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Order of Service 16 January 2022



AND NOW FOR THE FINE WINE

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.

<u>**Pre-service Music</u>** - the organ music before the service is an extended improvisation on the hymn tunes featured in the service.</u>

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. JESUS, GUEST AT THE WEDDING IN CANA; JESUS, AWARE OF THE THIRST OF THE PEOPLE; JESUS, GIVING A SIGN OF THE OUTPOURING LOVE OF GOD.

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you. **MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

<u>Hymn</u>:

Regent Square





- Jesus come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.
- Jesus come, transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.
- Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine; give your unexpected glory changing water into wine: rouse the faith of your disciples – come, our first and greatest Sign!
- Jesus, come, surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

Prayer of Approach

A hand works in secret to bestow on the people of God life in its fullness. WE TASTE THE LOVE, BELIEVE, AND LIVE!

Deep is the thirst and sharp is the hunger; but good is our God, and gracious the Saviour. WE TASTE THE LOVE, BELIEVE, AND LIVE! Through the door, and into the gathering, Jesus, the invited one, comes, and determines that yes, he will give a sign, a sign that will put joy into the party, and create faith within the disciples' hearts. **WE TASTE THE LOVE, BELIEVE, AND LIVE!**

Poverty becomes plenty, anxiety becomes hope, water becomes wine. It is a sign of the generous love of God. **WE TASTE THE LOVE, BELIEVE, AND LIVE!**

God is good, and life is a gift. To the God of Jesus, we offer our praise: WE TASTE THE LOVE, BELIEVE, AND LIVE!

Silence

We confess to one another and to our God that we are not good guests at the feast of life. We hog the food - so strip the table; we swig the wine - so pollute the conversation; we complain about the menu - so dishonour the host. For the thoughts, words and deeds that demean the love that should be celebrated, w 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:

God, in whom there is fullness of peace and joy, a sign of your love and blessing was given by Jesus as he attended the wedding in Cana. Though not everybody noticed, the disciples did, and responded with faith. ENABLE US, LIKE THEM, TO SEE THE WONDERS THAT YOU ARE DOING, AND TO LIVE WITH A QUIET JOY THAT COMES FROM YOU.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the wedding guest, and use the words he taught us, together 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.

<u>The First Lesson</u>:

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

Isaiah 62: 1-5

The Gospel Lesson: John 2: 1-11

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

Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest, lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast," I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Sermon: They have no wine

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <u>http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html</u> Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.

<u>Music for Reflection</u>: Improvisation Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

<u>Hymn</u>:

Carlisle



- All praise to you, O Christ, who by your mighty power did blaze your grace and glory forth in Cana's marriage hour.
- You speak, and it is done: obedient to your word, the water, reddening into wine, proclaims the present Lord.
- Blessed were the eyes which saw the wondrous mystery, the great beginning of your works, that sets our spirits free.
- And blessed are those who know your unseen presence true, when in the kingdom of your grace you do all things renew.

- For by your loving hand your people are still fed; you are the cup of blessing, Lord, and you the heavenly bread.
- Oh, may that grace be ours, in you always to live and drink of those refreshing streams which you alone can give.
- So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O God, to see the marriage supper of the Lamb, the great epiphany.

Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

That our water may be turned into wine, that our faith may be turned into action, that joy might mark the life of the people, **WE MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD.**

May God bless what we bring AND ENABLE US TO CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF LIFE. AMEN.

Notices



- For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God; for these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God; for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
- In the just reward of labour, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done; in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God; for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Four Postludes for Organ Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

During the current Covid containment level, we are not having our usual postservice 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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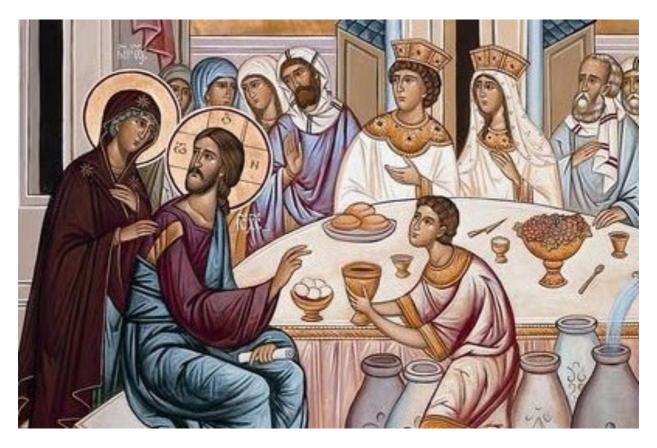


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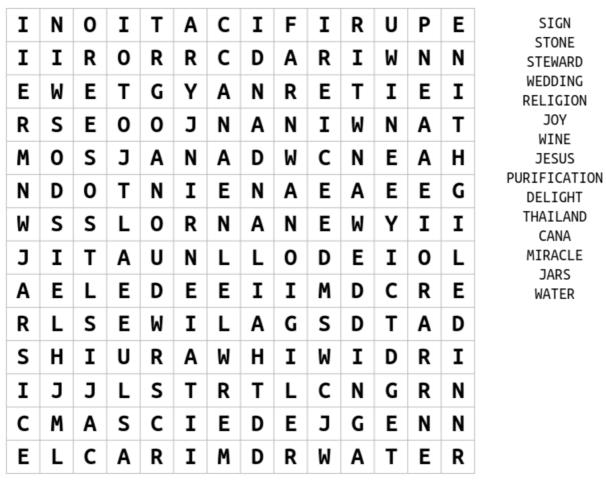
This Week:16 January - 22 January 2022Sunday10.00amMorning Worships23 January - 29 January 2022Sunday10.00amMorning Worship

Car Park Clean Up – This is planned for Saturday 5 February at 9.30am. So, bring brooms, shovels, spades and cutting tools! See you there!

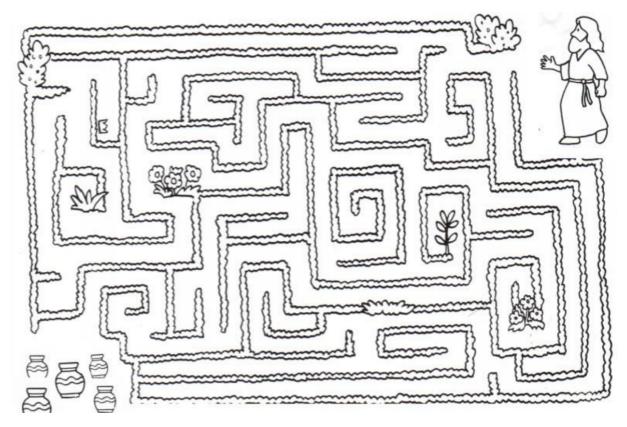
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Knox Church - water into wine puzzle



Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3193469/





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

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