



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

23 June 2024



SEA STORIES

- SURVIVING THE STORM -

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, CALLING HIS DISCIPLES TO SAIL OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE;
JESUS, REBUKING THE WIND AND STILLING THE STORM;
JESUS, ASKING US "WHY ARE YOU AFRAID? HAVE FAITH!"**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Mannheim

Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876), ad. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



1. Lead us, O Creator, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Keeper be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe:
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867), ad.

Prayer of Approach

Perhaps it is true, in some ways,
great, wave-treading God,
that the world is a tempestuous sea.
And maybe that's why we have psalms
about surviving the storms:

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD,
FOR GOD IS GOOD;
GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

And maybe that's why we have stories
about Jesus rebuking the wind
and stilling the storm.

**WHO IS THIS, THEN,
THAT EVEN THE WIND AND SEA OBEY HIM?**

Yet, whatever the storm story,
time and again it rings true
that you bring order and peace,
harbour and haven,

A BLESSING AND A REST.

Therefore, in our silent prayer,
WE OFFER YOU OUR PRAISE.

Silence

We confess that some of our sea stories
involve ships going to war,
the dumping of shark fins,
**THE LEAKING OF OIL,
THE TURNING AWAY OF THOSE WHO ARE SINKING.**

Our sea stories echo the other stories
of how our courage melts away,
how we stagger like our wits have ended,
**HOW WE FAIL TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOURS
AND TO TEND FOR CREATION
AS WE HAVE BEEN COMMANDED.**

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 wonderful works,
brought safely into harbour
after a terrible storm,
**THE PEOPLE OF THE PSALMIST
GAVE THANKS TO YOU
FOR YOUR STEADFAST LOVE.**

After their terrible storm,
in which they questioned your caring,
**JESUS' DISCIPLES FOUND SOLID GROUND
IN HIS STILLING OF THE STORM.**

May we also know you
as we ride the storms that come to us,
**LEARNING HOW NOT TO BE AFRAID,
BUT FINDING THE CALM OF CHRIST.**

We pray this in his name,
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:

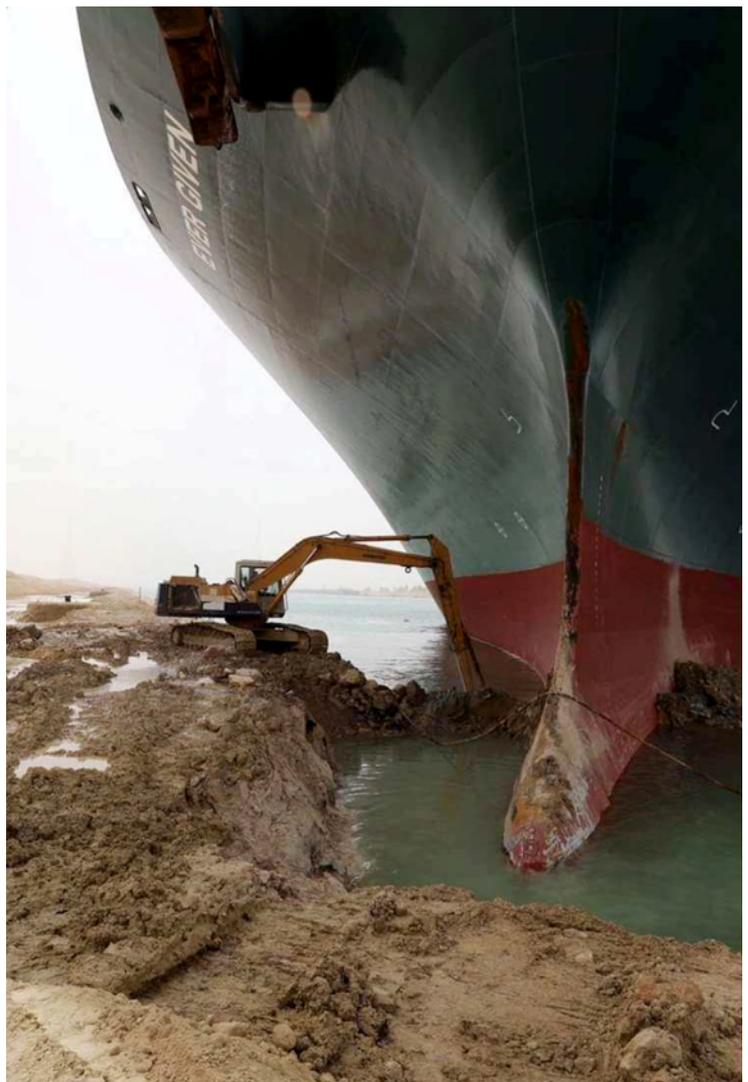
Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

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

The Gospel Lesson:

Mark 4: 35-41

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



Hymn:

Melita

J.B Dykes (1823-1876)



1. O great Defender, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bidst the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
our people shield in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
guard them wherever they may go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.

