



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

8 September 2024



SMELL

**A SPRING FLOWER SERVICE
ON THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN THE SEASON OF CREATION**

EXPLORING THE SENSES THROUGH WHICH
WE ENGAGE WITH THE CREATED ORDER

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.

Introit: O come let us sing (Psalm 95), David Bednall (b.1979)

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE LOVE FOR GOD WAS DESCRIBED AS A FRAGRANCE;
JESUS, FOUND IN EVERY CORNER OF THE CITY AND THE WORLD;
JESUS, IN WHOM GOD'S SPRINGTIME IS FLOURISHING.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic traditional melody



1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird:
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass:
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play:
praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!
4. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird:
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the world!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Prayer of Approach

Dew falls on the grass,
birds sing earlier in the morning;
flowers push forth from the darkness of the earth
into the light of day.

DO WE SMELL A WHIFF OF SPRINGTIME?

Through the wet garden,
the Saviour walks.
It is as if around his feet
a new creation unfurls.

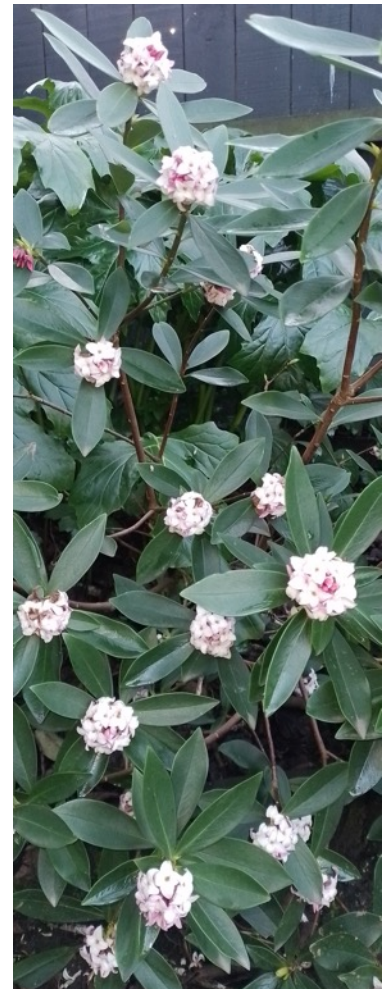
DO WE SMELL A WHIFF OF LIFE?

Posies are gathered,
cards are attached;
flowers find their way to homes
and greetings are given.

DO WE SMELL A WHIFF OF CARING?

Prayers are said,
thanksgivings for Springtime;
hymns are sung
and worship is offered.

DO WE SMELL A WHIFF OF GOD?



God in grace,
GOD IN GIVING,

God in growing,
GOD IN LOVE.

God in colour,
GOD IN FRAGRANCE,

God in delicacy,
GOD IN ALL.

Silence

God, in your creative work,
you gave the earth the capacity to grow,
and even to heal itself.
Your changing of the seasons
speaks of your dynamic love and caring.
Would that we embraced, respected
and cared for what you have made
and are making!

**YET THE RUBBISH BINS SMELL,
SMOKE FILLS THE SKY,
WE HURT, RATHER THAN HEAL,
AND THE PLANET STUMBLES.**

For our treatment of the created order,
including its plants, animals and humans,
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.

Theme Prayer:

O God, you have blessed us
with the scent of the flowers of Spring,
and also with the smells of fresh cut grass,
bread from the oven,
crisp new linen on the pillow.



Through the sense of smell
you take our memories and imaginations
to many wonderful places.

**GIVE US GRACE TO BREATHE IN YOUR GIFT OF LIFE,
NEVER TO TRY TO CONTAIN YOUR GOODNESS,
BUT TO SHARE IT LIKE PERFUME
THROUGH ALL THE WORLD.**

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.

A Prayer of Blessing for the Flowers:

O God, your goodness is stamped on creation.
Its beauty echoes yours.

WE THANK YOU FOR THESE FLOWERS.

O Christ, you spoke of the flowers of the fields.
You said if God clothed them, who neither toiled nor worried,
then how much more would God clothe us.

**WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR FAITH IN GOD'S GOODNESS.**

O Spirit of God, bless these flowers,
that, as they are handed to people today,
they may become signs of divine love
and human caring.

Brighten the homes to which they will go,

**AND FILL ALL OUR HOMES
WITH PEACE.**

We pray this in Jesus' name.

AMEN.



A Series of Readings, Reflections and Hymns

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
these reflections being practised is available from 10:00am today:

<https://youtu.be/iHIEEWiSfM>

Introduction: Evocative smells and botanic agendas

The Knox Singers: I got me flowers, from Vaughan Williams' 5 Mystical Songs,
text by George Herbert,
baritone soloist: Malcolm Leitch.

Lesson: Exodus 30: 34-38

Reflection: A fragrance rare and guarded

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

Was Lebet from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.
2. Fear not to enter the courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:

truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on the shrine.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt.

Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2: 12-17

Reflection: A fragrance common and free

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

Diademata

George J. Elvey (1816-1893)



1. Crown with your richest crowns the Christ upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who rose for you,
and to your risen Saviour bring your thanks for life made new.
2. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.

Epilogue

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Lesley Hunt

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Bless all that we offer in faith, O God,

**THAT THE WORLD MIGHT FIND AROMA,
NOURISHMENT,
SHELTER AND LOVE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.



Notices

Hymn:

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the flowers of creation,
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.
2. For the wonders of the Springtime,
thanks be to God;
for the fragrance and the sunshine,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude




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

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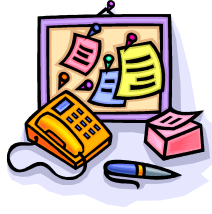


The Season of Creation

In the next three weeks of the "Season of Creation", we'll be exploring the senses of hearing, vision and vestibularity.

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| 15 Sept | The sense of hearing  | THE EAR 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? |
| 22 Sept | The sense of vision  | THE EYE Looking for form and colour, for beauty, for signs of love, for what needs to be seen, for what needs to be done. The role of the children of God in seeing Christ where others don't. Seeing and "seeing". |
| 29 Sept | The theorized extra sense - place within space  | THE THEORISED EXTRA SENSE While, in the olden days, it was taught that there were only five senses, now an extra vestibular sense is recognised: it is the sense of where our body is in space. We'll use this sense to reflect on our place within our part of the world, and also our time within the times - "the signs of the times". Who are we as people of time and space? |





NOTICES

This 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

Next Week: 15 September – 21 September
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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 Life - Yes, it's that time again. Get your creative juices flowing and please send us something for the Spring issue of Knox Life. Send your articles, photos, funny stories, recipes etc to Lynda in the office please.

Pastoral Visitors - Linda and Norman just want you to know we've gone to visit our family in Brisbane but we'll be back and see you all again on 29 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.



Peace is Her Song: the life and legacy of Shirley Erena Murray - a special book launch -

Please join author Anne Manchester, the Rev. Dr Matthew Jack and hymn writer Marnie Barrell at a special launch in Ōtautahi Christchurch of *Peace is Her Song: The life and legacy of hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray*.

When: 20 October, 5pm

Where: Knox Church Centre Hall, 28 Bealey Ave

What to expect: A musical celebration of Shirley's life and gifts as this country's and one of the world's most noted hymn poets.

Books will be on sale for \$50. Eftpos available.

For more information about *Peace is Her Song*, go to:

<http://www.philipgarsidebooks.com/>



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
- Acts 28: 23-28

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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