



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

25 August 2024



A HOUSE OF PRAYER

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 sanctuary flowers today are in memory of Des

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, OF NO FIXED ABODE;

JESUS, WHOSE DWELLING PLACE WAS THE LOVE OF GOD;

JESUS, BUILDING A NEW TEMPLE OUT OF LIVING STONES.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God is here! as we, God's people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out:
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer of Approach

From this House of God,
prayers are being said;

THIS IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER.

From this House of God,
hymns are offered in praise;

THIS IS A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

To this House of God,
many pilgrim paths have criss-crossed,
wending their ways to a one-off gathering.
THIS IS A HOUSE FOR THE PEOPLE.

Here we find a cross of stone,
a candle burning bright -
THIS IS A HOUSE OF SACRIFICE AND LIGHT.

Here we find table, font and pulpit,
**REMINDERS OF WHO GOD IS
AND HOW GOD CALLS.**

In this House of prayer,
**GOD IS HERE,
AND WE OFFER OUR PRAISE.**

Silence

Today, O God,
as we hear the prayer of Solomon,
expressing his hope for the temple that he has built,
that it should be a house of prayer for all the people,
that it should cause the heart to sing,
we will note how it constantly needed rescuing
from lesser versions of itself:

**ITS ARROGANT VERSION,
ITS GREEDY VERSION,
ITS XENOPHOBIC VERSION,
THE VERSION WHERE ITS DOORS WERE SHUT.**

Fearing indeed that in seeing these versions,
we are seeing parts of ourselves,
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:

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, O God,
we have learned that your dwelling place
is not in bricks and mortar,
but in human flesh, blood and hope.

**FROM THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER,
WE ASK THAT WE MIGHT BE YOUR HOUSE,
GIVING ROOM TO YOUR SPIRIT
AND SHELTER TO THOSE WHO NEED A WELCOME.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
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: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

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

The Second Lesson: Psalm 84

This is one of the songs of the people of God.
MAY WE ADD OUR VOICES TO IT!

Hymn:

Quam Dilecta

Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)



1. We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.
2. It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there,
thy chosen flock to greet.
3. We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.
4. We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph song of heaven!
5. Lord Jesus, give us grace,
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

William Bullock (1798-1874)

Sermon: It's just a building

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/6Z4FgeNmszY>

Music for Reflection: Meinen Jesum lass ich nicht
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Hymn:

St Peter

Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)



1. Is it now time to build a house
in which our God may dwell,
in which we frame our hope and prayer,
and God's great mercy tell?

2. A king discerns that God says "yes",
a temple shall be raised;
and people from afar shall come
to offer prayer and praise.
3. So many pilgrims come to see,
their hearts and flesh rejoice;
they seek a shelter from the storm
and listen for God's voice.
4. Their temple falls, and tears are shed,
by fire and sword laid low;
then working slowly, stone by stone,
they God's restoring show.
5. Another temple God would form
from faith and living stones,
embracing those who come to find
in God a welcome home.
6. So give us grace, O God, that we
might be a house for you;
that all the peoples of the world
might know your love is true.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We pray that this house may be a place
where the offering is not just of money and food,
but of hope, faith and love.

**MAY WE SERVE YOU WELL, O GOD,
SUCH THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR TO ALL
THAT CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING,
BUT A LIBERATED MOVEMENT OF SERVICE AND LOVE.**

This is our prayer,
through Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Two Oaks

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

4. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Chorale prelude 'Built on the Rock, the Church doth stand'
Bedrich Janacek (1920-2007)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 25 August – 31 August
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 1 September – 7 September
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
4.00pm Film Group – The Lost King
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Spring Sunday – 8 September - To celebrate spring, it is intended to deliver small bunches of flowers to our shut in and other senior members after the service. Would you let Jennifer McKinnon know if you are able to bring spring flowers, already bunched, for distribution. Also needed, will be volunteers to deliver the flowers. This is an opportunity to connect with other church people.

Sunday 1 September at 4pm in the Chapel - The Lost King - This excellent film (2022) tells of the search for the buried body of King Richard the Third, the last York king of England, who was defeated in 1485 by Henry Tudor. His body had been ignominiously buried and the resting place was lost. However, in 2016, amateur historian Philippa Langley, (played by the effervescent Sally Hawkins) located the burial place in a carpark in Leicester. The film shows not only Richard III but also Philippa's battle against the academic historians who disagreed with her.

Shared Lunch – 8 September - Come along to the shared lunch held in the Lounge after morning tea in the Church. Pop your small plate of finger food to share in the Lounge on the way into Church. See you there and don't worry if you forgot your plate – there is usually plenty to go around.

Te Whare Roimata - The staff at Te Whare Roimata are extremely grateful for Knox's support in providing so much food and personal hygiene options. Knox's contribution makes a huge difference in people's lives. Thank you for your continued support. The need continues.

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

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.

MUSIC IN COLOURS

Showing Our True Colours
Supporting Breast Cancer Research.

Bras AND Brass

with **Addington Brass Band**

7pm, Saturday 31 August
Knox Church Christchurch

Purchase tickets from Event Finder/2024/BrasandBrass
Cash Door Sales \$20 (\$15 concession) if not sold out prior.



For more information follow us on Facebook or email trustee@brasandbrass.org.nz



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 34: 1-8
- John 6:35, 41-43, 47-51

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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