



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

4 August 2024



NABOTH'S VINEYARD

A COMMUNION SERVICE ON PEACE 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.

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.

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, MAKING HIS HOME IN THE HILLS AND VALLEYS OF OUR WORLD;
JESUS, SHARING THE WINE OF THE VINE-GROWER'S NEW COVENANT;
JESUS, FLOWER OF EARTH AND BUD OF HEAVEN.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Lucerna Laudoniae

David Evans (1874-1948)



1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
2. For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God . . .
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God . . .
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ our God . . .
5. For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
joys bestowed by love's design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God . . .

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Somewhere down that valley,
or somewhere on the plain,
vines are growing -
livelihood is reaching to the sun,
the vintage will be good, and "home" is being made.

GIVE THANKS FOR THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

Somewhere in that heart,
"moment" is kept for what's been received -
the gifts of the ancestors are cherished,
hopes for the future are expressed.

THE KORIMAKO SINGS IN OUR TREES.

Somewhere a child is born,
and parents and aunts and uncles,
koro and kuia
are hoping that we can give those who are yet to be born
a world that is just, peaceful and true.

THANKS FOR A VISION THAT WARMS THE HEART.

In silence, we creatures who stand on the earth
give thanks to our God.

Silence

Somewhere next to the valley or over the plain
there is a palace,
AND INSIDE IT, A KING AND A QUEEN.

Somewhere in a heart,
a desire is forming -
**THE VINEYARD IS SPIED
BY JEALOUS EYES.**

Somewhere a child will be born
into where its inheritance might have been,
had it not been stolen.
**THE VINEYARD WEEPS
THAT IT HAS BECOME A CRIME SCENE.**

As we engage this morning, God whose heart is peace,
with the story of Naboth's vineyard,
we are going to need to pray

. . . Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Silence

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 justice and peace,
whose son, Jesus, suffered the weight of the world's injustice and cruelty,
yet rose to life and victory,

**INSPIRE US,
AS WE EXPERIENCE GREED AND CORRUPTION,
TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH OF WHAT WE SEE,
TO NAME IT ARTICULATELY,
AND TO BE BRAVE MAKERS OF PEACE.
AMEN.**

The Notices

A Reflection: A land owner's ponderings

The Bible Lesson: 1 Kings 21: 1-19

God speaks through the scriptures.
MAY WE HAVE COURAGE TO LISTEN.

A Reflection: A violent and unjust land-grab

*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/RkQ6fFjeplo>*

Knox Singers: Grant us thy peace
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "God of Naboth",
you are invited to respond "**MAKE US A PEOPLE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE**".

**. . . 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:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,

to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.
4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution, 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.*

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:

Irish

From Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749



1. "Your kingdom come!" - on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad, -
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: The Peace may be exchanged from 'Rubrics'
Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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

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The Ōtautahi Christchurch Peace Train



NOTICES

This Week: 4 August – 10 August
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 11 August – 17 August
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.00am Shalom
11.30am Shared Lunch in Lounge
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 are now available to the congregation and may be found at each entrance to the church.

Shared lunch - In 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.

Sunday lunch 18 Aug – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12 pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us, or, send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com preferably no later than Wednesday the 14th.

Te Whare Roimata – Many thanks for all the goodies you provide each week. They are loving all the soups and meal options and would appreciate it if these kept coming.

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.

29 July 2024

Tena koutou katoa

Last Wednesday I sat and watched as Parliament received the report from the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care. There were speeches by the Prime Minister and various politicians. It was emotional and painful. The report is the culmination of six years' work, and it contains harrowing stories of abuse in state and faith-based organisations, including the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Some background on our Church's involvement with the Commission. Back when the then Labour Government was considering a Royal Commission, the Presbyterian Church, via the Council of Assembly, wrote and commented on the first draft Terms of Reference and said what was missing was faith-based entities. We said it should be included and if it was, we would willingly take part.

We noted to the Commission how entities such as Presbyterian schools have their own boards and governance structures, and it is the same for each of the seven regions of Presbyterian Support and for Support NZ. We encouraged the Commission to engage with each on their own merit.

We have responded to various Notices to Produce from the Commission; volunteers from congregations searched decades of material from church meetings and reports; we provided records and other information as requested. Our staff at the Presbyterian Research Centre played a great role in assisting in this process.

We were called to be present at a Hearing of the Commission where we issued an apology in our opening comments and responded to questions from the Commission.

We set up a process so that those wanting to contact us about Historic Abuse matters could do so and we could attend to those. We made this known.

We have engaged with the Crown Response Unit following the Royal Commission Interim Report.

The recently released Final Report includes recommendations, and these require response. Among these the Commission calls for leaders of the different denominations to make a public apology to survivors and this is to be done in consultation with survivor groups regarding how and when it will happen. I will be making that apology on behalf of our Church.

As people of the PCANZ and as Christians we feel the tremendous weight of the suffering of survivors of abuse; we feel the terrible shame that abuse happened in the church. The church should be a place where people can feel safe and be given dignity and worth - the way in which Jesus gave dignity and worth to all. A place which helps to instill a sense of hope in people's lives. This has not always been the case and we deeply regret that people have suffered and continue to suffer due to the actions of people and processes of our denomination. There has been physical, sexual and spiritual abuse and many are, understandably, left with a view of God and of Christianity that is very negative. This deeply saddens me.

At this time in the life of our Church I offer a responsive litany, below, that I've written that you may wish to use in a church service, as we continue to absorb the reality of the report and process it as a denomination, and as individuals. Let us also continue to hold in our prayers those who have been so badly impacted by actions from within our denomination, also the members of the Commission, government agencies and those who take this forward.

*'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice'. [Psalm 130: 1]*

In Christ

Rose

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Knox Church

28 Bealey Avenue

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An interesting interview on te Reo Irirangi o Aotearoa, Radio New Zealand

On 30 July, Kathryn Ryan interviewed Arno Michaelis about how, although he once had been a violence-loving white supremacist, he now spends his time helping people out of that particular culture.



By the age of 16 Arno Michaelis was a full-blown alcoholic and a violent racist covered in swastika tattoos. Michaelis spent seven years active in the US's mid-west white supremacy movement and was the lead singer in a hate-metal band.

It was when he became a single parent, at 24, that he began to distance himself from his racist beliefs. He stopped drinking, and in 2007 he wrote a memoir *Life After Hate*. Today, he is a speaker, author, and works with Serve2Unite, an organisation that engages young people of all backgrounds as peacemakers.

Since we are observing Peace Sunday today, this story (which is not a comfortable story, and not a faith story) raises some interesting thoughts about ways to peace and reconciliation.

You can hear the interview:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/523641/how-former-white-supremacist-arno-michaelis-turned-his-back-on-hate>



Bible readings for next week will be:

- 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
- Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

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