



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

2 June 2024



A FIELD OF GRAIN AND A DEED OF LIFE

A COMMUNION SERVICE

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.

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.

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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.

We welcome Mr Russell Kent, who is filling in for our organist, Jeremy. Russell, thank you so much for being with us today.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WALKING THROUGH THE FIELDS OF THE WORLD;
JESUS, GILDING WITH LOVE THE SKIES OF THE MORNING;
JESUS, HEALER OF THE SICK AND LORD OF THE SABBATH.**

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

Hymn:

Laudes Domini

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the word on high
the hosts of angels cry:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth’s wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air, and sea, and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, when day is past,
of all my thoughts the last:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
5. Be this while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”

*Anon, German, early 19th cent
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

Prayer of Approach

When morning gilds the skies,
the heart wakes up,
the day begins.
What will we do with the hours now given?
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.

Shall we walk through a field,
push our way through the grain that grows?
Shall we marvel at the productivity of the earth,
the goodness of a harvest?
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.

Or shall we go to the synagogue,
to reflect on the goodness of God?
Go to the house of prayer
to praise the Giver of the Sabbath?
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.

Shall we search the world
for the giving of life,
the doing of good,
the restoring of what is lost?
MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED.

In the quiet,
WE OFFER OUR PRAISE.

Silence

Something is wrong with the picture:
in the field of grain we find crouching Pharisees,
looking for sin and causing trouble -
A BLOT ON THE SABBATH.

In the synagogue we find withered hands
and hardened hearts -
A BLOT ON THE SABBATH.

In the world we find Herodians and Pharisees conspiring,
sharing notes on the destruction of life,
delighting in that which withers -
A BLOT ON THE SABBATH.

Jesus looks at the hardness of heart
that damages the world.

**IT MAKES HIM ANGRY;
IT MAKES HIM SAD.**

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 Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath,
observed that the Sabbath was made for humanity,
and not humanity for the Sabbath.

He confronted the distortions of faith
that made life smaller and meaner.

He enabled the man with the withered hand
to stretch out and be well.

**MAY WE BE INSPIRED
BY HIS MINISTRY OF RESTORATION,
FINDING PEACE
AND GIVING JOY TO THOSE AROUND US.**

For we pray this in his name,
AMEN.

The Notices

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:23 - 3:6

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Sermon: What's wrong with this picture?

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/i-19NtH88bg>

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words, "Stretch out the withered hand",
you are invited to respond "**IN CHRIST, THE HAND IS HEALED**".

. . . **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:

Ye Banks and Braes

traditional Scottish folk tune



1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. Now to the table we are called,
love bids us come, and be made whole;
the Sabbath Lord, who calls us forward,
would thaw the heart and warm the soul.
So lift the cup and break the bread

in his dear name we dare to do,
the withered hand shall stretch in faith,
the love of God shall be made new.

*vv 1-2, John Bell and Graham Maule
v 3, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

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.*

Music during Communion: Here I am Lord
Marianne Kim's arrangement
of a tune by Dan Schutte

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:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Fanfare for Organ, 1975
John James

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



NOTICES

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

Next Week: 9 June – 15 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
11.30am Shared Lunch in Lounge
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>.

Shared lunch in Lounge Sunday 9 June – All welcome. Just bring a small plate of finger food which can be left in the kitchen or lounge before Church. If you wish to attend but had forgotten about it, come along anyway as there is always enough to share.

Sunday lunch 16 June – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us, or, send an email to jannekenuysink@gmail.com no later than Wednesday 12th.

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.



Living Wage

The Living Wage Movement NZ is launching a initiative to push for ancillary staff at schools (cleaners, grounds-keepers, etc) to receive the living wage. Just before the local launch, Nathaniel Herz-Edinger, Canterbury's co-ordinator, is visiting Knox today. We'll gather in the chapel after morning tea (around 11:20am) to hear from Nathaniel and to ask him questions. He may have questions for us about the schools with which we might have connections. Once

Nathaniel has finished, the Public Questions Group will convene to consider the matters it has identified as priorities for this year.

This year's Matariki service

Knox will be observing Matariki on Sunday 30 June this year. One of the conventions at Matariki in te Ao Māori is to speak out, in community, the names of those who have died in the last year. We have done this a few times now, and people have found it meaningful.

During the notices on the Sunday before Matariki (23 June) Matthew will speak about where the Māori "speaking of the name" tradition came from, and how it aligns with various other mourning traditions.

You don't need to let Matthew know whose name you plan to shout out, but please spend the next while thinking about whether you have a name that comes to mind.



Two "Engaging with art" services

In May of 2022, we had a set of services during which we engaged with some artworks made by Pete Majendie. It was a rich experience. Happily, Pete has agreed to bring a new set of works to Knox this year on Sundays 9 and 16 June. Matthew will choose some readings and write some reflections in response to the some of the works. Pete and Joyce will join us at the services, being available after each one to answer questions and stimulate some reflection.



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



BERNSTEIN'S **CHICHESTER**
PSALMS

A CONCERT OF PSALMS

SATURDAY 8 JUNE, 2024, 7.30PM
CHRISTCHURCH TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL

Leonard Bernstein

Conductor Dr. John Linker

Featuring

Jeremy Woodside (Organ) Ciaran Wright (Percussion)

Helen Webby (Harp) Hamish Dark (Treble)

Tickets available through Humanitix \$35.00, Concession \$25.00

Door sales available, cash only please.

Christchurch Christian Meditation Community

Community Day

St Saviour's Church (Manse,)
Lyttelton

17 Winchester St

15th June 2024

10 am (for a cuppa) 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Theme:
Awakening to the Spirit

In our time together Jane and Annette will draw on John Main's teachings about meditation in the Christian tradition and contemplative living.

Along the way, we will explore spiritual practices that can deepen our spiritual journey and awaken us to the Spirit within each of us.

There will be two periods of meditation with time to talk about the challenges of silence, stillness, and simplicity and the transformation they offer us.

We look forward to sharing the space with you.

Love and Peace

- Hot drinks provided
- Bring your lunch
- Koha- \$ 15-00 suggestion
- Parking on the church grounds is available
- Come as you are, no meditation experience is required

Contact Annette- 0212075122



1 Samuel 21: 1-6

David and the Holy Bread

21 David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David and said to him, “Why are you alone and no one with you?” **2** David said to the priest Ahimelech, “The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, ‘No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you and with which I have charged you.’ I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. **3** Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread or whatever is here.” **4** The priest answered David, “I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.” **5** David answered the priest, “Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?” **6** So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.



Bible readings for next week will be posted on the website when they have been chosen.

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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