



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

30 June 2024



# WIND, RAIN AND SHELTER

**a service for Matariki**

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## 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 Matariki constellation, with Waipunarangi and Ururangi at top left. In other parts of the world, Waipunarangi is called "Electra" and Ururangi, "Merope". In te Ao Māori, they are the weather stars.

## SOME NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

**Māori New Year?** This is the third year Knox has observed a Matariki theme on the Sunday closest to "Māori New Year", the day on which the constellation Matariki rises in the skies over Aotearoa New Zealand. We refer to it as "Māori New Year" because it has themes of endings and beginnings, letting go and looking forward. It happens at a time when the earth is sleeping, and when Māori gathered in their homes over the short days and long nights to tell stories around the fire.

**Speaking the Names.** Part of the story-telling was the speaking again of the names of those who had died during the previous year. Not speaking the names of the deceased after the tangi was part of "proper mourning" for Māori. When photography arrived, it became customary also to turn framed photos of the dead to face the wall. And then, at Matariki, part of what the community did was "shout out the name" and restore the image. Matariki was a time for speaking out again, with love, the names of those who had disappeared. This is part of our Matariki litany, happening later in the service. We've published notices over the last few weeks, encouraging people to consider names they might "shout out". When Matthew invites you to, please feel free to speak any names that come to mind.

**Matariki Stars and today's theme.** There are nine stars in the Matariki constellation. This year we are focussing on two: (1) Ururangi - winds of the sky, and (2) Waipunarangi - rain.

We are delighted this morning to welcome soprano, Deborah Wai Kapohe, who will sing some special Matariki music. Thank you Deborah!



Te Ātihaunui-a-Pāpāurangi, Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki, Ngāti Rua (Te Whakatōhea) and Ngāti Kahungunu.

Born in Southland, New Zealand, Deborah has performed in operas, musical theatre, contemporary Māori music, arts festivals, proms, concerts, recitals, self-accompanied guitar and voice recitals, and special events throughout New Zealand and Australia, as well as in the UK, Asia Pacific Region, and South Africa.

Today, the service will not begin with the minister's usual greeting and welcome. The Bible will already be on the lectern. At ten o'clock, after a time of quiet, Deborah, playing the Pūmoana, will call us to gather.

She then will sing Dorothy Buchanan's (b. 1945) "Reo Karanga"

The minister will lead

### **The Call to Worship:**

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

**JESUS, WHOSE EARTHLY LIFE EXPOSED HIM TO WIND AND RAIN;  
JESUS, WHO CALLED US TO BUILD WELL AND STAND STRONG;  
JESUS, THE MATARIKI CHILD OF GOD'S LOVING HEART.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### **Hymn:**

Tama Ngakau

traditional Māori himene



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| 1. Tama ngākau mārie<br>Tama a te Atua<br>Tēnei tonu mātou<br>Arohaina mai | 3. Takahia ki raro<br>Tau e kino ai<br>Kei pā kaha tonu<br>Ko nga mahi hē. |
| 2. Murua rā ngā hara<br>Wetekina mai<br>Ēnei here kino<br>Wakararu nei.    | 4. Hōmai he aroha<br>Mōu i mate nei<br>Tēnei ra e Ihu<br>Tākina e koe      |
| 5. Tēnei arahina<br>A tutuki noa<br>Putā i te pōuri<br>Whiwhi hari nui.    |  |

*Traditional Māori*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
tama ngakau marie -  
child of God's peaceful heart,  
**HEAR OUR PRAISE.**



As our God has called the Matariki stars  
to rise in our skies,  
we know that it is winter.

**THE DAYS ARE SHORT,  
THE NIGHTS ARE LONG,  
THE LAND LIES SLEEPING.**

From their gardens,  
busy people have raked up the last of their Autumn leaves;  
rain and wind have encouraged us to stay at home,  
to light the fires,  
to draw the curtains,  
to tell the stories,

**TO REMEMBER WHAT WAS.**

But now here,  
in a church in Ōtautahi,  
as in many other whare across this land,  
we welcome this time to turn a page.

**WE SEEK THE LOVE AND COUNSEL  
OF THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR  
WHO CALLS US FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT.**

Hear our silent prayer,  
**THROUGH CHRIST, THE LORD.**

*Silence*

We confess that our world lacks trust,  
**MAYBE BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO WIN TRUST.**

We confess that our world lacks love,  
**MAYBE BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO LOVE.**

We confess that our world lacks forgiveness,  
**MAYBE BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO FORGIVE.**

We confess that the stars are unseen,  
**MAYBE BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO LIFT OUR EYES.**

In the smallness of our darkened house,  
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, our Shelter,  
as Matariki stars rise in our skies,  
and this land offers its quietness,  
we remember how you have sheltered your people  
in times of wind and rain.  
We remember also the encouragement of Jesus  
to live well on ground that is solid.