Sermon: A tale of two sailings

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/RIAYmBs3yF4>

Music for Reflection: Pari Intervallo
Arvo Part (b. 1935)

Hymn:

Columbus

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)



1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.
*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

3. When the clouds are low and
the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws
near,
be the spirit bird hovering
overhead
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce



The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

If we have a sense ever of having been saved from a storm,
THEN WE SING OUR PRAISE.

If we have ever been able to give safe harbour
to someone who is struggling,
THEN WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE.

If any storm experience has made us stronger,
more empathetic,
or more useful in God's purposes,
THEN WE OFFER OUR GROWTH.

May the money we offer,
the food we bring,
and the faith which the Spirit grows in us
BE PART OF THE STILLING OF THE STORM.

For we pray this in the name of the One who calls us
not to be afraid,
even Jesus Christ,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Laudate Dominum

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. You servants of God,
your Sovereign proclaim,
and publish abroad
that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious
of Jesus extol;
who, sovereign and glorious,
now rules over all.

2. Christ rules in the storm,
almighty to save;
our faith he will form,
and pilgrim ways pave;
disciples and sailors
sing full in God's praise,
ascribing the stilling
to Jesus always.
3. Then let us adore,
and render God's right,
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.

*vv. 1 & 3, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
v. 2, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata and Fugue in F
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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**John Howard, Prime minister of Australia (2001), in
response to the ship, the Tampa, carrying 433 Middle
Eastern refugees into Australian waters:**

**“We will decide who comes to this country
and the circumstances in which they come.”**



NOTICES

This Week:	23 June – 29 June
	11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	30 June – 6 July
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

This year's Matariki service

Knox will be observing Matariki on Sunday 30 June this year (next Sunday). One of the conventions at Matariki in te Ao Maori 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 find it meaningful. Please spend the next while thinking about whether you have a name that comes to mind.

Royal School of Church Music (Canterbury) Annual General Meeting

7:00pm, Monday 24 June - Knox Church, 28 Bealey Avenue

While this meeting will include the usual business for an annual meeting (reception of reports, adoption of budget, etc.), the business will be followed by a couple of delightful things.

Matthew has been asked to repeat the talk he delivered to a very small audience at February's RSCM function "Past, Present, Future - Hymnody".

And Jeremy Woodside will be giving a short organ recital. Everyone is welcome - free entry.

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.

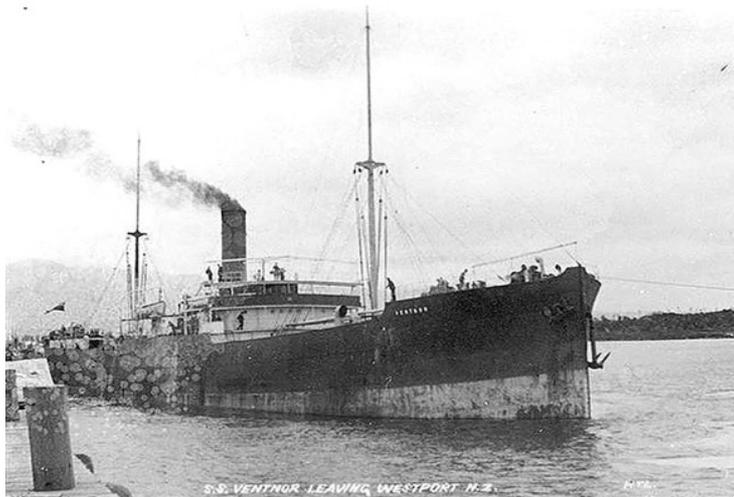
3 famous "ships in strife" around New Zealand



The Wahine, sank in the entrance to Wellington Harbour, 1968. 51 people died.



Sailing for Tauranga, the MV Rena grounded on the Astrolabe reef, 2011. "Rena ship owners Daina Shipping, a subsidiary of Costamare, was reported to have spent NZ\$235m on the salvage and cleanup operations. Lloyds reported that the insurance costs for removal of the wreck were US\$240m.



The charitable association Cheong Sing Tong chartered SS Ventnor to return the remains of 499 bodies exhumed from 40 cemeteries in New Zealand to their homes in southern China. These men, mostly gold miners, were from the Poon Yu and Jung Seng districts of Guangdong Province. The ship broke up in 1902, sinking near the Hokianga Heads.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 7:11-18, 7:23-8:1
- Matthew 7: 24-27

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