



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 6 June 2021

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# THIS - IS - IT

A COMMUNION SERVICE  
ON PENTECOST 2

## 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.

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

### **Our Children**

*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.*

### **Pentecost Two**

Lent through to Pentecost one season leading to the next. The events we recall from within each season also have consequences that follow. In hindsight these provoke, prompt or initiate further events for the people around Jesus. Each separate event could only occur in the "now" of that time, people and place. Each "now" is experienced by the people present and seen through their world view, their culture and their faith direction.

This morning we reflect on passage of Christian seasons and consider the readings for today through a prism that highlights “preludes” and each present “now”.

### **The Greeting Exchange:**

Kia ora tatou katoa!

**KIA ORA A KOE!**

### **Statement of Intent:**

We are here together to open ourselves to the Ways of Jesus

We come to be in the presence of Jesus and discover again the strength we are given through him ....

We come to renew our lives, to restore our souls.

We come to worship God, made known in Jesus.

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

*Candle is lit*

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

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

### **Praise and Prayer in Music and Words**

#### **Hymn:**

Laudes Domini

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



1. When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
alike at work and prayer  
Jesus is truly there,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Does sadness fill my mind?  
My strength in him I find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When earthly hopes grow dim  
my comfort is in him:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

*translated by Edward Caswall 1814 - 1878  
from the anonymous German hymn*

### **Responses from the Psalms**

Eternal Spirit, your goodness and love will be with each of us all our lives.  
How majestic are you in all of creation.

You are the creation of all that there is, you are the foundation of all life and you are the essence, love, truth and purposes that continue and are renewed.

**WE LOOK AT THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS  
AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED IN AWE.**

What are we; your people, that you care for us and love us so? Why do you give us, and all the children of humankind, the place and responsibility we have to take care of this earth?

**YOU MAKE US CO-CREATORS, YOU ASK US TO THINK AND WORK FOR  
YOUR PURPOSES. HOW MAJESTIC ARE YOU IN ALL CREATION!**

*Psalms 8*

We will praise you, our Lord,  
with our whole and grateful hearts  
**WE WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.**

We come into your presence to praise your name.  
Our call, you answer with unfailing love  
and faithfulness, that greatly emboldens us.  
**MAY WE SING OF THE WAYS OF THE LORD.**

The glory of the Lord is great.  
Our Lord looks kindly on the lowly  
If we walk in the midst of trouble,  
Our Lord is ever with us.

## **OUR LORD ENDURES FOR EVER AND EVER . . .**

*Psalm 138*

In the presence of each other and conscious of the worldwide community of Jesus we praise you and approach in awe, wonder, intimacy and deep trusting friendship.

Let us commune privately in silence .....

### **Assurance & Response:**

You love us, forgive us, make us welcome.

### **OF THIS WE HAVE ASSURANCE**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us, by singing as One Community

Our Fa-ther in hea - ven, hallowed be your - name.

Your king-dom come, your will be done on - earth as in

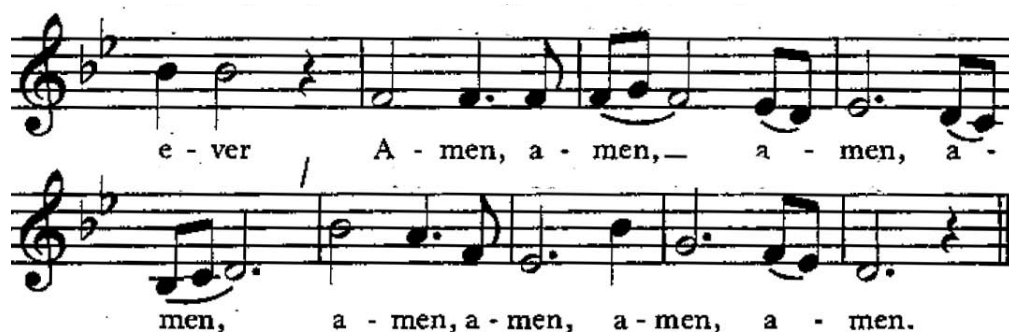
hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, for -

give us our sins as we for - give - those who

sin a - gainst - us. Save us from the time of

trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the

kingdom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for



Richard Gillard and John Smith

**First Testament:** 1 Samuel 8: 4 - 9 & 19 - 20

Reader: From this is the Word of God

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THIS TESTAMENT**

**Second Testament:** 2 Corinthians 4: 13 -16

Good News from Mark 3: 13 - 15, 20 - 23 & 31 - 35

Reader: Here is Good News of Jesus the Messiah

**WE HAVE JOY IN THE READING OF GOOD NEWS**

**Knox Singers:** I Want to Praise the Lord All My Life  
George Philipp Telemann, arr. Susan Palo Cherwien

*Finding ways to make think reflect and ponder our faith in Jesus for our every day living with and through the Spirit.*

**“This Is It - preludes and the now”**

*A printed outline of this message is posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html> Hard copies of this are available - ask the person at the door.*

**Our Statement:**

Our own Knox Statement appears on our national churches website, on our own and in our service orders; as we attend to this period of celebrating the origins of the Church of Jesus, his Spirit and his community of Saints let us state our position in faith by reading our Statement.

Let us stand and say it together.

**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.**

### **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 greet each other and exchange a sign of peace with one another...*

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

Jesus, in and beyond our knowing,

Name, beyond all names,

Word, beyond all words,

Melt our hard hearts

Stir our imaginations

Fire our wills

Enable us to be one and the many we are.

Let us be the deep personal selves, and

May we be at one with all humanity.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.

Knowing our own weakness,

may we stand with all who stumble.

Sharing in his suffering,

may we remember all who suffer.

Held in his love,

may we embrace all whom the world denies.

