



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 6 October 2024



**Empathy and Love Triumphs
over Legalism**

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.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;
they may cause alarm.

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.

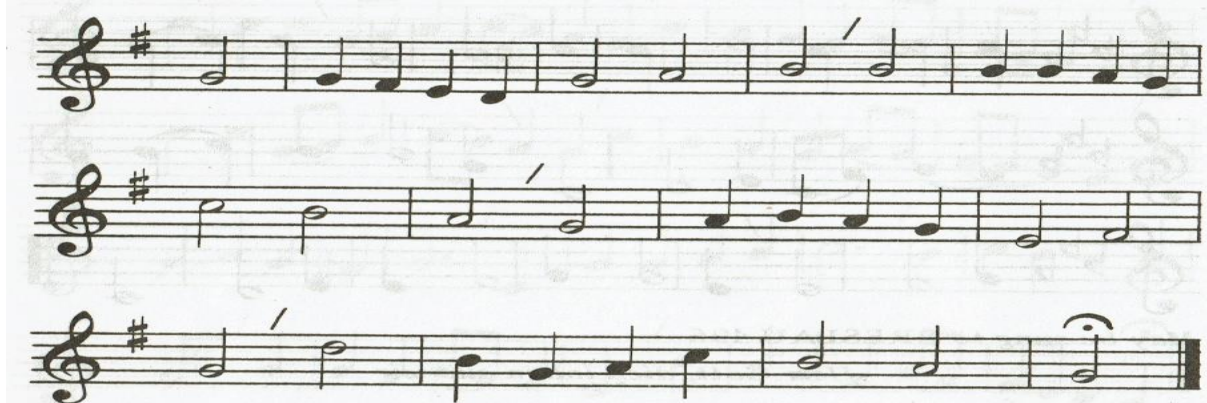
The Call to Worship:

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Frederick A. Styles Worship For An Easter People 'Volume 2' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1978) p. 1-9

Hymn:



WOV10 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth,
his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

From Psalm 100 William Kethe 1594

Praise and Adoration

As we look in wonder at this world of diverse peoples in every corner of the planet.

We remember the great migrations of myth and history.

Circumstances that called people from times of suffering and slavery into wildernesses of new beginnings and journeys to lands of promise.

In the Hebrew tradition we remember the Exodus journey, but we also remember the myths and stories of our own nation.

We think of the Polynesian mariners and those who sailed from a Europe of economic disparity in search of freedom, prosperity. **New beginnings in this temperate, turbulent and untamed land.**

As we think of the economic injustice, and the growing chasm between wealth and poverty that brought so many people to these shores, we remember the injustice of Roman Palestine and the insight of the crucified Jesus.

We reflect on the way Jesus understood his religious tradition.

We marvel at the way his practice of peace, inclusiveness and healing brought a whole new vision of the relationship between humanity and divinity.

In thankfulness we come to worship the God we image in Jesus, who is Christ for us, and in communion with Christians everywhere we say. Amen

Lament

Yet there is much in our world that calls us to lament as powerless people suffer through no fault of their own.

The poor are blamed for their powerlessness while the rich and powerful continue to exploit humanity's most vulnerable people.

Children are placed into the care of less than ideal institutions and foster parents, while politicians and bureaucrats make decisions by opinion polls and focus groups rather than justice and empathy.

Throughout our world disempowered and marginalised peoples are still exploited.

There is a thin line between contracted labour and slavery and the children of the most impoverished are sold as domestic servants and prostitutes.

This unkind and frightening world that sent so many of our ancestors to seek a Pacific promise has expanded and grown towards us.

Technology connects people and shares the most intimate information with a gossiping global village.

Armies once marched for weeks to besiege cities for months on end but now the planes of death bring violence to every part of today's world while in a split second.

Yet those same nations that seek to implement their foreign policy through other people's wars quickly close their borders to the flood of refugees that result from such violence.

Words of Assurance

Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and the days to come.

Through Christ comes resurrection

from the worst of human nightmares

and an eternal promise of new beginnings

Thanks be to God.

The Notices

The First Lesson:

In this is the Word of God

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers: The Call from 5 Mystical Songs – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) – text by George Herbert.

