



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service

28 July 2024



HOW WILL WE FEED THE PEOPLE?

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 Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

The Order of St Lazarus was named after a character in one of Jesus' parables - Lazarus, a poor man with leprosy. The order chose him as the figure head, since it had a special concern to care for people with leprosy. These days, the order sponsors all manner of charitable causes, but still has a concern for matters related to physical health. The local branch appreciates the opportunity to visit congregations of diverse denominations and gently spreads the word about its work. We welcome members of the Canterbury branch today, including its co-commanders Rob Cope-Williams and Gareth Turner.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, FEEDING THOUSANDS WITH JUST A FEW MORSELS;
JESUS, STRETCHING WHAT GENEROSITY CAN DO;
JESUS, CALLING US INTO A LIFE OF LOVE AND GIVING.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

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. Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand love does stand;
joy awaits each new command.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Prayer of Approach

Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
pleasure leads us where we go.

WE WHO FOLLOW SHALL NOT FALL.

We offer thanks, praise, singing and prayer,
in honour of the One in whom we have seen such generosity.
He takes a few fish, and a wee basket of bread,
and feeds a multitude.

WE WHO FOLLOW SHALL NOT FALL.

We offer thanks, praise, singing and prayer,
in honour of the One in whom our souls are nourished,
fed even where food was an impossibility.

WE WHO FOLLOW SHALL NOT FALL.

We offer thanks, praise, singing and prayer,
in honour of the One who asked a clever question:
"how shall the people be fed",
in order that a miracle might occur as they gave their fish and bread,
and maybe later their time, their hearts, their faith..

WE WHO FOLLOW SHALL NOT FALL.

Bless us, O God, as we explore this story of the feeding of the five thousand.
Speak to us, from it, as the One who not only feeds the people,
but also as the One who makes us a people of generous faith.
Make us those who can say, in the following of Christ, that

WE WHO FOLLOW SHALL NOT FALL.

Silence

We confess, O God,
that while we are called to be generous
and to multiply what we have for the good of others,
that we fall short of this calling.
That which is selfish,
that which is greedy,
that which reduces options, rather than increases them,
that which contributes to the culture of "there is not enough",
thus pitting brother against brother, sister against sister,
in the fight for food - and everything we need to live -
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:

With a multitude of people before him,
Jesus asked a sensible question:

"how will these people be fed?"

By activating a spirit of giving in some of them,
he then proceeded to feed the people,
such that baskets of food
were found to be in surplus of the need.

**SO, GRACIOUS GOD,
BE IN OUR HEARTS,
IN LIKE MANNER,
THAT FREED FROM GREED AND FEAR,
WE MIGHT BE THE PEOPLE OF THE CHRIST
WHO FEEDS THE PEOPLE.**

For we pray this in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to pray, 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.

Hymn:

Liebster Jesu

Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The First Lesson:

2 Kings 4: 42-44

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Music for Reflection:

Aria from Baroquerie

Ronald Corp (b. 1951)

A Reflection:

Ian Hay, Max Robinson - we don't have enough

The Gospel Lesson:

John 6: 1-15

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

A Reflection: Yes, there is enough

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/EkErmRXPeAE>

Hymn:

Ye Banks and Braes

traditional Scottish folk tune



1. O gen'rous God in whom we live,
whose Son the crowds did fully feed,
we sing a song of thanks and praise
in hope that we will meet the need.
*O dare we sing, our gracious God,
that fish and bread shall feed us all?
Break loose the way we close our hands,
and let us in the Christ stand tall.*
2. There is no time to do our work,
the week is flying past our grasp.
And yet, by grace enough is found
for needful things to form and last.
O dare we sing, our gracious God . . .
3. In Jesus Christ, a boy gives bread,
just what he has, to bless and share,
and others then are moved to give,
a movement marked by love and care.
O dare we sing, our gracious God . . .
4. We know no magic for the shops,
by which our wallets, poor and rude,
can open up a plenteous feast,
or furnish empty plates with food.
O dare we sing, our gracious God . . .

5. Yet make us your own people, God,
who move with an emboldened grace,
to give in ways that change the world,
and so reveal your sacred face,
that we may dare, O gracious One,
to offer bread that feeds us all.
Break loose the way we close our hands,
and let us in the Christ stand tall.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "As loaves and fish are shared",
you are invited to respond " **OPEN THE HEARTS OF YOUR PEOPLE** "*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

One child brings bread and fish,
AND ALL THE PEOPLE ARE FED.

One act of giving is done,
AND THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE.

May what we offer here, O God,
become a blessing in the world,
FOR WE PRAY IT IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
FEEDING THE MULTITUDE,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Fugue in D, BWV 532
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	28 July – 3 August
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 11.00am Shalom in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	4 August – 10 August
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Congregational Meeting - A meeting to present the 2024-2025 Knox budget will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 18 August 2024. Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation from Sunday 4 August and may be found at each entrance to the church.

Shared lunch - In the Lounge on 11 August. Bring a small plate of finger food which can be left in the Lounge or brought with you after morning tea in the Church. All welcome.

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 Burns Lectures in Theology

These lectures, held in Ōtepoti Dunedin, are also available online. Click the links at the appropriate

times (5:15pm-6:30pm on the days advertised).

Beverly Roberts Gaventa is Distinguished Professor of New Testament Interpretation at [Baylor University](#) and Helen H.P. Manson Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis Emerita at [Princeton Theological Seminary](#).

"I am not ashamed": Apostle and Gospel in Paul's Letter to the Romans - Professor Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Baylor University, Texas.

[Apostle and Gospel in Paul's Letter to the Romans: An Overview](#), Tuesday 30 July
[Troubling Authority: Romans 1:1–](#)

[17](#), Wednesday 31 July

[From "They" to "I": Romans 7](#), Thursday 1 August

[Between Christ and Israel: Romans 9–11](#), 6 August

[Paul the Stranger: Romans 15:14–33 in Conversation with Karl Barth](#), Wednesday 7 August

[The Company an Apostle Keeps: Romans 16](#), Thursday 8 August



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Two things that Matthew is trying to memorise

Full many a glorious morning have I seen
 Flatter the mountain-tops with sovereign
 eye,
 Kissing with golden face the meadows
 green,
 Gilding pale streams with heavenly
 alchemy;
 Anon permit the basest clouds to ride
 With ugly rack on his celestial face
 And from the forlorn world his visage hide,
 Stealing unseen to west with this disgrace.
 Even so my sun one early morn did shine
 With all-triumphant splendour on my brow;
 But out, alack! he was but one hour mine;
 The region cloud hath mask'd him from me
 now.
 Yet him for this my love no whit disdaineth;
 Suns of the world may stain when heaven's
 sun staineth.

Te atawhai o tatou Ariki
The grace of our Lord
 o Ihu Karaiti
of Jesus Christ
 Me te aroha o te Atua
The love of God
 me te whiwhinga tahitanga
and the fellowship
 ki te Wairua Tapu
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Knox Church

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The Bible reading for next week will be:

1 Kings 21: 1-19

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