



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 20 June 2021



LIVING WITH WHOEVER IS BEYOND THE DRAIN

THIS YEAR'S SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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.

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, THROUGH WHOM GOD'S SMILE IS SHONE;

JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TO THE WONDER OF THE WORLD;

JESUS, CALLING US TO TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)





*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful -
the one God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings -
God made their glowing colours,
and made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful . . .
2. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God, Creator,
who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful . . .

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Prayer of Approach

We come again,
God of creative flair and friendship,
**WITH COMPANIONS IN TOW,
TO OFFER OUR PRAISE.**

We come with our need to connect
and to live well in the world,
**TO NAME OUR FEARS
AND TO FIND YOUR NURTURING.**

We come to locate our story
within your story,
**TO LET YOUR GOD'S EYE VIEW
ENLIGHTEN OUR LIVING.**

On behalf of all your creation,
we ask you to receive our praises,
THROUGH JESUS, THE CHRIST.

Silence

God of mercy,
we confess that while we embrace the gift of life,
and see your love in much of creation,
we also put monsters in the ocean,
trolls under the bridge,
cyclopes in the cave.

**WE CAUSE FEAR AMONG YOUR CREATURES
AND HOSTILITY BETWEEN YOUR PEOPLE.**

We neither touch the earth lightly,
NOR NOURISH THE LIFE OF THE WORLD IN OUR CARE.

Therefore 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 of earth, sky and sea,
Lord over our imagination and fearing,
we praise and bless you for your creativity and care.
**BLESS US AND OUR ANIMALS
TO BE JOYOUS AND RESPONSIBLE INHABITANTS
OF THE WORLD THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US,
THAT ALL LIFE MAY FIND A PLACE HERE
OF PEACE, PLENTY AND LOVE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave us, as together we say:

**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.

Meeting the Animals

When the minister says “We give thanks for N”,
the people say “**AMEN**”.

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited, if you would like to,
to light a candle in memory of a beloved pet.*

Hymn:

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the pets whose love has blessed us,
thanks be to God;
for the way they've opened up us,
thanks be to God;
for the feeding, keeping, holding,
faithful love us all enfolding,
better humans they embolden;
thanks be to God.
2. For the way they know no lying,
thanks be to God;
for their calm when we are crying,
thanks be to God;

for their simple way of caring,
gentle company of sharing,
heaven's nature, yes, declaring;
thanks be to God.

3. For the ones who've worked in service,
thanks be to God;
serving human need and purpose,
thanks be to God;
lifting loads and bearing burdens,
giving help that's always certain,
faithful 'til the final curtain,
thanks be to God.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

The Young One's Prayer:

E te Atua
Homai to aroha ki nga Kaiako
me ngā tamariki.
Homai to aroha ki ngā whānau
me tēnei hāhi
Āmine

*O Lord,
we give thanks for our teachers
and the children.
We give thanks for our families
and the (Knox) congregation
Amen.*

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 4 July.

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 Series of Readings, Reflections and Musical Offerings

Introduction: Life beyond the drain - who is that sea creature?

Musical Prologue: Cautious steps int. . .th. . .



Reading: Psalm 104: 24-26

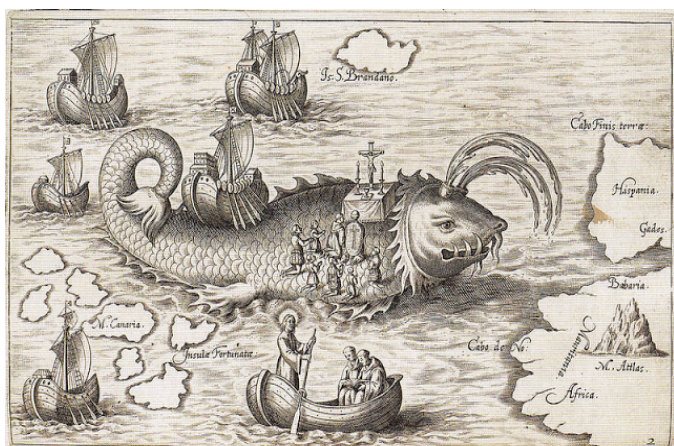
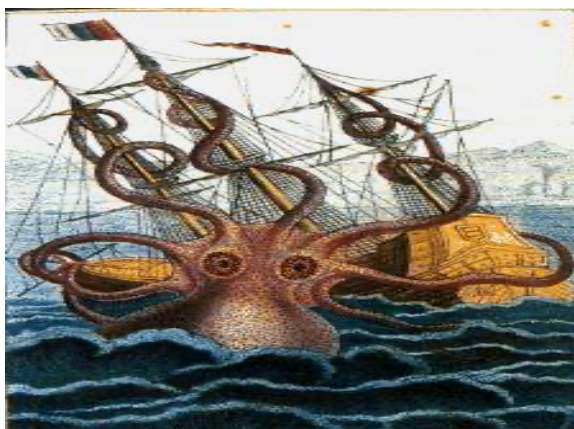
Reflection: The happy Leviathan

The Sound of: some happy little waves

Reading: Job 41: 1, 8-9, 12-14, 18-19, 24-25

Reflection: The scary Leviathan

The Sound of: "scary waves" . . . but not really



Reading: John 21: 1-15

Reflection: Breaking bread with Leviathan

Knox Singers: Touch the earth lightly

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "to touch the earth lightly",
you are invited to respond **"TO LIVE IN CREATION GENTLY"**.*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Giving thanks for the animals of our world
and all that they have taught us,
WE MAKE OUR OFFERING IN FAITH.