The Gospel Lesson:

This is the gospel of Christ

Mark 10: 2-16

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

D A7 D A / D D7 G Em7 /
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have come to us,
D A7 D Bm / E9 A7 /
you are one with us, Ma - ry's son;
G6 3 A7 D Bm / G6 3 A7
clean - sing our souls from all their sin, pou - ring your love and
Bm B / Em 3 Eo7 D/A B7 /
good - ness in, Je - sus, our love for you we sing,
Em7 A7 D G6 A7 D
liv - ing Lord. Lord.

WOV 451 Lord Jesus Christ

1. Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this, in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford

Sermon: Empathy and Love Triumphs over Legalism

*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.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

O God who walks beside us in our darkest moments.....
We conclude our prayers with the prayer we believe Jesus taught his disciples.

**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 forever.
Amen.**

The Offering and Dedication

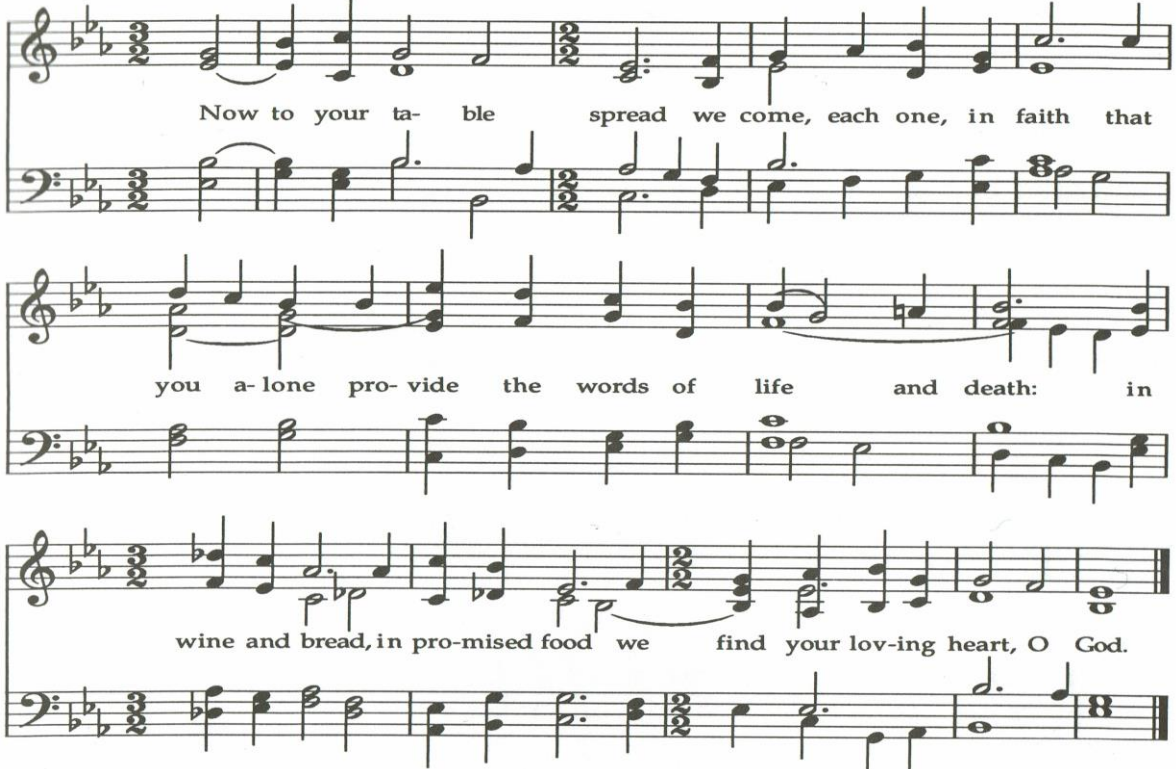
The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Communion Hymn:

LOVE UNKNOWN $\text{♩} = 66$ John Ireland



Now to your ta- ble spread we come, each one, in faith that
you a- lone pro- vide the words of life and death: in
wine and bread, in pro- mised food we find your lov- ing heart, O God.

AA100 Now to your table spread

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.

Communion Liturgy

We now invite everyone present both friends and strangers to share this symbolic meal because Jesus was always open to sharing with others
Furthermore, Luke in his Gospel tells us that Cleopas and another disciple were 'on the way' to Emmaus and they met a stranger who set their hearts ablaze by explaining the relevance of the familiar scripture to their experience of Jesus.

Then when they invited the stranger to share a meal with them they recognised Christ was with them also.

Lord Jesus, here in this Church today, make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, so that, having met you here, we may go 'our own way' with hearts aflame with love for you. This we ask for your love's sake: Amen.

