



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 1 August 2021



BREAD OF HEAVEN, GIVING LIFE TO THE WORLD

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.

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, DOING WORKS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;
JESUS, PUTTING BREAD INTO THE HANDS OF THE HUNGRY;
JESUS, OPENING THE HUMAN EYE TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

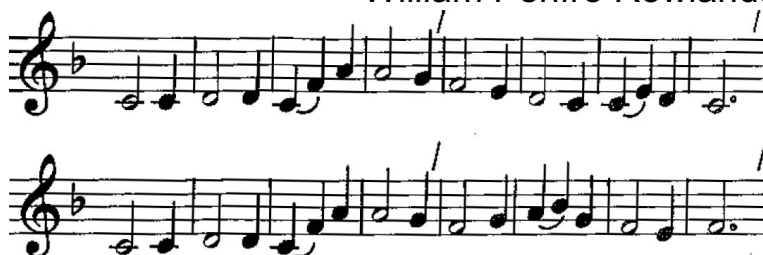
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)





1. God is here! as we, God's people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here the hungry find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out:
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer of Approach

Once again, through the company of Jesus
we seek the presence of God.

**ONCE AGAIN, WE BREAK THE BREAD
AND LIFT THE CUP.**

Once again, we see the signs
and seek the signified.

**ONCE AGAIN, WE HEAR THE WORDS:
"THIS IS MY BODY,
GIVEN FOR YOU".**

Jesus is the bread of God
which comes down from heaven,
GIVING LIFE TO THE WORLD.

Silence

It seems, O God,
that the crowds seeking Jesus
were not sincerely interested
in the things of eternal life.
Jesus perceived them as being interested
only in food that perishes.
**LEST THAT BE TRUE OF US,
WE OFFER OUR SINCERITY TO YOU,
AND MAKE OUR CONFESSION.**

Sometimes we contribute to the world's hunger,
SOMETIMES TO ITS GREED.

Sometimes to its trivialisation,
SOMETIMES TO ITS CONFUSION.

We do not seek first the kingdom of heaven.
WE SEEK A THRONE OF SELF.

So 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:

Jesus, you described the reign of God
in such creative ways,
using images of bread and water,
and hunger and thirst.
You called the people to receive the kingdom
with playful imagination
and creative faith.

**PLAY WITHIN OUR IMAGINATION, WE PRAY,
THAT WITH JOY AND WONDER
WE MAY JOIN IN THE LIVING STORY
OF YOUR ON-GOING LOVE FOR THE WORLD.**

We pray this in your name,
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.

Gospel Lesson: John 6: 24-35

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

Knox Singers: Lord, I trust thee
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Sermon: It's not about the bread

*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 "May the bread of heaven",
you are invited to respond **"BRING LIFE TO THE WORLD"**.*

**. . . 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:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.
2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, scared or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

John Bell (b. 1949)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, 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 thou great Jehovah,
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

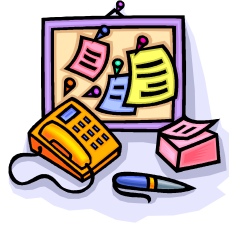
Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: March for a Pageant

Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	1 August – 7 August 2021	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Next Week:	8 August - 14 August 2021	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Sunday 1 August: 4pm in the lounge - 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.

Sunday lunch 15 Aug – 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 10th.

Biscuits for Assembly: The Local Committee is asking for donations of biscuits to be served at morning and afternoon tea at this year's Assembly which is to be held at St Andrews College in early October. Biscuits can be made ahead of time and frozen – the local committee has freezer space and ice cream containers can be provided. If you can provide biscuits contact Jennifer McKinnon or the Church office. Last time Assembly was in Christchurch, Knox provided 30 dozen biscuits.

Knox Fireside Group: The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday 16 August at 7.30pm in the Knox Church Lounge . The speaker is Jessie Keown who will speak about India. Jessie worked with Mother Theresa many years ago but has revisited India more recently. All welcome.

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

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.

TACKLING APARTHEID

HEAR JOHN MINTO (and others)

Compare the apartheid in **South Africa** that we tackled through the '81 Tour with the apartheid suffered by Palestinians in **Israel** today



- **WHEN:** 7pm Sunday 15 August (the 40th anniversary of the Christchurch '81 Test)
- **WHERE:** Knox Church Hall, cnr Bealey Ave & Victoria St (plenty of parking)

Supper following

Koha/Donation please to cover expenses

Organised by the Palestinian Support Network

Further info from Brian Turner:

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Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 11: 1-9
- Matthew 5: 1-12

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Keeping in Touch

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