



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 9 January 2022



YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED

a service reflecting on the baptism of Jesus

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.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, BAPTISED BY JOHN IN THE RIVER JORDAN;

JESUS, SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE PEOPLE;

JESUS, AN OUTPOURING SOURCE OF JOY AND LIFE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)





1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

The sons and daughters of Adam and Eve
sweep out into the countryside,
to the River Jordan.
They need to put to rest their fear and regret.
They will see a wondrous thing,
FOR GOD IS LOVE.

Appointed to receive them is John,
who speaks of a greater One coming -
who will immerse the world in spirit and flame
making all things new.

YES, GOD IS LOVE.

And already among them,
not yet recognised,
is the beloved -
the One in whom heaven greatly is pleased.

In being baptized,
Jesus is one with the people,

AND GOD IS LOVE.

Where their hearts break, his heart breaks.
Where their tears fall, his tears fall.
Every child of every race is held in the arms of his God.

**WE SING AND SAY
THAT GOD IS LOVE.**

Silence

We confess to God
and to one another
that our loving is partial and confined.
Sometimes it is calculating
and self-seeking.
Sometimes our attitudes are arrogant and condescending.
We simply refuse to love the enemy -
and there are some groups
that we despise.
As we fail to manifest the all-embracing love of Jesus,
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:

His public ministry began, O God,
when Jesus heard the truth
that he was, and always would be deeply loved.
Love enabled him to stand with the people
and become your Messiah.

**SPEAK YOUR TRUTH TO US ALSO,
THAT LOVE MIGHT PROPEL US INTO THE WORLD,
A COMMITTED PEOPLE
OF YOUR POWERFUL GRACE AND NEWNESS.**

We pray in the name of the baptized beloved,
using the words we believe he taught us, 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.**

*In a suitably physically remote way,
we exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

*Our next Sunday School day will happen once we're out of Alert Level Two,
and will operate in way consistent with whatever constraints are recommended.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-7

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

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;
let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.
2. Come Holy Ghost, for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.
4. God, through yourself we then shall know,
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Sermon: God loves you, Lachie

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.

The news item mentioned in the sermon can be watched online. Go to: https://uk.news.yahoo.com/tsunami-mums-grave-choice-son-save-000915920.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xLMnNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAESwZB8xA44jOHZU5PJ-8kunOpxqvQVPo-bAc1QqXX7Mnl_bx_nUKfeguSA5rl8XUhWi4Z5ratb6BsRCERjr-n6B-h1q1HJzffvLoZyCqWwufQuwpRoGIC631PbINCcVEtoLGAYauEP0NjGO8zKm1QrtZXWjQ7-3PXt6We5dYBu

Music for Reflection: Meditation on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
David Bednall (b. 1979)

Hymn:

Oakfield

Timothy Redman (1943-2005)



1. Out from the flowing river
Jesus ascends
baptized by John
waiting the sign.
2. Out of the open heavens
God's Spirit comes
down like a dove
in peace and power.
3. Out speaks the voice from heaven:
"You are my Son
chosen and loved
my own delight.
4. Out through the life of Jesus
God's word of love,
calling in grace,
comes to our lives.
5. Out in the world we live in
we will make known
the love revealed
through God in Christ.

Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "On Baptism Sunday, we pray for all people",
you are invited to respond **"TO KNOW THE MENDING LOVE OF GOD"**.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Enable us to live this week
in a prayerful and loving way, O God,
**THAT THOSE AROUND US
WILL SENSE THEIR VALUE AND WORTH.**

We dedicate this money and food,
**DEDICATING OURSELVES AS WELL,
THAT WE MAY BLESS AND KEEP YOUR PEOPLE,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

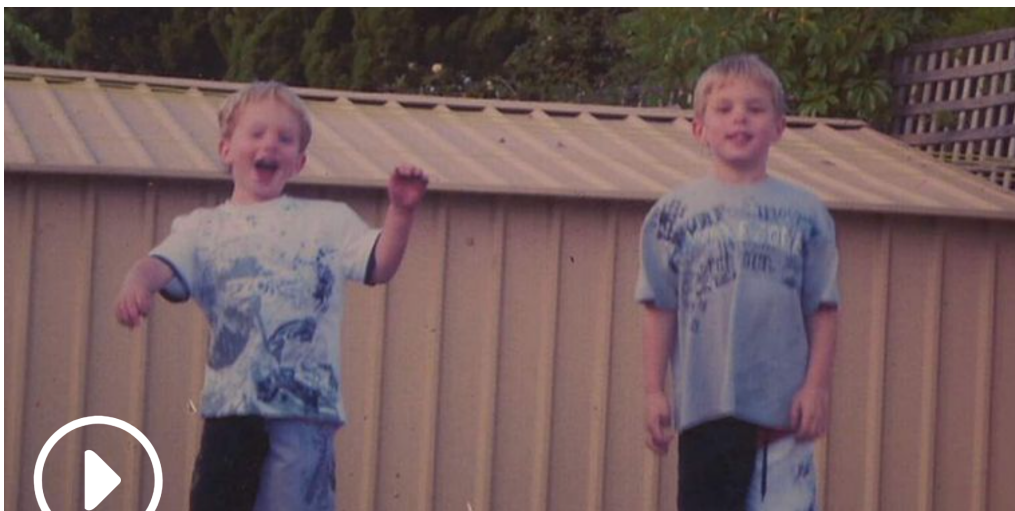
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

During the current Covid containment level, we are not having our usual post-service morning tea. Should you wish to linger in the church for company and conversation, please do - just remember to maintain suitable physical distancing.

