



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 15 October 2023



SHE GIVES SHELTER

learning from the mother hen

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, TO WHOM THE IMAGE OF THE MOTHER HEN SPOKE;

JESUS, INSPIRED TO SHELTER AND PROTECT US;

JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TO THE BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful -
the one God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings -
God made their glowing colours,
and made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful . . .
2. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God, Creator,
who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful . . .

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Prayer of Approach

We people of opened our eyes
have the delight of seeing beauty in the world,
and love,
and caring.

**PRAISE TO THE ONE
WHO HAS OPENED OUR EYES.**

We people of opened ears
have the joy of bird song,
of crickets at night
and wind through the branches of the trees.

**PRAISE TO THE ONE
WHO ENTRANCES OUR EARS.**

We people of opened hearts
know the warmth of the cat on the laps,
the dog excited by our homecoming,
the natural, simple trust of the pet.

**PRAISE TO THE ONE
WHO HAS MADE US FOR LOVE.**

Silence

Where there could be trust,
SOMETIMES THERE IS SUSPICION.

Where there could be comfort,
SOMETIMES THERE IS FEAR.

Where there could be provision,
SOMETIMES THERE IS HUNGER.

Where there could be welcome,
SOMETIMES THERE IS REJECTION.

We, who have been called to care for the living creatures of this world,
have exercised a strange kind of dominion.

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.

The Theme Prayer:

Jesus used the image, O God,
of the mother hen
gathering her chicks under her wings.
He encouraged us to see in her
how you would give selfless love and shelter
to those who sought you.

**GIVE US OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS
TO WHAT HE WOULD TEACH US,
THAT WE MIGHT GROW
INTO BEING PEOPLE OF GRACE AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.**

For we pray it in the name of Jesus,
together saying

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.
KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI
KI RUNGA TE WHENUA**

KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.
HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI
HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.
MURUA A MATOU HARA,
ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI
I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.
AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;
ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:
NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,
TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,
AKE AKE AKE.
AMINE.

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.



Meeting the Animals

When the minister says “We give thanks for N”,
the people say “**AMEN**”.

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited, if you would like to,
to light a candle in memory of a beloved pet.*

Hymn:

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the pets whose love has blessed us,
thanks be to God;
for the way they've opened up us,
thanks be to God;
for the feeding, keeping, holding,
faithful love us all enfolding,
better humans they embolden;
thanks be to God.
2. For the way they know no lying,
thanks be to God;
for their calm when we are crying,
thanks be to God;
for their simple way of caring,
gentle company of sharing,
heaven's nature, yes, declaring;
thanks be to God.
3. For the ones who've worked in service,
thanks be to God;
serving human need and purpose,
thanks be to God;
lifting loads and bearing burdens,
giving help that's always certain,
faithful 'til the final curtain,
thanks be to God.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

The First Lesson:

Genesis 3: 8-15

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

Reflection:

Blame the Snake

Knox Singers:

Psalm 23

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 13: 34-35

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**Reflection:**

Mother hen speaks

*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. A video of these reflection being practised is available from 10:00am today:**https://youtu.be/-2c61aXu7_k***Hymn:**

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



1. We have a common calling, O God of love and grace—
to care for your creation, to tend what you embrace.
We have one home, one future; we're not in this alone.
We're called to work together for this our common home.
2. You call us to be partners — to notice and to care;
you make us loving stewards of land and sea and air.
We see our climate changing; God, show us what to do
to care for your creation, to heal the earth with you.

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)***Prayers for Others and Ourselves***led by Linda Wilkins*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We, who know how to blame the snake,
also hope to learn to be inspired by the mother hen.

**WE, WHO SOMETIMES FAIL TO CARE FOR CREATION,
YET WOULD LEARN TO LOVE LIKE CHRIST.**

So we bring what we can,
money, food, minds and hearts,
PRAYING THE BLESSING OF GOD.

Bless what we offer, O God,
**AND NURTURE US
TO GREATER DEPTHS OF SERVICE,
FOR THE MERCY OF JESUS, OUR LORD,
AMEN.**

Notices

Knox Singers: The Earth We Share
Philip Norman (b. 1953)

Post-Election Prayers for the Country

The wheels of democracy have turned,
O God of the people.

Out of love for our country,
and in hope for a future that will be safe and good,
many people across the land of island beach and kauri's reach
have played their part;
the votes have been cast and counted;

**WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE US,
AND WE PRAY FOR THEIR GUIDANCE,
AS A GOVERNMENT FINDS ITS FINAL SHAPE
OVER THE NEXT DAYS OR WEEKS.**

And for now,
enable us all to do our best
and to bring our best
for the peace and prosperity of this country that is our home.

**FOR WE PRAY IT IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
3. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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NOTICES

This Week: 15 October – 21 October

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship – Animal Sunday
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Cafe
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 22 October – 28 October

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Christmas Baking 2023 - Order sheet and instructions are in the Order of Service. Spare copies can be found at both entrances of the Church.

Board/Homestays Required - If you would like to host a Japanese student from 28 November until 17 December, please refer to the poster in the new foyer. **Also**, Jennifer Johnston is looking for board in a Christian home. Her contact details are: quantumknowledge1111@gmail.com, ph: 021 160 5912.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Approximately 3,500 women annually, are diagnosed with breast cancer. That means every 7 days, 9-10 women (approximately 1 in every 13) will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer. It is the third highest rating cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand and is no respecter of age. Each year, 25 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. The likelihood of having breast cancer for women in their 40s is 1 in 50 women and increases to 1 in 36 for those in their 70s. Whilst we currently lag behind Australia in offering more free medications, Christchurch is really fortunate to have Canterbury Breastcare to walk women through the diagnostic stages of their journey. The Cancer Society does not receive any government funding and does an amazing job to advocate, educate and support women and their family/whanau/fono.

