



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 29 August 2021



Because Ōtautahi Christchurch is at a Covid-19 alert level that makes physical gathering problematic, we are worshipping today virtually. A home-made video of the service has been posted online. Becoming active at 10:00am on Sunday 29 August 2021, the link is:

<https://youtu.be/TrpzDclNrnM>

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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, WHO THOUGH FULL OF LOVE,
HAD A KEEN EYE FOR HUMAN HYPOCRISY;
JESUS, WHOSE REALM IS THE HUMAN HEART;
JESUS, CALLING US TO BE DOERS OF THE WORD.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Down Ampney

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Come down, O love divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Trans: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Prayer of Approach

Come down, divine love,
and make your dwelling in our human hearts.

BE AT HOME WITHIN AND AMONG US.

Come through, divine love;
enliven this image
in which we believe we were made.

**MAY THE ARDOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
KINDLE THE HOLY FLAME IN OUR HEARTS.**

Rise up, divine love,
make us hungry for the new creation.

**SHINE YOUR LIGHT UPON OUR SIGHT,
AND CLOTHE US WELL FOR THIS DAY'S HOPING.**

In silence,
we offer our humbler praise.

Silence

As you challenge us, O God,
through Christ,
to be doers, not just hearers, of your word,
we have a moment of seeing ourselves truly.
It is as if we are looking in a mirror
and seeing suddenly a picture of sharp definition.

We offer to you the matters of conscience that come to us,
the things we regret about ourselves
and the way we are caring, or not caring,
for the world which you love
and have given into 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:

In a spirited encounter with the hypocrites from Jerusalem,
Jesus was given room

to speak about the centrality of the heart,

and the call eternally he extends to us

to be people of honesty and feeling.

BE IN OUR HEARING, O GOD,

THAT THROUGH OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH HIS WORD,

WE MAY RISE FROM MERELY HEARING WHAT HE CALLS US TO DO,

TO BEING DOERS OF THE WORD.

Humbly open to his challenge,

we offer our prayers in his name, 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.

The First Lesson: James 1: 19-27

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

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Hymn:

Franconia

William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)



The Hand washing

Sermon: The washing of hands: law and heart

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>

Music for Reflection: Trumpet Tune
John Patton

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "Be in our hearts, O God",
you are invited to respond **"THAT WE MIGHT BE DOERS OF THE WORD"**.*

The Offering and Dedication

Mindful of the on-going needs of our community,
and of our on-going calling to be people of a lively and caring heart,
we offer ourselves to the service of God and neighbour.

**BLESS ALL WE OFFER,
TO THE GOOD OF THE WORLD,
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Christ, be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Chorus:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us,
make us your living voice.
Chorus
3. Longing for shelter people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Chorus
4. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Chorus

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude
William Lloyd-Webber (1914-1982)

MORNING TEA

Following the service, I will be eating lovely ginger gems for morning tea.
Should you wish to see me doing that, and also show me what you're having
for morning tea, you could join a ZOOM meeting that I've set up.

Topic: Knox Church morning tea - 29 August 2021

Time: Aug 29, 2021 11:00am - 11:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/91042974495?pwd=YVFpT0htU0NaQ0h3clp5SmVaTWRRBUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 4297 4495, Passcode: 1XUAm3



NOTICES

Since we are in a Covid restricted status, 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: 29 August – 4 September 2021

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

Next Week: 05 September – 11 September 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
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...

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.

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.

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The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Mark 7: 24-37

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