



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 5 November 2023



THE CHILDREN OF GOD

A COMMUNION SERVICE for All Saints Day

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be
called children of God, and that is what we are."

1 John 3:1

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.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one.
Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely,
are welcome to receive communion here.

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, IN WHOM SOME WERE ABLE TO SEE THE ETERNAL WORD;
JESUS, ENABLING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO BECOME THE SAINTS;
JESUS, ASSURING US THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. For all the saints who from their labour's rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia!
2. You were their rock, the refuge and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia!
3. Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
live as the saints who nobly lived of old
and in our lives your liberty behold.
Alleluia!
4. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the struggle long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia!

William W. How (1823-1897), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Saint-making God,
the heart is brave again -
though the struggle is long,
faith, in the singing, grows strong.

ALLELUIA!

Saint-making God,
from our feeble struggling,
we see the witnesses divine
who in glory shine!

ALLELUIA!

Saint-making God,
of whom people of old
managed to live faithful, true and bold,
from whom true liberty comes
to those who catch the Christ-flame,

ALLELUIA!

We saints in the making,
with our love, hope
and strands of faith for the gathering,
offer our praise.

ALLELUIA!

Silence

We feel, O God,
that before we can be people of proper faith,
we will need to learn to see the world as yours,
not ours.

**WE WILL NEED TO SEE AS YOU SEE,
TO HEAR AS YOU HEAR,
TO LOVE AS YOU LOVE,
AND TO TAKE ON FULLY OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN.**

This side of all that
we find broken hospitals,
bombs,
violence,
all manifestation of human sin.
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:

God of the saints,
we see the world as we do,
because we live in the world as it is.

**WE SEE, HEAR AND HOPE
AS CREATURES OF THE EARTH.**

And yet you have called us to consider the deeper truth
that we are your children,
people who belong in a great cloud of witnesses.
GROW IN US, O GOD,

THE CAPACITY TO SEE AND HEAR OURSELVES AS SAINTS, SERVANTS IN YOUR NEW CREATION.

We pray this in the name of Jesus.
AMEN.

The Notices

The Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-3

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

Knox Singers: The eternal gifts of Christ the King
Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Sermon: No, you are one of the children of God

*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
this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:
<https://youtu.be/3262DYGripg>*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Who are they",
you are invited to respond, **"THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD"**.

. . . **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 Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

Gatehouse

John Bell (b.1949)



1. Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand.
Confronting those unworthy of a crumb,
you ask that to your table we should come.

2. Who dare say No, when such is your resolve
our worst to witness, suffer and absolve,
our best to raise in lives by God forgiven,
our souls to fill on earth with food from heaven?
3. Who dare say No, when such is your intent
to love the selves we famish and resent,
to cradle our uncertainties and fear,
to kindle hope as you in faith draw near?
4. Who dare say No, when such is your request
that each around your table should be guest,
that here the ancient word should live as new,
'Take, eat and drink - all this is meant for you.'?
5. No more we hesitate and wonder why;
no more we stand indifferent, scared or shy.
Your invitation leads us to say Yes,
to meet you where you nourish, heal and bless.

John Bell (b. 1949)

We sit for

The Invitation and **Institution**

The Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Bread of Heaven,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, recreating your people where they stand,

HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, foretaste of the new creation,

GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

For the distribution, please come forward to the table, receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat. If you prefer gluten free bread, some is available on the plinth in front of the bread servers. Non-alcoholic grape juice can be taken from the trays held by the glass servers.

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,
we give you thanks and praise
that while we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

**MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD
LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;
WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP
BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;
WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS
GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Praise, my soul

John Goss (1800-1880)



1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge
grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate our God's great glory,
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence,
friend and stranger, guest and host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,

forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure,
foolishness none dare deride.

4. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

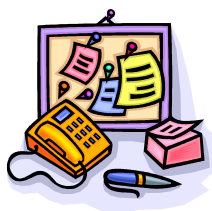
Iona Community

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Placare Christe servulis from Le Tombeau de Titelouze
Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	5 November – 11 November	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Film Group – Goodbye Lenin
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Next Week:	12 November – 18 November	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

PILLARS 2023 - Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November, instead of our food donations going to Te Whare Roimata, they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food, especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc. all welcome and will be well used. This is the thirteenth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS.

Film Group: Our November film is **Goodbye Lenin - tonight at 5pm**, to mark the anniversary of the opening of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989. How did the jubilant revolution affect the daily lives of ordinary citizens in the former East Berlin? This film shows a family over several months, beginning with the weekly demonstrations before, where the mother receives blows that put her into a coma in hospital. While she lies there for several months, the regime changes, and as a result, so does daily life. When this previously fanatical supporter of the DDR finally regains consciousness, the doctor fears that the shock of the new life could kill her. So, her son and his friend 'reconstruct' their former life. The film is comedic, but also poignant and informative and has won many awards. In German with English subtitles.

Sunday lunch 19 Nov – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please make sure you add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Or send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday the 15th.

Knox Life - Summer Edition - It's time to be thinking about the next publication of Knox Life which is due out in December. Let's make it a bumper edition! Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the June edition, our regular contributors of course, but also some new people. Remember this is our Christmas issue, so if you have any Christmas stories, photos or memories do please think about sharing them. Items please to Lynda in the office: office@knoxchurch.co.nz.



Iona Community Gathering

Monday 27th November 7pm
Christchurch Transitional Cathedral

**'Moving between contemplation and action
on the journey to justice and peace.'**

You are warmly invited to join us at this informal meeting to discuss, to explore, to celebrate and to pray. We will be facilitated by the Leader of the Iona Community, The Rev. Ruth Harvey. The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. <https://iona.org.uk/> Please contact Fiona Taylor if you require any further information meteorsfawt@gmail.com

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. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph: 379 2456.

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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"Jesus Bless Children ", by I Komang Wahyu, Den Pasar, Bali, Indonesia.

I was most impressed to read in Matthew 19 that Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as them". Adults often want to constrain children. Jesus wanted to welcome them, to talk to them, to bless them.

This inspired me to put it down on canvas using a decorative style. The colours I have chosen are bright to reflect the bright and colourful mood when Jesus called the children. These colours we usually encounter at the change of season from the dry to the wet - like the colours of new leaves. The aim was to represent the happy, loving mood of Jesus when he was blessing the children who were witnessing to their parents and the disciples. Jesus has been placed symmetrically in the centre to become the focus. I really enjoyed completing this work



from the moment of conception, particularly the colours and geometrical forms. I endeavoured to liberate myself in creation without being constrained by form or colour. The message is that the love and grace of Jesus is for all people, from babies to old people, and that those who are disciples must regularly rethink their attitudes that Jesus is selective.



Bible readings for next week will be:

- ☐ 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
- ☐ Matthew 25: 1-13

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