



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

11 August 2024



**MAKING A WORLD
FOR ABSALOM**

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 Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, a light in the world -
LIGHT IN WHICH BEAUTY AND TRUTH ARE PERCEIVED;
LIGHT IN WHICH JUSTICE AND GOODNESS ARE REVEALED;
LIGHT FROM WHICH THE CHAOS FLEES.

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

Hymn:

Rustington

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. God, your church on earth is seeking peace and wisdom from above: teach us all the art of speaking with the accents of your love. We would learn the art of listening, living at a gentler pace, watching, waiting, seeking, trusting, finding you in every place.
2. You release us from our bondage, lift the burdens, hush the din, give new hope, new strength and courage, grant release from fears within. Light for darkness, joy for sorrow, love for hatred, peace for strife - these and countless blessings follow as the Spirit gives new life.
3. Lifting burdens from our shoulders, off'ring peace to troubled souls, light'ning loads we need not carry, and refining fallen goals, Jesus, gentle, humble-hearted, calls us "come to me and rest", shoving anger and ambition, bringing out our very best.
4. In the streets of every city where the bruised and lonely live, we will show the Saviour's pity and his longing to forgive. In all lands and with all races we will serve, and seek to bring to the world a lovely vision: peace and love, through Christ the King.

*David Mowbray (b. 1938), alt.
verse 3, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

Prayer of Approach

The old story
had the man and the woman
in a beautiful garden,
GIFTED WITH ALL THEY NEEDED.

The old story had no evil to contend with,
no shadow or fear,
NOTHING TO CAUSE PAIN OR SADNESS.

In the old story, had children been born,
they would have had idyllic lives;
**IN SAFETY AND LOVE,
THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE.**

For the goodness and loveliness
of the wonderful creation,
for the keeping and blessing of the people,
PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD!

Silence

The world is still full of beauty;
there are snow-capped mountains,
forests and trees.
**THERE IS CRISPNESS OF AIR,
SOFTENESS OF THE SOIL,
LOVE OF PARENTS FOR THE CHILDREN.**

But also there is danger:
the speaking of the snake,
the stumbling of the foot,
the falling by the precipice.
**THERE ARE FAMILY DRAMAS,
NATIONAL DISGRACES,
AND REBELS CONFUSED ABOUT THE CAUSE.**

For the way that we have shaped creation
by our worst, rather than by our best,
for the way that we have birthed
generations of hurt and dysfunction,
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:

Confronted, O God,
as we shall be,
by the story of a son's rebellion,
a father's confusion,
and the tears of a king,
we then will seek the power
to build a world that is better.

**BLESS US WITH THE CAPACITY TO BE KIND,
TO BE GENEROUS,
AND TO LIVE WITH THE GRACE
THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHRIST.**

For we pray it 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: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

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

Music for Reflection: Prelude
William Harris (1883-1973)

Reflection: The dangerous world

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/PtsiWlnytzA>

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

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

Reflection: A better world

Hymn:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
4. Put peace into each other's hands
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We bring food and money.

We bring also our desire to build a better world.

MAY GOD BLESS IT ALL

FOR THE SAKE OF EVERY ERIC AND ABSALOM,

through Jesus Christ,

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: 1st movement, Concerto no. 2 in B flat, op. 4
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 11 August – 17 August

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Shalom in Committee Room
	11.30am	Shared Lunch in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 18 August – 24 August

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Congregational Meeting
	12.00pm	Lunch at Black & White Café
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.

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 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 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.

Free te reo classes - testing the water -

In October and November of last year, Knox hosted a series of five free classes in te reo Māori for fifteen people, followed by a visit to Te Kōhao-tū o Mahaanui Marae for a full day "getting to know us" workshop hosted by Ngai Tūāhuriri.

Those in attendance considered the classes extremely worthwhile. The events were free, due to a funding grant provided by the Justice Compassion Trust.

Knox Council is keen to see if there is sufficient interest for the classes and visit to happen for a second group of people. If there is sufficient interest, we will approach the tutor to see if she is available, and go looking for some funding.

In the classes, we covered the following:

- getting ourselves ready to do our pepeha
- learning some basic grammar and vocab,
- having regular practice of the Lord's Prayer,
- having regular practice of the Grace,
- reviewing the congregational responses regularly used at Knox,
- learning some prayers before food,
- learning a couple of hymns,
- looking at how some famous Bible passages go in te reo Māori (and how the two languages spin the meaning of those passages)
- exploring some creation stories,
- exploring the difference between karakia and innoi

If you are interested, please contact the office by the end of August. office@knoxchurch.co.nz Since a good size for a class is 15, we'll take the first 15 expressions of interest first.



A father cares for his children in a time of conflict - 2016



Rembrandt's work - the Prodigal Son

*Josquin des Prez (d. 1521) wrote a motet based on David's lament for Absalom.
A group brought together for Joel Chapman's senior conductor's exam at
Stanford University, sang this:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itBNN7OBQcQ&t=8s>

Jubilate Singers presents

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Not Tonight Josephine

Music from the time of Napoleon.
(Featuring Russian, German,
Austrian, French and English
songs), c. 1800

"Not tonight
Josephine"

"I am free on
17 August at
2 pm."

Conducted by Philip Norman

Accompanist: Jeremy Woodside (organ)
Soloists: Courtney Hickmott (soprano) and
Richard Oswin (piano)

Knox Church
28 Bealey Avenue
Saturday 17 August 2.00pm

www.jubilate.org.nz



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or cash at the door. Includes afternoon tea.

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
- Ephesians 5: 15-20

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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