



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

3 November 2024



# WALKING WITHIN THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

A COMMUNION SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY



1. For all the saints who from their labour's rest,  
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia!
2. You were their rock, the refuge and their might:  
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.  
Alleluia!
3. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.  
Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the struggle long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.  
Alleluia!

*William W. How (1823-1897), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Confessing the name of Jesus,  
in whom their faith was steadfast,  
the saints found light and life.

**ALLELUIA!**

Finding a rock upon which to stand,  
a might that sustained,  
and a hope that put fears to flight,  
the saints gave praise to the one true Light.

**ALLELUIA!**

And we, who feel ourselves to be  
people of a whole different order,  
who have neither haloes nor wings,  
still find our lives and theirs entwined.

**ALLELUIA!**

So, when the journey of life is not easy,  
but rather is hard,  
we hear the sounds of a distant triumph,  
and are brave again.

**ALLELUIA!**

Hear the silent prayers of today's humble saints of God.

*Silence*

Sometimes, O God,  
those around us have needed saints to support them,  
**AND WE HAVE BROUGHT THEM NOTHING.**

Sometimes,  
those around us have needed nurturing, caring and love,  
**AND WE HAVE MET THEM  
WITH A STRANGE EMPTINESS.**

We, who stand in the living tradition of the great cloud of witnesses,  
**HAVE DISSIPATED LIKE MORNING MIST.**

And 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:**

God of the saints,  
in every place and time,  
you have called people to follow Jesus,  
to be transformed into his likeness,  
and so to become your hands and feet in the world.

**BLESS US  
WITH A FOND AND CREATIVE REMEMBERING  
OF THOSE WHO HAVE NURTURED US,  
THAT WE, LIKE THEM, MAY BLESS OTHERS,  
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.  
AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

**The Bible Lesson:** Hebrews 12: 1-3

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

## A word about "the Journey of Life"

### Hymn:

Follow my Leader

Valerie Collison (b. 1933)



1. The journey of life may be easy, may be hard,  
there'll be dangers on the way;  
but with Christ at my side I'll take courage as I ride  
'gainst the foe that would lead me astray.  
*Will you ride, ride, ride with the King of kings,  
will you follow my leader true;  
will you shout "hosanna!" to the lowly Son of God,  
who died for me and you?*
2. I'll follow my Saviour wherever he may go,  
for Jesus is my friend;  
he will surely lead me on to the place where he has gone,  
when I come to my journey's end.  
*Will you ride, ride, ride . . .*

*Valerie Collison (b. 1933)*

### Sermon: I did not see the saints

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/SQkW11DlwWw>

Knox Singers: Geistliches Lied  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Let nought afflict thee with grief;  
Be calm, as God ordains,  
And so may my will be contented.*

*Why take thought for the morrow?  
The one God who gives thee  
What is thine watches over all.  
All in thy doings be steadfast  
And true. What God decrees  
Is best, and this it is acknowledged.*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

To the minister's words "O, for the faithful",  
you are invited to respond "**WE GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE**".

**. . . 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:

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.
4. As at communion, shape your hands,  
into a waiting cradle;  
the gift of Christ receive, revere,  
united round the table.
5. Put peace into each other's hands  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation** and **Institution**

**The 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:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,  
let the Creator's praise arise;  
Hallelujah!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
through every land, by every tongue.  
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,  
eternal truth attends your word:  
Hallelujah!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Hallelujah!

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

## Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Fugue sur le nom d'Alain  
Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 3 November – 9 November**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
5.00pm Film Group in Lounge  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 10 November – 16 November**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Today: Film Group** - Our November film is a timely reminder that a single person CAN inspire their people to overcome a seemingly intransigent opponent, like David against Goliath. **Erin Brockovich** (2000) stars Julia Roberts in the title role. Based on a true story, this feisty young woman takes on a giant chemical corporation which is polluting the small town where she lives. And with the help of a wily old lawyer they win! Inspiring!

**New People at Knox** – Newcomers at Knox are warmly invited to meet informally with the church council on Sunday 10 November from 5 – 6.30pm. If you are new at Knox and have not received a personal invitation, we probably don't have your contact details but we'd love you to come. Please phone/email Lynda in the church office to let her know that you would like to join us on 10 November. It's a good opportunity for us to have a cuppa together and get to know each other a bit better.

**Sunday lunch 17 Nov** – 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 [jannekenuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com), preferably no later than Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Collections in November** – During November we will be collecting Christmas treats and gifts for Pillars as we have done for many years now. Pillars is an organisation which supports the families of people in prison and they greatly appreciate our donations of Christmas gifts and food which they distribute to their families in the festive season. Please note that this year, with many people struggling financially, we will also continue collecting our regular food donations for Te Whare Roimata. Thank you for your support of these organisations and the needy people they serve.



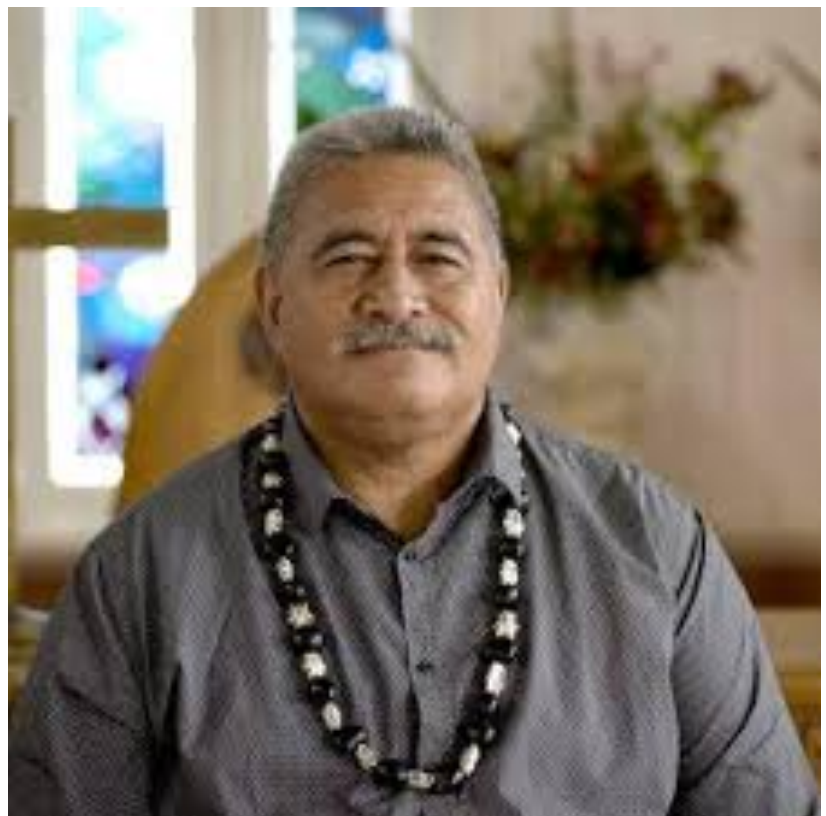
## **Recital**

Pablo Ruiz Henao (bass trombone) and Jeremy Woodside (piano). Ron Ball Studio, CSO Centre, Town Hall, Wednesday 13 November at 7pm. Free entry.

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Frank Nichol, Dunedin



Fakaofu Kaio, Onehunga, Auckland



## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
- Matthew 5: 21-24

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