**MAY WE FIND ROOM FOR ALL OF THIS IN OUR HEARTS,  
THAT WHEN THE DAYS LENGTHEN  
AND THE COLD IS OVER,  
WE MAY STEP WELL  
INTO THE DAYS OF YOUR SPRINGTIME HANDS.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, 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 KI 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.*

## **Waipunarangi and Ururangi - Matariki Reflections**

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 reflections being practised is available from 10:00am today:

<https://youtu.be/B8pDY86c728>

**Reflection:** Introducing the Sisters

**Music for Reflection:** Hine e Hine, by Princess te Rangi Pai (1868-1916)  
Deborah Wai Kapohe

**The First Lesson:** Genesis 7:11-18, 7:23-8:1

In this is the Word of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**A Reflection:** Hoping in the dark

*We remain seated to sing*

**Hymn:**

Seelenbräutigam

attrib. Adam Drese (1620-1701)



1. Round me falls the night;  
Saviour, be my light:  
through the hours in darkness shrouded  
let me see thy face unclouded;  
let thy glory shine  
in this heart of mine.
2. Earthly work is done,  
earthly sounds are none;  
rest in sleep and silence seeking,  
let me hear thee softly speaking;  
in my spirit's ear  
whisper "I am near".
3. Blessèd, heavenly Light,  
shining through earth's night;  
voice that oft of love hast told me;  
arms so strong to clasp and hold me;

thou thy watch wilt keep,  
Saviour, o'er my sleep.

*William Romanis (1824-1899)*

**The Second Lesson:** Matthew 7: 24-27

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**A Reflection:** Building for wind and rain

**Hymn:**

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:  
who else can our hope renew?  
Still through change and chance God guides us,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, grace alone,  
calls our hearts to be God's own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
what with care and toil we're building,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is our temple and our tower.
3. In glad hymns to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the love in Christ made known.  
Hear Christ's call, one and all;  
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

*tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*



## **The Matariki Litany:**

*This litany is adapted from one produced by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland*

E te Atua, generous God,  
by the light of the Southern stars, te marama o ngā whetu,  
you guided the great traveller Kupe to Aotearoa,  
a land teeming with life and steeped in natural wonder.

**YOU ARE KIND IN ALL YOUR WAYS,  
YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO END.**

E te Atua, generous God,  
by the light of the Southern stars, te marama o ngā whetu,  
you guided the voyaging waka to this land,  
a land rich in food and natural resources.

**YOU ARE KIND IN ALL YOUR WAYS,  
YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO END.**

E te Atua, generous God,  
by the light of the Southern stars, te marama o ngā whetu,  
you guided the ship Endeavour and all who followed her to these islands,  
islands that nursed the hopes and dreams of many travellers.

**YOU ARE KIND IN ALL YOUR WAYS,  
YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO END.**

E te Atua, generous God,  
by the light of the Southern stars, te marama o ngā whetu,  
you guided all who travelled here,  
making of this place a home that is abundant  
with the promise of new beginnings.

**YOU ARE KIND IN ALL YOUR WAYS,  
YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO END.**

Some weeks from now, Matariki will set.  
It will not rise again the next evening.  
There are people we love, whose lives have set, who have died,  
and whom we miss deeply. We remember their name (pause),  
their face (pause),  
their presence (pause),  
how they blessed us (pause).

Just as Matariki now rises,  
let it be a reminder to us, that so too, our loved ones rise to new life.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

We call out their names

*Please call out the names of your loved ones who have died since last Matariki*

Kia whakapaingia te Atua,  
 te Matua o to tatou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti.  
 Na tana mahi tohu i whanau hou ai,  
 ki te tumanako ora,  
 i a Ihu Karaiti  
 ka ara ake nei i te hunga mate.

