



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 15 August 2021



THE BREATH OF GOD

a service of readings, reflections and musical offerings
in gratitude for a new heart for the Knox organ

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 introit.

At ten o'clock, the Knox Singers sing

The Introit: God Reigns
Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)

The Greeting:

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, THE INSPIRED, UPON WHOM GOD'S SPIRIT RESTED;
JESUS, THE ENLIVENED, BREATHING LIFE INTO HIS PEOPLE;
JESUS, CALLING US TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH;**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Prayer of Approach

In the beginning, when all was dark and formless,
a wind blew across the face of the waters.

**AS ORDER AND BEAUTY EMERGE,
WE WELCOME THE BREATH OF GOD.**

In the beginning, when humanity had form but no life,
spirit was given to the earth of which we were made.

**AS PERSONALITY AND AWARENESS BLOSSOM,
WE WELCOME THE BREATH OF GOD.**

Through the entire story of the Spirit-blown people,
God has breathed imagination and hope into us.
**AS EVERY DAY IS REVEALED TO BE A GIFT,
WE WELCOME THE BREATH OF GOD.**

Spirit of wind and flame, hear our silent praises,
AS WE WELCOME THE BREATH OF GOD.

Silence

Hear our confession, O Spirit of Truth,
for often we stifle the life you bring.
The breath you give us
is used to power words of hatred and division.
We damage and hurt one another
and the world you have given to our care.

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 breath and life,
you put your spirit within us
and we became living beings.
When you take your spirit from us,
we return to the earth from which we are made.
**HELP US TO EMBRACE THE GIFT OF LIFE,
TO MOVE WITH YOUR GRACE AND IMAGINATION,
BEING TRUE EXPRESSIONS
OF YOUR LOVE AND CREATIVITY.**

We pray this in the name of the One
upon whom your Spirit rested,
even Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray, 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 5 September.
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.*

Air Supply to a Pipe Organ



Although I knew that prior to electric blowers, organs needed to be pumped by hand, I never quite appreciated the rate at which organs needed to be pumped. By the wonders of Youtube, now I know.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b03Pes5JAm8>

A Series of Readings, Reflections and Musical Offerings

Introduction

Reading: Genesis 2: 4-7

Reflection: Creative, life-giving breath

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



Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-7

Reflection: Redemptive, returning, bone-rattling breath

Organ: "That rattling sound", Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Reading: John 3: 1-8

Reflection: Independent, surprising breath

Knox Singers: "The Spirit of God rests upon me", Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)



Reading: John 20: 19-23

Reflection: The forgiving breath of peace

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. Put peace into each other's hands
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Inspire us by your Spirit, O God,
**THAT WE MIGHT OFFER WHO WE ARE
AND WHAT WE HAVE.**

May these tokens find their way
in meaningful service,
**FOR THE GOOD AND BLESSING OF THE WORLD.
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: Postlude I from Four Postludes for Organ
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*Following the service, a special morning tea is served
in the Knox Centre Lounge*

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NOTICES

This Week: 15 August - 21 August 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 22 August - 28 August 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

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.

19 August 1.30pm at St Barnabas Church, Fendalton. Rose Light (Violin) and Gabriel Baird (Piano) –Classical and Baroque pieces. \$10 cash entry at door.

Book and film: The next Book Group is on Sunday 29 August: **The Music Shop** by Rachel Joyce. The next film is on Sunday 12 September: **Once**.

Car Park Cleanup: Please add to your diaries, the annual car park cleanup - Saturday 28 August from 9:30am. Bring weeding tools, a broom and a litter scoop and anything else good for a garden cleanup. There is some storm water drain clearing to be done and pigeon leavings to also clear.

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. If you can provide biscuits contact Jennifer McKinnon or the Church office. Last time Assembly was in Christchurch, Knox provided 30 dozen biscuits.

KNOX LIFE - The next Knox Life will be published in early September. Your articles, reviews, poems, photos etc are much needed! Please help our church magazine to be varied and interesting. All contributions to the Knox office by Monday 30 August, please.

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:

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A short Recital

**in thanksgiving for the for the giving of a "new heart"
to the Knox Church Organ**

In celebration of a donation made by Dame Ann and John Hercus,
which attracted wider donations by others
for the installation of a new organ blower,

Daniel Cooper, Knox Church Organist, presents a selection from:

Prélude Gabriel Pierné
Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young
The Blue Planet Hans Zimmer
Aria in E Minor J.S. Bach arr. C.M. Widor
Coronation March (from Le Prophete) Meyerbeer

Presenting an organ-accompanied duet,
Jeni McKinnon and Graeme Downie

Speaking during the recital will be:
John Hargraves, MNZM, Director of South Island Organ Company
Daniel Cooper, Knox Church Organist

The minister of Knox Church will dedicate the new organ blower

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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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 34: 15-22
- Ephesians 6: 10-20

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