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NOTICES

This Week: **9 January – 15 January 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday Knox Church office reopens for the year

Next Week: **16 January – 22 January 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday lunch 16 January – If you're after a bit of post-church company, you might like to meet for lunch and a friendly chat, at the Oderings Barrington café (Urban Eatery) at 12pm. Please put your name down for this event if you would like to join us. Attendance lists are at the church entrance but, if you prefer, you can send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com no later than **Wednesday** the 12th.

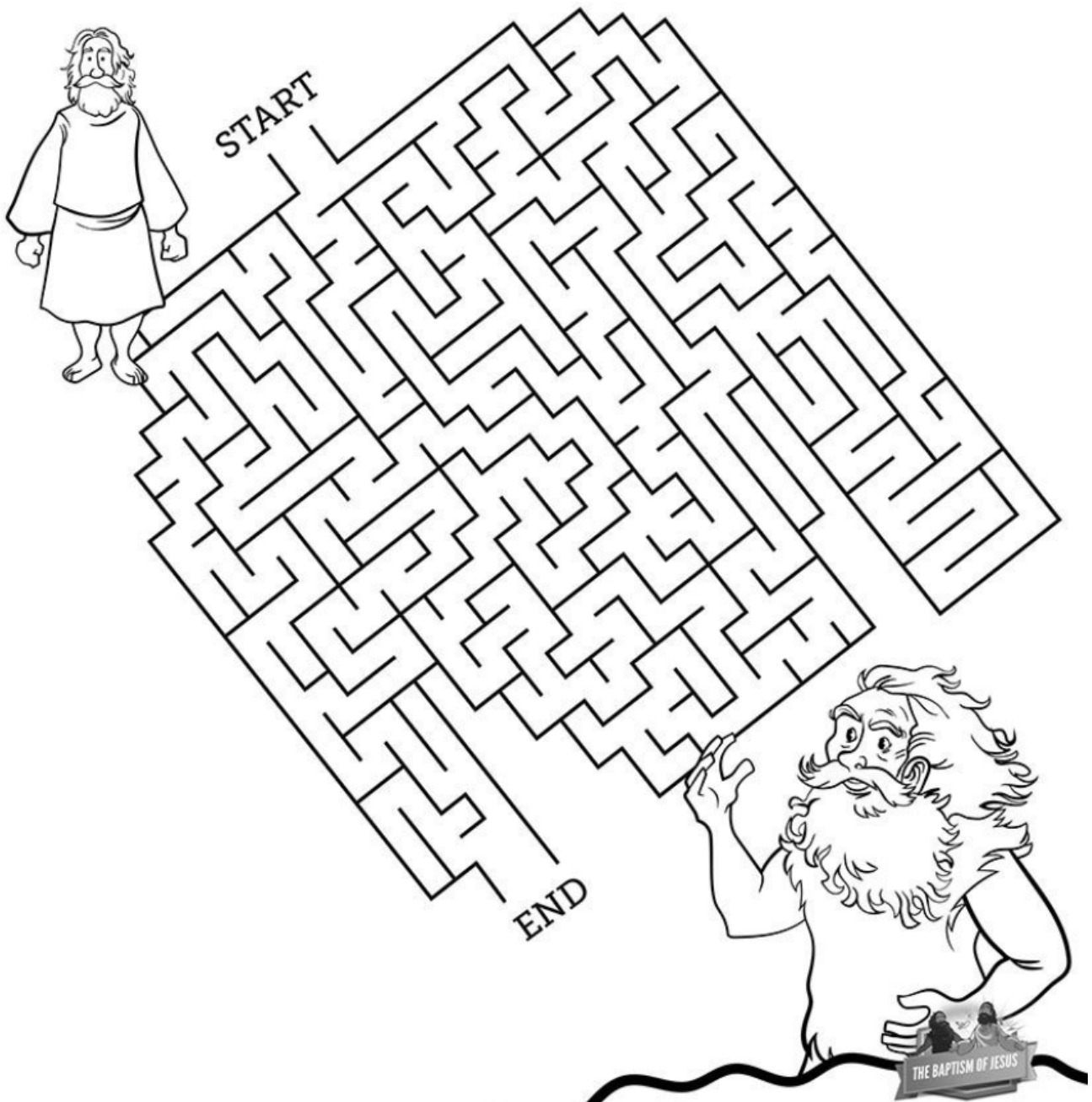
Baptism of Jesus

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BAPTISM

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3171019/>

Help Jesus get baptized by John.





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 62: 1-5
- John 2: 1-11

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