

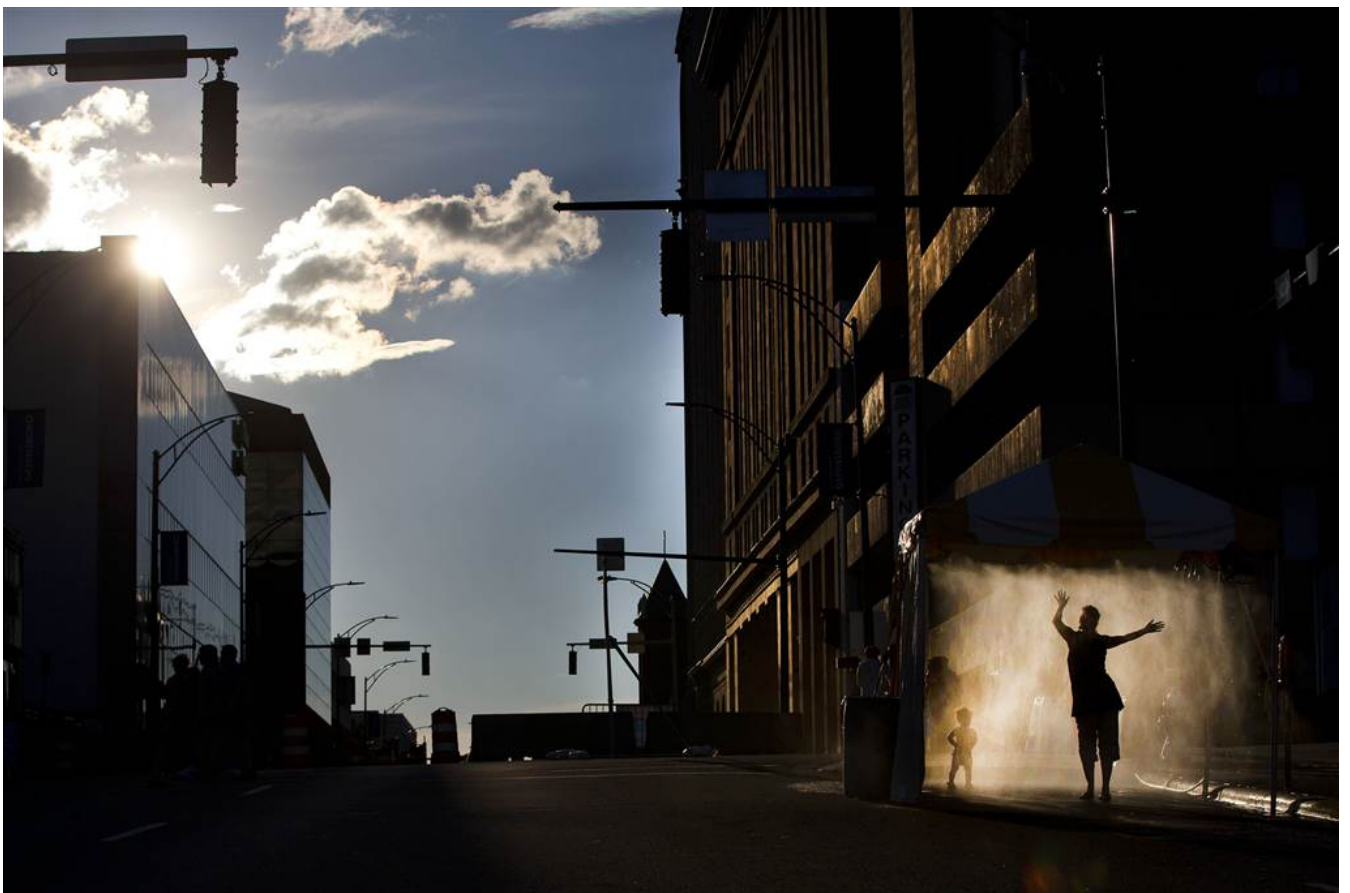


# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 27 June 2021

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## JUST AFTER THE SHORTEST DAY A REFLECTION ON CHAPTERS IN THE GIFT OF LIFE

Psalm 30

## 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, WHOSE LIVING OF LIFE WAS A SONG OF PRAISE;**

**JESUS, THROUGH WHOM WE LEARN THE VALUE OF THE GIFT OF LIFE;**

**JESUS, WHO IS WITH US AS WE TURN FROM OUR SHORTEST DAY.**

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

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

### **Hymn:**

Bunessan

Gaelic melody



1. This day God gives me  
strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining,  
flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning,  
wind in its swiftness,  
depths of the ocean,  
firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me  
strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me,  
wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful,  
your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking,  
friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way,  
God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me,  
saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven,  
drive from me always  
all that would harm me,  
stand by me still.
4. Rising, I thank you,  
mighty and strong One,  
king of creation,  
giver of rest,  
firmly confessing  
threeness of persons,  
oneness of Godhead,  
trinity blest.