Bless, O God, the food and the money,
AND BLESS US ALSO,

that we may be generous and humane guardians
of the world around us,
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME, AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: "Activity", from Frozen Planet
George Fenton (b.1949)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	20 June – 26 June 2021
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship (Animal Service)
Monday	7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Saturday	7.30pm Knox Singers Concert – see below

Next Week:	27 June – 3 July 2021
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship – Congregational Mtg follows
	2.30pm Knox Singers Concert – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 27 June immediately after the morning service to approve the budget for 2021-2022. Copies of the budget will be available for two weeks prior to the meeting.

Sunday 27 June 11.15 in the Committee Room: We are spoiled for choice!! A decision will be made on the day.

EITHER: Kim Bathgate will talk about three inspiring autobiographies by and about mountaineers. **Seven Years in Tibet** by the Austrian Heinrich Harrer (published 1952) tells of the author's experiences in Tibet between 1939 and 1951, and the upheavals he experienced. The second book, also by Heinrich Harrer, is **The White Spider** (published 1959), which tells of the team who finally conquered the Eiger's North Face in 1938. The third award-winning book is **Touching the Void** by Joe Simpson (published 1988), which recounts his near fatal descent with his companion Simon Yates, after climbing in the Peruvian Andes. And **Sunday 4th July 4pm Lounge: Seven Years in Tibet**. This is the 1997 film of the book, starring Brad Pitt as Heinrich Harrer.

OR: The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis. This novel (1983) is about an 8-year-old girl who becomes a child genius at chess. It has been made into a miniseries (2020) available on Netflix – which has fostered great interest in the local Chess clubs! And **Sunday 4th July 4pm Lounge: The Dark Horse**. NZ film (2014) of the true story of the talented NZ chess player Genesis Potini. It has received rave reviews.

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A Pakistan High Court Ruling

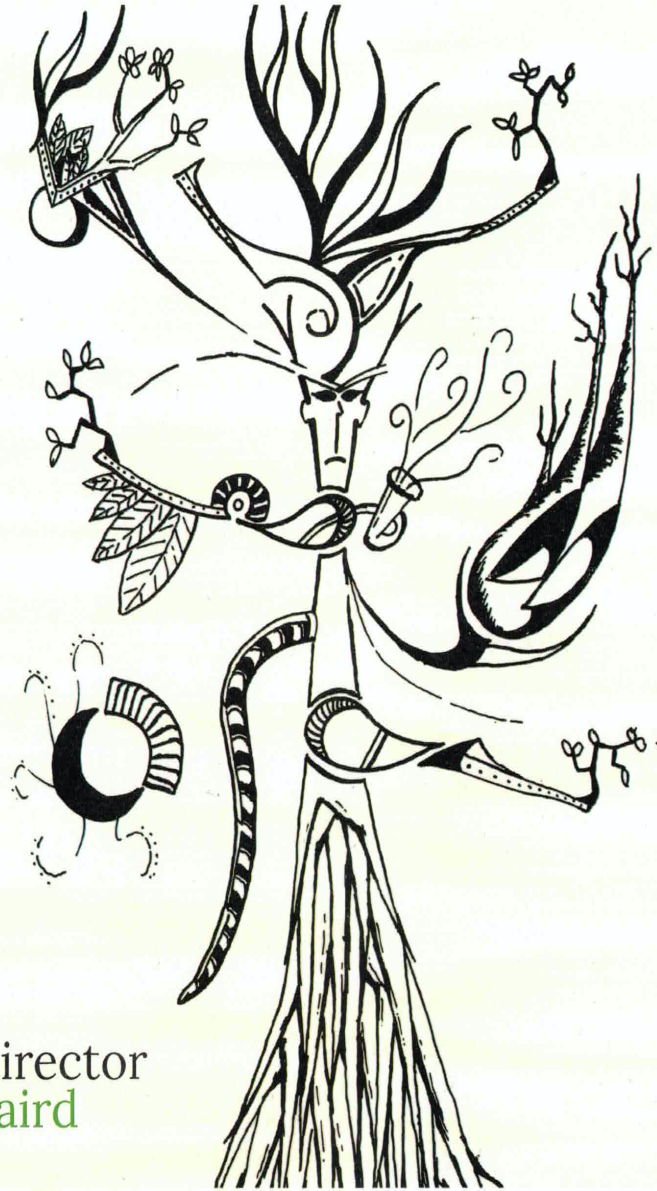
from a report by Nicole Pallotta, 2 October 2020

The Islamabad High Court has held that animals have natural rights and are entitled to protection under the Pakistani constitution. The case before the court was threefold, involving an elephant held in solitary confinement at a zoo, a rescued bear who had been forced to “dance” and perform tricks, and the killing of stray dogs. Despite at times anthropocentric framing, the ruling unequivocally recognizes that animals have legal rights and is highly critical of humanity's treatment of wild animals in particular.

Justice Minallah refers to the “natural rights”¹⁴ of animals, which he locates in the fact that they are “alive” and have been given the “gift of life” (p.59). While this is a broad category, he circumvents a slippery slope argument that might sweep up plants and bacteria by repeatedly mentioning sentience, as well as referring to living “beings.” Therefore, it seems the origin of the natural rights referenced in the ruling is the state of being alive and sentient.

the Knox Singers present

POLYPHONY



musical director
Gabriel Baird

FAURÉ - BRUCKNER - HAYDN

26th June
7:30pm

KNOX CHURCH
BEALEY AVENUE
Entry \$20

27th June
2:30pm



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Mark 5: 21-43
- Psalm 30

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