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We live through Christ and with Christ,  
**IN CHRIST AND IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

## The Notices

### Hymn:

Southcote

Sydney Carter (1915 - 2004)



1. One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.
2. Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.
3. As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.



5. You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

*Sydney Carter (1915 - 2004)*

### **The Offering and Dedication:**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

In a world in which so much is beyond our control  
We persist in praying that Christ's way will prevail.  
In a culture that thrives on exploitation and greed,  
We continue to give our time and our talents  
in order that Christ's church is what he intends us to be.

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.**

*We will sit as we gather at the table spread and made ready according to Jesus words and example. It is His meal we enjoy and His company we join.*

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 be to 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 be to us our spiritual drink.

**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

*It is in God's name that we invite all who would come, to take a place here.*

## **The Institution**

Let us now hear the words of institution of this sacrament as recorded by the apostle Paul:

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**WE COME TO OUR GOD WITH PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING.**

## **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, eternal Lord, to give you thanks and praise.

For in a time beyond our dreaming you brought forth light out of darkness, and in great love you set humanity within the heart of your creation.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

You have not ever abandoned us.

Again and again you call us into covenant with you,  
and the prophets taught us to hope for redemption.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

We praise you, that in the fullness of time,

you gave us Jesus Your Chosen One who is one with us.

He sets your glory before us, and reveals the beauty of your love.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

When, through hammer and nails his heart was stilled,  
and all was death and endings, you raised him to your right hand,  
It is he who opens to us the realisation of eternal life.  
**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

You give us the Holy Spirit,  
You give us the gifts of bread and wine.  
They are to us as the body and blood of Christ.  
**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Make us one with him, one with each other,  
and one in ministry in the world.  
We do and will ever feast with him in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
**LET IT BE SO**

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
all honour and glory is yours, eternal God,  
now and for ever.  
**SO IT WILL BE.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread we break,  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

### **The Taking of the Cup**

The cup we take  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Jesus, you gave your life, you share with us your Spirit.  
**HAVE MERCY ON US.**  
**JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,**  
**GRANT US YOUR PEACE.**

### **The Communion:**

Receive this sacrament  
of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Feed on him in your hearts,  
by faith, with thanksgiving.  
These are the things of God  
for the people of God.

*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 choose a glass with non-alcoholic grape juice and the gluten free  
bread from the servers with the trays.*

### **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



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
Nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
You are 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;  
You and you only - forever enfold,  
Lord of the cosmos, my treasure and gold.

3. Kingdom of heaven, the victory won,  
This my inheritance now and always,  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision Lord, encompassing all.

*Irish hymn from 8th century.  
Translated Mary E Byrne 1880 - 1931  
Versified Eleanor H Hull  
1860 - 1935 Adapted and shortened*

### **Blessing and Grace:**

Challenged to walk in the Way of Jesus,  
We go to lead lives that live out the patterns formed by Jesus.

Kia tau - ki a tatou katoa - te atawhai o to tatou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti,  
me te aroha o te Atua, me te whiwhinga tahitanga - ki te Wairua Tapu,  
Ake, ake, ake.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God , and the community of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.

*(Sung Amen)*

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

*(Following the postlude, please join us for conversation over tea or coffee here  
in the church.)*

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 6 June – 12 June 2021**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 13 June – 19 June 2021**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Knox Film Group – see below  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**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.

**Sunday 13th June Film 4pm in the lounge: Cinema Paradiso.** Since its premiere in 1988, this has remained one of the most loved films of all time. It tells of a young boy in a small Italian village, who learns all about movies from the man who runs the small village cinema. He becomes a film maker and does not return to his village until 30 memorable years later. In Italian with English subtitles.

**In advance: Book Group** - Sunday 27th June 11.15am, Committee Room: **The Queen's Gambit** by Walter Tevis. Sunday 4th July 4pm Film lounge: **The Dark Horse**

**Sunday lunch 20 June** – 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 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](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com) but preferably no later than Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Knox Fireside group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday June 21 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker will be Alison Cousens and her topic is “Gentle Exercise”. Please wear comfortable clothing as there will be the opportunity to take part if you wish to do so. All welcome



**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.

**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. To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/> For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html#second-semester>.

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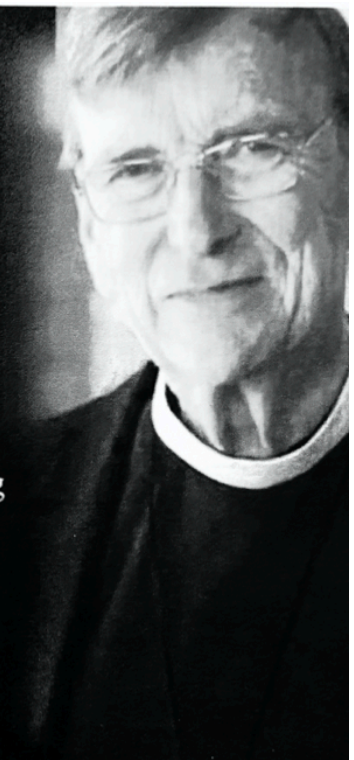
## Unbound from Yesterday's Fears...

"If God is the ground of being, as I believe God is, then the only way you and I can worship God is by having the courage to be all that we can be — in the infinite variety of our humanity. Whether we are male or female, gay or straight, transgender or bisexual, white or black or yellow or brown, left-handed or right-handed, brilliant or not quite so brilliant.

No matter what the human difference is, you have something to offer in your own being. Nobody else can offer what you have to offer. And, the only way you can worship God is by daring to be all that you can be and not be bound by the fears of yesterday."

**John Shelby Spong**

in "Living the Questions 2.0" [www.livingthequestions.com](http://www.livingthequestions.com)





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