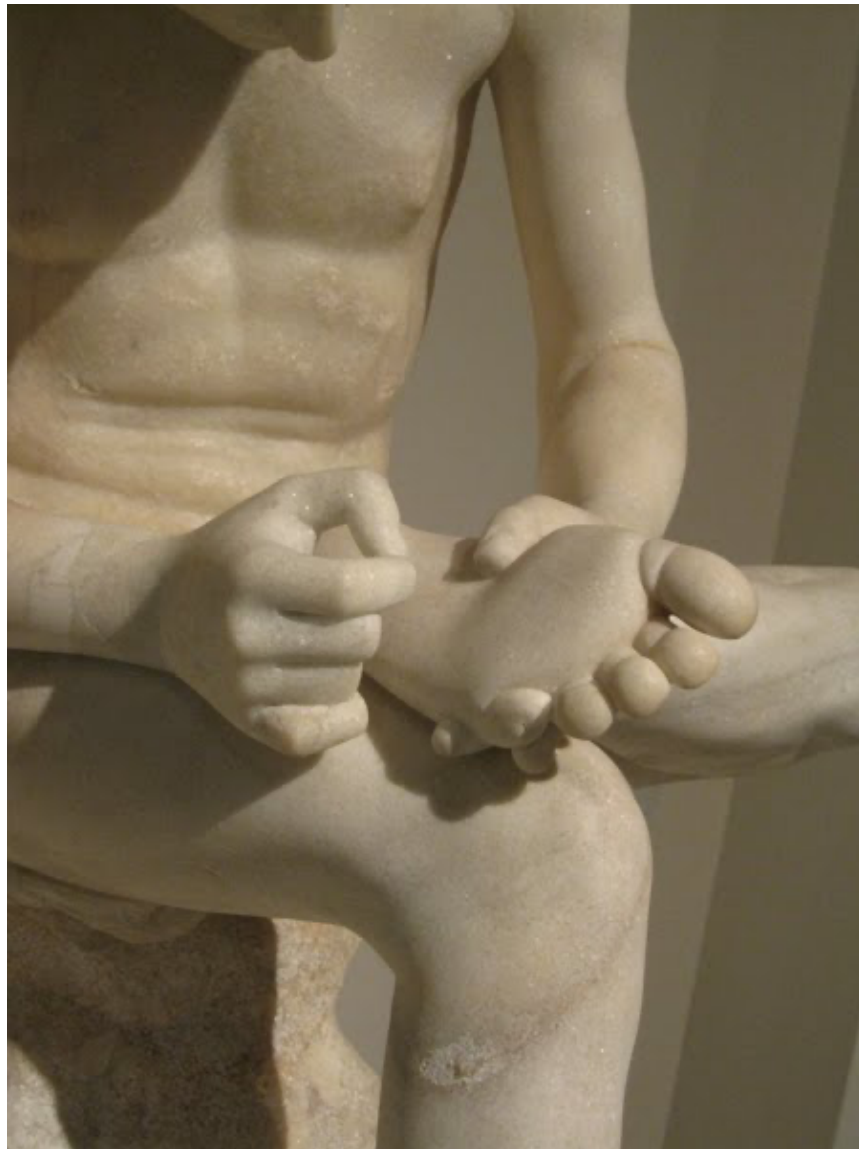




KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 4 July 2021



IS THE THORN TO BE REMOVED?

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.

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.

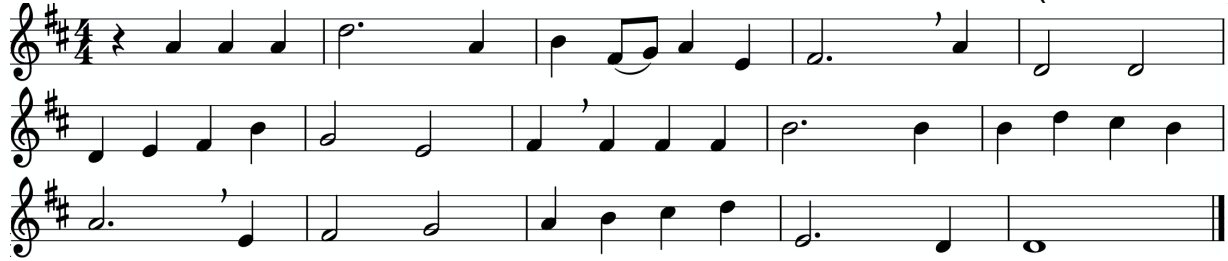
**JESUS, BATTERED BY THE WORLD, BUT RAISED BY GOD;
JESUS, FROM WHOM SHONE THE GRACE OF HEAVEN;
JESUS, IN WHOSE LOVE WE STAND TALL AND STRONG.**

