there be light,
Open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror,
Hallow the world God made. | |

Frances Wheeler Davis (b.1936)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "As Jesus engaged with Nicodemus",
you are invited to respond **"SO TAKE US FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT"**.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Converse with us, dear Christ Jesus,
that our vision for the world
and our working within it
might be born again.

**THEN MOVE US
BY YOUR RESTLESS SPIRIT,
UNTIL WE SERVE YOU FULLY
AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR.**

Bless what we offer here
AND WHAT WE WILL OFFER TOMORROW,
in Jesus name,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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:	30 May – 5 June 2021
Today	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.15am Knox Book Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	6 June – 12 June 2021
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Congregational Meeting – A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the church service on Sunday 30 May. Tangata Atumotu Trust wishes to lease a number of rooms upstairs in the Knox Centre and congregational approval must be obtained before that can be progressed.

Knox Book Group –Today 11.15am The Secret River by Kate Grenville. This prizewinning Australian novel (first published 2005) tells of William Thornhill, who was transported from London to Sydney in 1806. He earns his freedom and settles on 'empty' land, which belongs to the Darug people. This book is the first of three, inspired by the author's own family history. We will also look at the book she wrote about the search for the truth about the choices her ancestor made.

Sunday 13 June: 4pm Film: The Rabbit-Proof Fence. This moving and inspiring true story, set in 1931, follows three Aborigine girls who walk 1500 miles across the arid heartland of Australia, following the rabbit-proof fence, to return to their tribal homeland. The girls are part of the "Stolen Generation", children who were forcibly removed from their homes between 1905 and 1967.

Knox Singers concert: Save the Date! Saturday 26 June 7.30pm and Sunday 27 June 2.30pm. The programme includes Haydn Missa Brevis, Cantique de Jean Racine, plus works by Bruckner and others.

Knox Life – **Extension for contributions** The next issue of Knox Life will be produced in June. Please think about making a contribution to our church magazine – your thoughts, comments, reviews, poems, photos – send them to the office by Monday 7 June. All contributions welcome.

Studying Theology at the University of Otago - The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of the Bible, the Biblical Languages, Church History, Ministry, Christian Thought, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Theology, both on-campus and to many students across Aotearoa New Zealand through our successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. Semester 2 starts on July 12th and new enrolments are due by June 25th. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html#second-semester>. To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

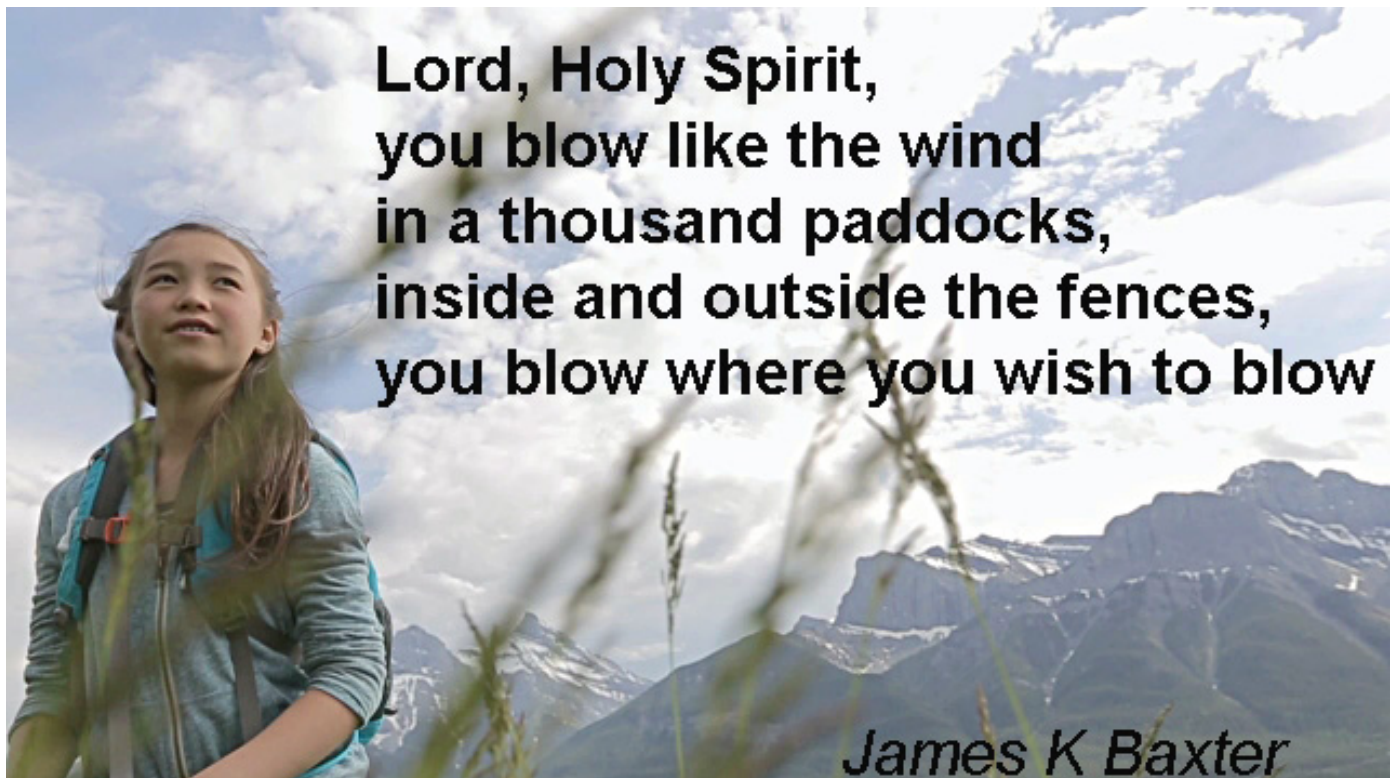
Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2021

Our annual service for the blessing of the animals is happening earlier than usual this year, on 20 June. As ever, Matthew would be happy to include any pet photos in the slide show, but he'll be on annual leave until just a couple of days before the service, so please email him your photos by Tuesday 1 June (minister@knoxchurch.co.nz). He'll then be able to produce the slide show before going on leave.

There's so much of my former self that I don't resonate with anymore, but I love her just the same. She was growing. She was doing her best. She fought hard to get me here.



**Lord, Holy Spirit,
you blow like the wind
in a thousand paddocks,
inside and outside the fences,
you blow where you wish to blow**

James K Baxter



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Samuel 8: 4-9, 19-20
- 2 Corinthians 4: 13-16.
- Mark 3: 13-15, 20-23, 31-35

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