



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 22 August 2021



DRESSED FOR THE ENGAGEMENT

Because Ōtautahi Christchurch is at Covid-19 Alert Level 4,
a prohibition of public gatherings is in place.
This service therefore will not happen onsite at Knox in Bealey Aveune.
Instead, a home-made video of the service has been posted online.
Becoming active at 10:00am on Sunday 22 August 2021, the link is:
<https://youtu.be/Gy2zTZJZ52E>

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.

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.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
**JESUS, PROTAGONIST IN GOD'S STORY OF LOVE'S VICTORY;
JESUS, IN WHOM WE STAND TALL AND STRONG;
JESUS, SHARING HIS VERY LIFE WITH HIS SPIRITED PEOPLE.**

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

Standing tall in Christ,
equipped by the Spirit to resemble him
in love, peace and faith,
WE PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS.

Entering our engagement
with the assumptions and arrogance of the world,
we put on the clothing of Christ.
Decked in truth and spirit,
in peace and the sharing of life,
WE PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS.

Seeking to be people of light,
courage and creativity,
seeking to honour God
with our perseverance and good faith,
IN OUR SILENT PRAYER,
WE PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS.

Silence

We confess to God
that within the great contest of ideas,
we are not always faithful servants of truth and peace.
Sometimes we serve strange agendas
and embrace conspiracy theories.

Sometimes we are frightened of the world around us,
with its Covid and lockdown,
and fall from the task
of loving God and neighbour.

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:

Your servant Paul, O God,
describing himself as an "ambassador in chains"
observed a soldier dressed for war.
By your Spirit,
you enabled him to steal the imagery
for the cause of good.
You inspired him to describe
the whole armour of God.
**INSPIRE US ALSO,
THAT WE MAY GO WELL
INTO OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD.**

We make this prayer
in the name of Jesus,
using the words we believe he gave 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 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.

The Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6: 10-20

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

Hymn:

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power redeeming
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph,
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,
guide my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

5. May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.

Sermon: Ideas and alternative armour

*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: A mighty fortress is our God
Max Reger (1873-1916)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "The armoured soldier blocks the doorway",
you are invited to respond "**BUT GOD OPENS THE WAY TO LIFE**".*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

While we may be locked down,
still we are called to be faithful
with our thoughts, words and deeds.

**WE OFFER WHAT WE CAN,
PRAYING GOD'S BLESSING
ON THE WORK OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Diademata

George J. Elvey (1816-1893)



1. Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who rose for you,
and to your risen Saviour bring your thanks for life made new.

2. Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife, this suffering world to save.
Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise;
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.
5. Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail, for your great love for me;
your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude on 'Lobe den Herren'
Healey Willian (1880-1968)

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NOTICES

Since we are in a Level Four lockdown, all physical gatherings in the church and Knox Centre have been suspended. Any change to this arrangement will be posted on our website and announced through a community email to those whose contact details we have. The notices printed below represent meetings that will only happen if Alert Level restrictions allow them.

This Week: 22 August - 28 August 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Saturday	9.30am	Knox Car Park Clean Up – see below

Next Week: 29 August – 4 September 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Sunday 29 August 11.15am Book Group in the Committee Room. This month's book is **The Music Shop** by Rachel Joyce (author of The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry). This intriguing book is about music and healing. Frank owns a music shop in London, which sells vinyl records. There is no organisation of the records, but Frank can always find the right track for anyone who asks him for help. One day Ilse Brauchmann walks in and asks him to teach her about music....

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.

SPRING SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - To celebrate Spring it is intended to deliver small bunches of flowers to our Shut In and other Senior members after the Service.

It would be great if you could bring Spring flowers to be distributed after the service – the flowers can be already bunched or will be bunched after the service.

Also needed will be people to deliver the flowers - this will be an opportunity to connect with other church people

Sunday 12 September 4pm Film Group in the Lounge. The wonderful, unusual film **Once** (2007) tells of two struggling musicians who meet in Dublin and make music together. The film was made on a shoestring and portrays the magic of Dublin. The two actors are themselves musicians who composed and perform the songs for the film.

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 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: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- James 1: 17-27
- Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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