



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

15 September 2024



HEARING

**A SERVICE ON THE THIRD 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.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE VOICE WAS A TRUMPET SOUND FROM HEAVEN;
JESUS, WHOSE VOICE BROUGHT NEWS OF LOVE AND PEACE;
JESUS, WHOSE VOICE WAS HEARD BY THOSE WHO LISTENED.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast,”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Prayer of Approach

We've heard the voice of Jesus,
we say:
through the scriptures,
through the meditations of the sages,
through the moments of clarity in our prayer.

**AND WE TRAVEL IN THAT HEARING,
OUR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY AND GRACE.**

We've heard the voice of Jesus,
we say:
in the songs of the faithful,
in the beauty of the sounds,
in the way his love is expressed by those who love us.

**AND WE TRAVEL IN THAT HEARING,
OUR JOURNEY OF HOLY PRESENCE.**

We've heard the voice of Jesus,
we say:
"come unto me and rest",
"stoop down, drink and live",
"look to me; your morn shall rise".
**AND WE TRAVEL IN THAT HEARING,
TILL ALL THINGS ARE WELL,
AND OUR TRAVELLING DAYS ARE DONE.**

Silence

Should the ear of God be turned to our world, as it *is*,
what would it hear?
The praises of the people,
OUR SUNG AMEN?

The words of Jesus,
HIS LIFE THAT FILLS OUR HEARTS?

The hope of the ages,
COME, HOLY SPIRIT COME?

All these things will fill the ears of God, we pray.

Yet also God hears the crying of the world,
"HOW LONG, O LORD!"

The dying of the world,
"THE CRY OF ANGUISH FROM THE CROSS".

The grinding of the machine,
THE TURNING OF THE CRUSHING COGS.

Does God hear the bombs and ricochets,
the insults and shouting,
the things that grieve any listening heart?

These things are part of the sounds of our world.
So, for our part in them, 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 gave us ears with which to hear,
voices with which to express our inner thoughts;
you have given us gifts for music,
and the blessing of times of gentle silence.

**MAY WHAT WE SAY, SING AND PLAY
BE A BLESSING TO THE SOUNDSCAPE OF THE WORLD,
BRINGING JOY TO YOUR HEART.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave us, together saying

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.
KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI
KI RUNGA KI TE WHENUA
KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.
HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI
HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.
MURUA A MATOU HARA,
ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI
I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.
AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;
ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:
NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,
TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,
AKE AKE AKE.
AMINE.**

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 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/tzNmijt8TDk>

Introduction: Kupe's listening while he travels

Music for Reflection:

Lesson: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

God speaks to the world.

LET THE WORLD HEAR AND REJOICE.

Reflection: Samuel listens

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

Liebster Jesu Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;

hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Lesson: Acts 28: 23-28

In this is the Word of God.

LET THOSE WITH EARS HEAR.

Reflection: Let those with ears hear

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

Martyrdom

Hugh Wilson (1766-1824)



1. Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
our path when wont to stray;
stream from the font of heavenly grace,
brook by the traveller's way;
2. Word of the ever-living God,
will of the glorious Son;
without you how could earth be trod,
or heaven itself be won?
3. God, grant us all aright to learn
the wisdom it imparts;
and to its heavenly teaching turn,
with tender, listening hearts.

Bernard Barton (1784-1849)

Epilogue

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Murray Winn

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Some of the food we bring
might end up in saucepans, rattling on the stove with steam.
Some may cause the sounds to be heard around the table: "thank you mum".
The money will be quieter,
but may cause some to sigh with relief.

**SO WE DEDICATE THIS OFFERING
IN THE HOPE
THAT IT WILL BECOME A SONG OF PRAISE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.
2. O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

3. Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)

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 two weeks of the "Season of Creation", we'll be exploring the senses of vision and vestibularity.

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

Next Week: 22 September – 28 September
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.00am AGM
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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

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.

Climate Change - Dr. Richard Milne has made a presentation on 'Climate change: the science and our responses' to the Shalom group. He is happy to share this with anybody who requests it from him. richardmilne12@gmail.com.

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:

- Matthew 25: 31-40
- Ephesians 1: 15-23

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