*James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

In the mid-winter  
we affirm the presence of God in this day.

**THIS DAY GOD IS WITH US,  
LOVING AND GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE.**

This day God sends me  
strength to sustain me,  
**MIGHT TO UPHOLD ME,  
WISDOM AS GUIDE.**

In the turning from the shortest and darkest day of the year,  
towards a time of greater light and warmth,  
**GOD DRAWS US UP FROM THE "PIT"  
AND RESTORES US.**

As the seasons point us  
towards reviewing our life,  
the constant themes and changing chapters that form our days,  
**WE KNOW THAT WEeping MAY LINGER FOR THE NIGHT,  
BUT ALSO THAT JOY COMES WITH THE MORNING.**

Even in the shorter days,  
the colder and darker days,  
**YOU ARE MERCIFUL AND GOOD.**

*Silence*

In our keeping of accounts, O God,  
our nervous wondering  
of whether we are filling our days with enough good deeds,  
with enough arguments that you should sustain us,  
we come upon the news in Christ  
that your love heals and keeps us anyway.  
**IN THE LIGHT OF THIS NEWS,  
YOU REFRAME OUR LIVES,  
CALLING US TO SIMPLE GRATITUDE.**

Longing to hear again the good news that sets us free,  
we offer to your smiling, forgiving love  
the many things that we would set aside,  
saying

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:**

Today, O God,  
we will hear of a woman whose protracted time of pain and exclusion  
was brought to an end by an act of power seated in love for humanity.  
We will hear the psalm of someone  
who has learned to read life  
as a story of rescue and favour.

**MAY THESE READINGS ECHO THROUGH OUR MINDS,  
AND SHRIVE OUR HEARTS,  
THAT SOON WE MAY BECOME TOTALLY  
A PEOPLE AWARE OF GRACE  
AND THE GREAT LOVE WITHIN WHICH WE ARE HELD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
using the words he gave us, together 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 4 July. 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:** Mark 5: 25-34

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**The Second Lesson:** Psalm 30

In this is the Word of God

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Hymn:**

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;  
let us thine influence prove,  
source of the old prophetic fire,  
fountain of life and love.
2. Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee  
the prophets wrote and spoke;  
unlock the truth, thyself the key;  
unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.
4. God, through yourself we then shall know,  
if thou within us shine,  
and sound, with all thy saints below,  
the depths of love divine.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**Sermon:**

Chapters of grace

*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.*

## Music for Reflection

### Hymn:

Miniver

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Janet Wilson*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

In darkness and in light,  
**IN TROUBLE AND IN JOY,**

help us, gracious God,  
to trust your love,  
**TO SERVE YOUR PURPOSES,  
AND TO LIVE WELL  
YOUR GIFT OF LIFE.**

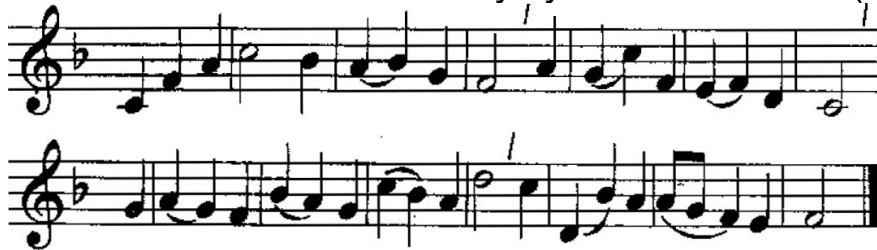
Bless the offering we make  
this season and every season,  
**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,  
AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Richmond

later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)



1. Fill thou my life, O gracious God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone  
nor ev'n the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part:
3. Praise in the common things of life,  
its goings out and in;  
praise in each duty and each deed,  
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:  
let all my being speak  
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,  
poor though I be and weak.

5. So shall no part of day or night  
unblessed or common be,  
but all my life, in every step  
be fellowship with thee.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude**

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 27 June – 3 July 2021**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship - <b><i>Congregational meeting</i></b>
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – <b><i>See below</i></b>
	2.30pm	Knox Singers Concert – <b><i>see below</i></b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Next Week: 4 July – 10 July 2021**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Knox Singers concert:** 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 Lounge:** 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. **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! **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.

Please note new rosters for kitchen and readers have been emailed out.  
You will also find a copy in the blue folder in the new foyer.

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## FAURÉ - BRUCKNER - HAYDN

26th June  
7:30pm

KNOX CHURCH  
BEALEY AVENUE

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27th June  
2:30pm





## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

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