*trans.*  
*Blessed be God  
 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
 By his act of mercy we are born again  
 to a living hope  
 in Jesus Christ  
 who has risen from the dead.*

*1 Peter 1:3*

### **Hymn:**

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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| <p>1. Give thanks for life,<br/>         the measure of our days,<br/>         mortal, we pass through<br/>         beauty that decays,<br/>         yet sing to God our hope,<br/>         our love, our praise,<br/>         Alleluia!</p>                       | <p>3. And for our own, our living<br/>         and our dead,<br/>         thanks for the love by<br/>         which our life is fed,<br/>         a love not changed by time<br/>         or death or dread,<br/>         Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. Give thanks for those<br/>         who made their life a light<br/>         caught from the Christ-flame,<br/>         bursting through the night,<br/>         who touched the truth, who<br/>         burned for what is right,<br/>         Alleluia!</p> | <p>4. Give thanks for hope,<br/>         that like the wheat, the grain<br/>         lying in darkness<br/>         does its life retain,<br/>         in resurrection<br/>         to grow green again.<br/>         Alleluia!</p>     |

*Shirley Murray (1931-2020)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Linda Wilkins*

#### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

The wind and rain may beat down  
 upon the shelters of many.

**IF THEY NEED FOOD,  
 MAY THIS FOOD BE THEIR FOOD.**

May this money also find its way  
to the bringing of households  
from darkness into light,  
**UNDER THESE MATARIKI STARS;**

for we pray it in the name of Jesus,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### 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. Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.
3. 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.
4. 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: Introduction and Finale from Kiwi Fireworks  
Paul Spicer (b1952)

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



## NOTICES

**This Week:**           **30 June – 6 July**  
Sunday               10.00am   Morning Worship  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Next Week:**       **7 July – 13 July**  
Sunday             10.00am   Morning Worship  
                       4.00pm    Film Group in Lounge  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Sunday 7 July: Film Group 4pm in the lounge: The Miracle Club.** This delightful and inspirational film is set in 1950s Ireland. A group of hardworking Dublin women win a pilgrimage to Lourdes. They are joined by their local priest, and also by a woman who has just returned home after living in the USA for 20 years. The brilliant team of actors include Maggie Smith and Laura Linney. Due to family commitments there will be no film in August.

**Shared Lunch** – In lounge on Sunday 14 July at 11.30am. Bring along a small plate of food to share. If you forget, don't worry, as there's always plenty to go around.

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20 June 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa

I write to update you on The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

The Royal Commission will conclude its Inquiry and present its Report to the Governor General later this month. As the Presbyterian Church has participated and cooperated fully with this Inquiry we will be included in the Report.

We now await the Report and recommendations and anticipate that the Commission's Report will not be an easy read as the Commission Chair states, "The whole country must pay attention when our final report is released and take responsibility to ensure that it never happens again".

The Government will table the Report in Parliament soon after the delivery to the Governor-General, this is when the Report and recommendations will be released to the public.

Although the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care is coming to a close, I cannot stress strongly enough that we want to hear from anyone who has experienced abuse involving the Presbyterian Church. As a Church we take our duty of care and any allegations of abuse and sexual misconduct very seriously. Our Church policy provides that any allegations of a criminal nature are reported to the Police, and complainants are supported to do so.

Should you wish to report or discuss any matter concerning abuse and the Presbyterian Church, I encourage you to do so in whatever way is right for you. You can contact our Complaints and Disputes Manager, email [ComplaintsandDisputesManager@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:ComplaintsandDisputesManager@presbyterian.org.nz) and free phone 0800 244 357. There is information on the Church website [here](#) on how to report abuse in the PCANZ.

The Church also has its own complaint processes to give any person who has experienced, or has knowledge of, any form of harm in our Church an avenue to raise these matters and seek justice.

If you wish to make a complaint through the Church's processes regarding any acts of inappropriate or unethical behaviour by a Church office-bearer or member, please contact the Complaints Manager as above, and see more information about the Church's complaints process [here](#).

We are fully committed to keeping our children, churches, and communities safe; to supporting those who have been harmed; and to continuing to uphold our Christian values and principles. To this end all people representing or working for the PCANZ are required to abide by the Code of Ethics policy, and our Child Protection Policy must be applied when people in our Church have responsibility for children and young people. I encourage you to read both these policies if you have not done so. You can find these [here](#).



Rev Rose Luxford  
Moderator

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We also have on our website a number of resources aimed at keeping people safe, these include our [preventing family violence](#) resource page, our [PCANZ White Ribbon NZ](#) resource page, and our [e-minister service](#) which provides a means to email with an ordained Presbyterian minister anonymously and confidentially.

Beneath our policies and processes lies our commitment to Jesus Christ who cares for and values all people and came so that all may have fullness of life.

Some of the most vulnerable people in our country have suffered enormously through abuse in their lives and this continues to impact them and have a ripple effect on society. It is heart-breaking and deeply distressing. At this time let us continue to pray and to work towards justice, healing and hope.

Yours in Christ

*Right Rev Rose Luxford*

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## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Mark 6: 1-13

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