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

Hymn:

Woodlands

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



1. Stand tall in Christ, all people of our God,
no other idol will suffice this hour.
In Jesus Christ all captives are set free,
all hurts are healed and hope is born anew.
2. Stand tall in Love, all people who would dare
be reconcilers where divisions lie;
in love will pain and loneliness be eased
and rainbows hung in all our hearts again.
3. Stand tall in Peace, all people who love life,
whose lives are candles in earth's darkest place,
who plead for justice and support the weak
that all might live in hope and harmony.
4. Stand tall in Faith, all people who would share
as trusting partners in God's enterprise,
whose lives would speak in deeds, not just in words,
of grace, forgiveness and a generous heart.

Margaret Kouvelis (b. 1949)

Prayer of Approach

There is a love in which we stand tall,
A GRACE IN WHICH WE FIND STRENGTH.

There is a company in which we are healed,
A COMPASSION IN WHICH WE ARE FREED FROM FEAR.

There is a Spirit in whom we burn with life,
**AND RECEIVE A PEACE
WHICH IS BEYOND ALL UNDERSTANDING.**

We come to seek the God we have seen in Jesus,
AND WE OFFER OUR SILENT WORSHIP.

Silence

We offer also our confession -
for our hurting of one another,
FOR OUR ARROGANCE,

for our incessant arguing,
FOR OUR HATING OF SELF.

We do not stand tall in these things;
**RATHER, WE OFFER THEM
INTO THE HEALING HANDS OF GOD.**

. . . 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:

Troubled by a thorn in his flesh,
the Apostle Paul
came to an understanding of grace
and proclaimed the paradox
of strength found in his weakness.
**MAY WE, WHO CARRY OUR SCARS AND WOUNDS,
FIND OURSELVES, LIKE PAUL,
PERCEIVING THE HEALING COMPANY OF JESUS.**

May we learn to tend compassionately to the trials of others
**FOR THE BLESSING OF THE WORLD,
AMEN.**

The Notices

Our next Sunday School day is 8 August. 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.

Bible Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

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

Knox Singers: The Lord's my shepherd
Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Sermon: Tending to the thorn

*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.*



Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "God of strength",
you are invited to respond **"GROW YOUR GRACE WITHIN US"**.*

. . . **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:

Dominus Regit Me

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,
whose goodness fails me never,
whose hand all things I need bestows
and cares for me forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my loving Shepherd leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food from heaven feeds me.
3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,
and on your shoulder gently laid,
then home rejoicing brought me.
4. I do not fear death's shadowed vale
when you are here beside me;
your rod and staff and strength prevail
to comfort and to guide me.
5. You spread a table in my sight,
your gifts of grace bestowing;
and from your chalice I delight
to taste your mercy flowing.
6. And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
based on Psalm 23*

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and 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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune
David German (b. 1954)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 4 July – 10 July 2021

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

Next Week: 11 July - 17 July 2021

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday 4th July 4pm Lounge: The Dark Horse. NZ film (2014) of the true story of the talented NZ chess player Genesis Potini. He is a brilliant but troubled chess champion who finds purpose by teaching underprivileged children about the rules of chess and life.

Sunday lunch 18 July – 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 jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but preferably no later than Tuesday the 13th.

Dear Knox Community

July 2021

The Annual Re-birthday Appeal is upon us again – in remembrance of the opening of our re-built church and the final addition of the beautiful stained glass window in 2018.

This year the Knox Council agreed to align the Re-birthday appeal with replacing the high lights in the church with LED lights. LEDs will be more efficient and long lasting and will not emit the irritating buzz that some of the current lights produce.

We hope you can support this project, in the 2021 Re-birthday Appeal.

Appeal forms are available at each entrance to the Church.

Thanks and regards,
Finance Committee, Knox Church

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.

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.

1. What Was Paul's Thorn?

- Severe earaches/headaches, Tertullian
- Epilepsy, Klaushner
- Recurrent Malaria, Ramsey
- Adversaries of the Word, Chrysostom
- Fleshly Temptation, Calvin
- An Inflammation Of The Eye, McGarvey
- Blasphemous Thoughts Of The Devil, Lightfoot
- Stuttering Speech
- Poor Eyesight (Galatians 4:13 – 15; 6:11)
- Persecution



**Bible readings for next week's Matariki service
will be published on the website during the
week**

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Keeping in Touch

Please help us get acquainted with you by filling in this form
and putting it in the offering bag.

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