



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

1 September 2024



TASTE

**A COMMUNION SERVICE
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CREATION**

EXPLORING THE SENSES THROUGH WHICH
WE ENGAGE WITH THE CREATED ORDER

1. The Lord's my shepherd: I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter (1650)

Prayer of Approach

The shepherding God has furnished a table,
set upon it all we need - so we shall not want.
And with the table,
there is a welcome that speaks -
SPEAKS TO THE HEART, MIND AND SOUL.

In another psalm, the invitation is given
that all should taste of that which God has prepared
AND WITNESS THAT THE TASTE IS GOOD.

So, the people of God,
the people of God's pasture,
come to be fed, to be filled, to be nourished.
**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD
WHOSE GOODNESS IS GREAT.**

Silence

Perhaps because the setting of a table
has resonances with the God who feeds us,
we ourselves have built a culture of food sharing,
**OF PREPARING THE BREAD,
OF ADDING THE SALT OR PEPPER,
OF TAKING CARE WITH THE SPICES,
SO THAT EVERYTHING ON THE TABLE IS PERFECTLY RIGHT.**

We note also, though,
that death-cap mushrooms sometimes are secreted in the curry,
that sometimes famine strikes hard,
and that sometimes food is withheld as a political strategy.
**SOMETIMES, INDEED,
THE TASTE FOR GOD'S CREATURES IS BITTER.**

So 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:

O God of the spice of life,
throughout our journey with you,
you have fed us, sustained us
and delighted us.
Having heard your call to us
to "taste and know your goodness",
we have celebrated your generosity.

**JESUS CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE,
ENABLE US TO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN YOU,
AND FREE US TO FEED THE HUNGRY,**

for we pray this in your name,
AMEN.

The Notices

The Litany for Fathers' Day:

All who gather here are sons or daughters. For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR OUR FATHERS.

For men who act like a father to people in need of advice, support and love,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR OUR FATHER FIGURES.

For step-fathers who have assumed a role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR STEP-FATHERS.

For adoptive fathers, for whom the arrival of a child has been a blessing and a delight assisted by others,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR ADOPTIVE FATHERS.

For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR ABSENTEE FATHERS.

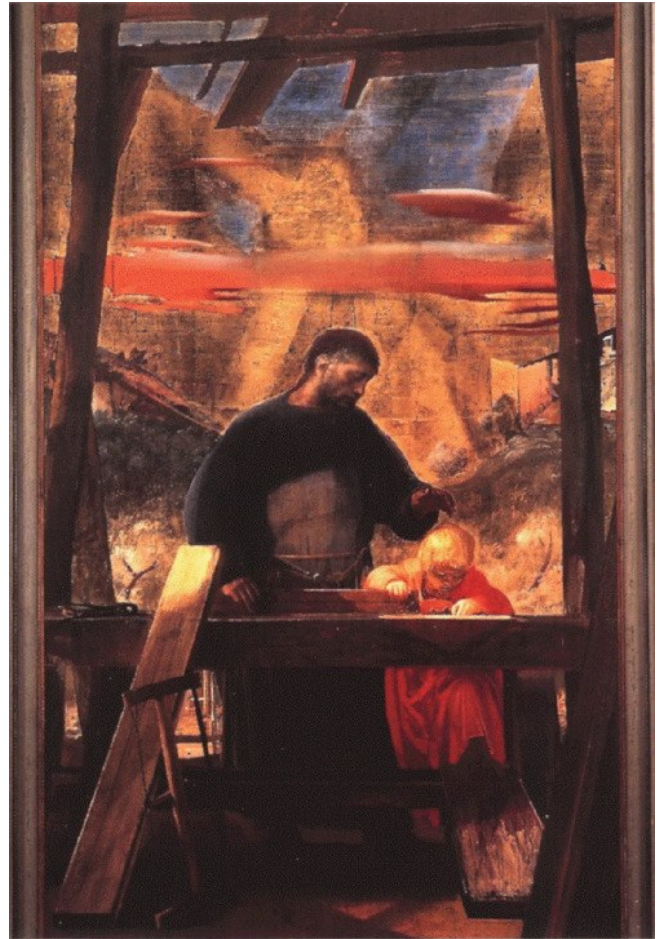
For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence or addiction, for those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR FATHERS WHO STRUGGLE.

For new fathers, full of hope on the learning curve, for long-time fathers, full of wisdom, for fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR THE FATHERS OF YOUR CHURCH.

For those who have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship, for those who have taught us, guided us, shaped and moulded us into servants of Christ,
HOLY GOD, HEAR THIS PRAYER FOR THE FATHERS OF OUR FAITH.

God, whom Jesus called "Father", in wisdom and love you have made all things. Bless these men, that through their humanity all may see your loving fatherhood manifest.

**MAY WE, THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS,
HONOUR THEM ALWAYS WITH A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT,
THROUGH JESUS, JOSEPH'S SON. AMEN.**



Adapted from Rev. Robb McCoy's Litany, <http://fatpastor.me>

A Series of Readings, Reflections and Music

Lesson: Psalm 34: 1-8

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

Reflection: Jamie "tastes and sees"

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/v_SdHyoMJoE

Knox Singers: Ave Verum
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Lesson: John 6:35, 41-43, 47-51

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Reflection: Four tastes +1, +1?

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

Rendez a Dieu

Louis Bourgeois (c.1510 - c.1561)



Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the hearts by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by human's shed;
and be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Lesson: Isaiah 25: 6-9

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

Reflection: A feast of plenty for all people

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "God of the table",
you are invited to respond "**HELP US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**".

. . . **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:

Love Unknown

John Ireland (1879-1962)



1. Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.
2. Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.
3. Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste -
one people in the name of Christ.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and 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:

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. 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)

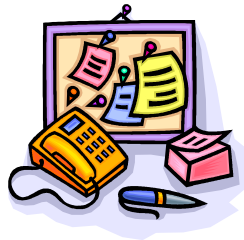
Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude in E minor 'Wedge', BWV 548
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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NOTICES

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

Next Week: **8 September – 14 September**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 11.30am Shared Lunch
 11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
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.



Sunday lunch 15 Sep – 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 11th.

AGM - The annual general meeting of Knox Church will be held at 11am on Sunday 22 September. The written and financial reports will be available to the congregation from Sunday 8 September.

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 Season of Creation

In the next two weeks of the "Season of Creation", we'll be exploring the senses of smell and hearing.

<p>8 Sept</p>	<p>The sense of smell</p> 	<p>OUR ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SERVICE Having meditated on "fragrant offerings", we will distribute posies of flowers to home-cast Knox people. Maybe you would like to wear perfume, cologne or floral patterns to church</p>
<p>15 Sept</p>	<p>The sense of hearing</p> 	<p>THE EAR - AND THE VOICE The blessing of lovely sounds. We hear, but do we listen? What do we hear? Truth, love, amens, alleluias sung by other members of God's creation? Sometimes, do we hear things we pretend we haven't heard? What's that about?</p>



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Exodus 30: 34-38
- 2 Corinthians 2: 12-17

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