In the near future, the Cancer Society will be starting a new 'park and ride' service from their Papanui office to Christchurch Hospital and St George's Hospital.

Friday 28 October 2023 and Saturday 29 October 2023 are 'Pink Ribbon Day' during which members of the public have the opportunity to donate to the Cancer Society and receive a pink ribbon. Every few cents helps so please consider if you are to contribute should you see a donation box / person in a supermarket, mall or on a street. Perhaps you could volunteer two hours of time to help with the collection.

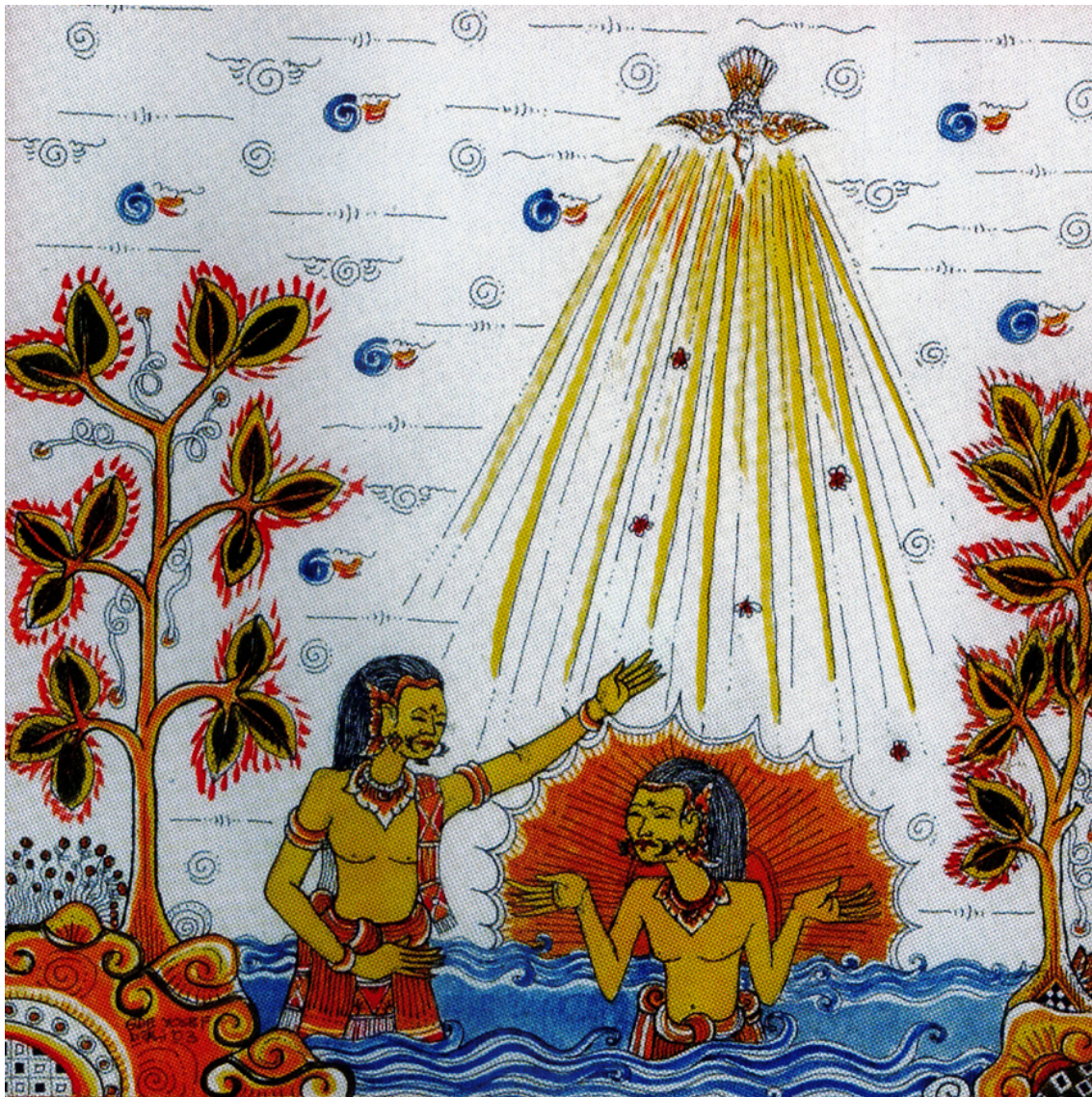
The "Jesus laughing and loving" project was created by the Church of Scotland in 2004. By way of envelope, filing cabinet, and lost shuffled paper, the material came to Matthew, who's releasing the paintings and reflections one by one until the papers run out.

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"Baptism in Jordan", by I Josef C Darsane, Den Pasar, Bali, Indonesia.

When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River, the glory of God was manifested as the descent of the Holy Spirit, appearing as a dove descending from heaven. And this was the sign that he was the Son of God. For Jesus, this would have been a time of great joy.

This painting is done in the style known as *Wayang Kamasan*. Originally, the Wayang Kamasan style was that used in the village of Kamasan Klungkung. This is the classic artistic style of painting which takes forms from the wayang kulit (leather puppet show) and presents them as paintings.





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- ☐ Psalm 96: 1-9
- ☐ Matthew 22: 15-22

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