



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

9 February 2025



A LATE SUMMER SEASON OF CARING - 2

CARING FOR THE COUNTRY

- A SERVICE AFTER WAITANGI DAY -

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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.

We welcome Pablo Ruiz Henao, Principal Bass Trombone with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, who is playing the postlude today.
Welcome, Pablo, and thank you!

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE KINGDOM WAS NOT OF THIS WORLD;
JESUS, WHOSE NEW SOCIETY IS FOUND IN SO MANY PLACES;
JESUS, ARDENT IN SPIRIT, NEVER LAGGING IN ZEAL, FULL OF HOPE.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

It is indeed a land of mountains and open skies,
of lake, star and kauri's reach.

It is indeed a land of water's light
and beach, flower and snow:

ONE COVENANT OF LIFE TO SHARE.

It is indeed a land in which the Word of God was preached:
in 1814, decked out in his Anglican outfit and world view,
Samuel Marsden comes across from New South Wales,
and preaches about Christ being born:

ONE COVENANT OF LIFE TO SHARE.

It is indeed also a land on which a treaty was signed,
a commitment to facing the future in hope and unity,
a putting of signatures, therefore names,
therefore mana (reputation, honour),
to a new kind of sharing of life.

ONE COVENANT OF LIFE TO SHARE.

On this Sunday closest to the anniversary of the signing of te Tiriti,
and now into the second Sunday of our Season of Caring,
we come to offer our thanks for our home
in this wee part of the world,
and to offer our silent worship.

Silence

Sometimes we feel, O God,
that we have seen in Christ
and brave, new and wonderful way of being together,
a truly Christ-like society.
Nevertheless, sometimes the zeal fails,
the spirit stalls,
the old attachments to the culture of contempt
block our availability to the vision.
Not saving our better angels when they fall,
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 culture of caring,
all your people are placed within countries,
and we also live within a land of love and beauty.
**GIVE US HOPE, ZEAL, AND ARDENT SPIRIT;
GIVE US OPEN EARS AND EMPATHY,
THAT WE MIGHT MAKE THIS COUNTRY
A PLACE THAT ECHOES THE LOVE
THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CHRIST.**

This is our prayer,
and it is made in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to pray, 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 Reflection: Mana, Tiriti, and a little detour

Generally, sermons and reflections are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html> Hard copies 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/g1g99SNR27A>

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-7

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

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)

A Reflection: The power of listening

Music for Reflection: Apres un Reve
Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

A Reflection: Rage, hope and vision

The Second Lesson: Romans 12: 9-18

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

Hymn:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:
who else can our hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides us,
only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone,
calls our hearts to be God's own.
2. Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;

pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand love does stand;
joy awaits each new command.

3. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with care and toil we're building,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is our temple and our tower.
4. In glad hymns to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all;
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer love,

HOPING THAT IT IS GENUINE.

We offer spirit,

HOPING THAT IT WILL BE ARDENT.

We offer our desire to live in peace with others,

HOPING THAT GOD WILL HELP US FULFIL IT.

We offer also this money and food,

HOPING THAT IT WILL BLESS THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,
glory be to Christ, our Sun,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great Redeemer, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,
came our loyalties to claim;
glory be to God who won us,
caught our spirits in the flame;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the One whose love remains.
3. Glory be to God in this day,
with our current weal and woe;
glory be to God who calls us,
in whose name we've far to go.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the God in Christ we know.
4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
from our hearts our worship springs!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),
alt. Matthew Jack*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Hosannah for bass trombone and organ
Franz Liszt (1811-1886),
Trombone: Pablo Ruiz Henao

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



NOTICES

This Week: 9 February – 15 February
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 16 February – 22 February
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Café
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday lunch 16 Feb – 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.

Te Whare Roimata – is finding that they are providing more emergency support of recent times and they have a real need for tinned goods and items to make meals. They are very grateful for Knox's contributions to help them achieve this.

Caring for the city

In response to last week's sermon, where we talked about caring for the city, with special mention of the poor and vulnerable, someone suggested that we have a special offering for Te Whare Roimata next week. We give generously to Te Whare, and next week, I'll be making a bit more of our Dedication of the Offering, to highlight the work of our friends at Te Whare. You might wish to bring a little bit extra for the offering.

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.

A Late Summer Season of Caring



Sunday 9 February **Caring for our country**

On the Sunday closest to Waitangi Day, we look at caring for the country we are building together.



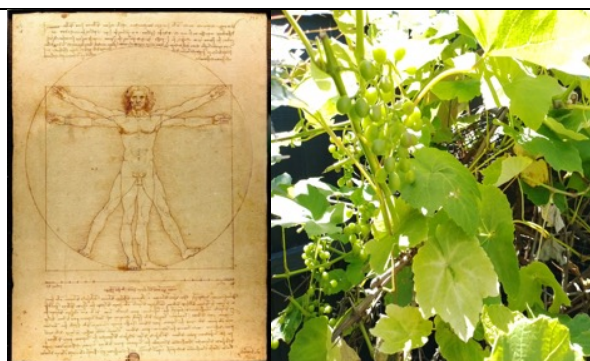
Sunday 16 February **Caring for one another**

We attend to the joyful matter of commissioning three new members for our Church Council: Jo Fox, Paul Westropp and Murray Win. On Council they will contribute to managing the life of a community of care.



Sunday 23 February **Caring for the planet - 1** **The Living Thing**

Acknowledging that creation is a living thing, we explore what living things need to flourish - nourishment, rest, love. After the service, Dr Richard Milne, Independent Health Economist, will conduct an interactive session exploring, among other things, the nine planetary boundaries.



Sunday 2 March **Caring for the planet - 2** **The Connected Thing**

An understanding of the connectedness of creation moves us to consider our global responsibilities. After the service, we hear more from Richard Milne.

After worship on Sunday, 23 February and 2 March, Dr Richard Milne will facilitate discussions on 'Caring for the Earth, in view of the planetary ecological crisis'. Richard was previously an Associate Professor at the University of Auckland. He has been working with church groups for almost 20 years on responding to climate change. All welcome.

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 10: 25-28
- Luke 10: 29-37

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