Prayer of thanksgiving

We now prepare ourselves for such a meeting.....
whole church throughout the world in the traditional prayer of wonder and gratitude.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the earliest Christian text we have, Paul has recorded the liturgy of this sacrament.....

We share this meal with all those who, through the centuries, have found strength and encouragement at this table and with the Christ present within each of us.

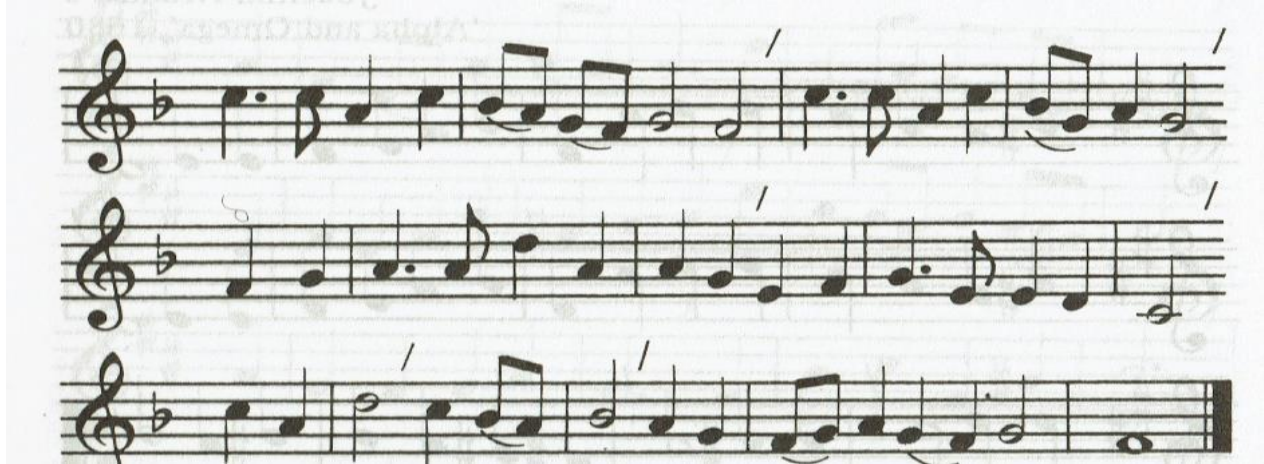
Distribution

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Hymn:



WOV465 (ii) All my hope on God is founded

(Tune Michael)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance
he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone,
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore

from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

Commissioning and benediction with sung amen

Dorothy McRae-McMahon, Echoes of our Journey: Liturgies of the people (Melbourne: The Joint Board of Christian Education 1993) p.50.

Postlude: On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) -
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

This Week: 6 October – 12 October

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Film Group in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 13 October – 19 October

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

Sunday 6 October 5pm in the Lounge: The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain (1995). In 1917 two English cartographers come to a tiny Welsh village to measure the height of their local mountain, the first mountain inside the border from England. However, the cartographers (one of whom is played by a very young Hugh Grant) declare their mountain does not meet the minimum height and is just a hill. What do the villagers do??

Shared Lunch: On Sunday 13 October at 11.30am in the Lounge. Please bring a plate of food to share. This will be the final shared lunch for 2024 beginning again in 2025. All welcome.

Blessing of the Animals: We'll be having our annual "Blessing of the Animals" service on Sunday 20 October. One of the regular features of this service is the playing of a slideshow of images of much-loved pets who are no longer with us. If you have a photo to be included, please send it to Lynda in the office by Wednesday 16 October, and she will make sure it is included.

Sunday lunch 20 Oct: Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead.** Meet at around 12 pm. 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 16th.



Heritage Festival: Knox open afternoon on Saturday 19 October 2pm til 3.30pm – helpers required to meet and greet visitors. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the list located at each church entrance.

Christmas Baking: Please note that we will not be undertaking the Christmas Baking fundraiser this year as Jennifer McKinnon is unexpectedly unable to organise it all. Apologies to all who were looking forward to ordering the seasonal treats.

Help Requested Please - As Knox is hosting the launch of Anne Manchester's book about Shirley Murray on Sunday 20 October, help will be needed to provide finger food for light refreshments at the event. If you are able contribute a plate of food, please tell Lynda in the church office - email: office@knoxchurch.co.nz or phone: (03)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/>

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Exodus 13:21
- Mark 10:17-31

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