



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

26 May 2024



THE SPIRIT IS LIFE

a service for Trinity Sunday

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.

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 these candles in the name of the Holy Trinity.

**THE HOLY CREATOR - OUR ORIGIN AND END;
THE HOLY CHRIST - OUR FOUNDATION AND HOPE;
THE HOLY SPIRIT - OUR COMPANION AND LIFE.**

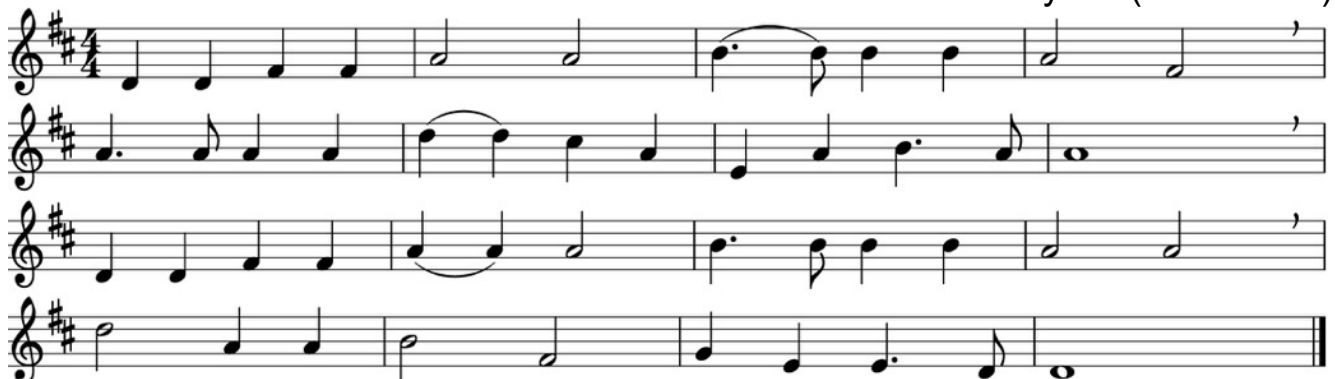
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
from the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Approach

Not with an arrogance of faith,
but with a sense of wonder
for the imagination and insight
of faithful people who have preceded us,
WE COME TO SING OUR SONGS OF GOD.

Not with a list of boxes to be ticked,
nor with a desire to condemn the world,
but with a loving openness to see as Christ sees,
and to pray as Christ prays,
WE WHISPER "MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY".

Not because we are experts in the Law,
or victors in the debate,
not because we understand everything
about heaven and earth,
but because the wind of the Spirit
has blown us to offer worship,
**WE DARE TO CONTEMPLATE
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOD.**

Be in our gathering
AND BLESS OUR SILENT WORSHIP.

Silence

The Pharisee Nicodemus
sneaks in at night
to have a word with Jesus.
Perhaps he is frightened of being seen.
Perhaps he is anxious not to display
the many blind spots and errors.
PERHAPS WE KNOW HOW THIS FEELS.

In a conversation with Jesus,
he will be challenged to be born to a new
and more mysterious understanding of the presence of God -
**DECONSTRUCT, RECONSTRUCT,
BLOW, BLOW, YOU SPIRIT OF GOD!**

Affirming the presence of the teaching Christ,
who leads us to places of depth
in which we can see our lack of understanding,
**WE CONFESS OUR SMALL THOUGHTS,
OUR HARSH WORDS,
OUR TROUBLING DEEDS.**

Leaning towards the healing and wholeness we have seen in 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.

The Theme Prayer:

In great understanding,
with patience and skill,
your Christ guided Nicodemus, O God,
to see that love was what moved your heart.

**MAY WE, LIKE NICODEMUS,
EXPLORE THE WONDER AND MYSTERY
OF BEING A PEOPLE OF FAITH,**

chasing the wind of the Spirit,
REJOICING IN BEING BORN FROM ABOVE.

For we pray it in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave 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.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

The First Lesson: Romans 8: 12-17

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1-17

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)

Strange Wee Reflection: In the flesh, he lives to the Spirit

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:

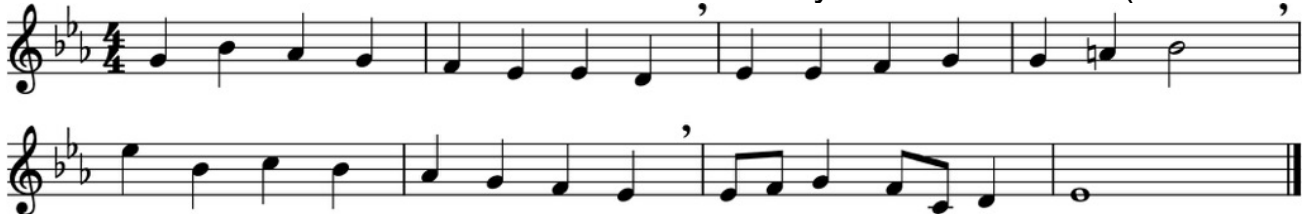
<https://youtu.be/xxEDhERBnls>

Music for Reflection: O lux beata Trinitas
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Hymn:

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power redeeming
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph,
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,
guide my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Were we to seek to cultivate in our life together
a living in the Spirit,

**PERHAPS WE WOULD OFFER OURSELVES
TO LOVE AND SERVE.**

Were we to honour God's loving the world,

PERHAPS WE WOULD GIVE OF OUR WEALTH.

Were we to be the Body of Christ,

PERHAPS WE WOULD DEDICATE FOOD FOR THE WHARE.

In hope, faith and wonder

**WE DO ALL THESE THINGS,
IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Lobe den Herren
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 26 May – 1 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 2 June – 8 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Te Whare Roimata - Call out for tinned foods e.g. baked beans, spaghetti etc. (something to make a meal from).

Film Group - No film for June. Regular viewings will resume on Sunday 7 July with The Miracle Club (2023). Details later.

Monday 3 June (King's Birthday public holiday), Town Hall Auditorium 2.30pm annual organ curator's FREE concert with Martin Setchell (organ). Admission FREE. (Koha appreciated). Book direct online at <https://organconcert2024.eventbrite.co.nz>.

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.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**

Civil Defence Alarm Test

At some time on Sunday 26 May, Civil Defence will test its Emergency Public alarm system by sending a scary-sounding noise to every mobile phone in Aotearoa New Zealand. No one knows when it will sound (although it is rumoured that it will be between 6:00pm and 7:00pm). Should it happen during worship, we'll note that it's happening, confirm that it's a drill, then keep calm and carry on.



As we head into winter, Tangata Atumotu Trust (TAT) is experiencing a high demand for beds to help Pacific families in Canterbury and Mid Canterbury. If you or someone you know have a bed that is no longer needed, please contact Sina (s.vaele@tat.org.nz) TAT are happy to arrange pick up at a time that is suitable to you.



**LIVING WAGE
SCHOOLS**

CHRISTCHURCH

LAUNCH

5 JUNE
4PM - 5PM
VILLA MARIA
21 PEER ST
RICCARTON

A grassroots campaign to secure a Living Wage for all cleaners, caterers, caretakers and groundskeepers at publicly-funded schools.

Join in. We need your help.

livingwageschools.org.nz



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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