



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service

26 October 2025



Samuel Duncan Parnell

1810-1890

Parnell's Rules in 1840-41:

- 8 hours' work
- 8 hours' sleep
- 8 hours' recreation
- And today???

A Service for Labour Weekend Sunday

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.

Welcome: –

To this Labour Day Weekend Service of Worship
Our theme is "The Church in the Workplace"

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, THE SON OF A CARPENTER

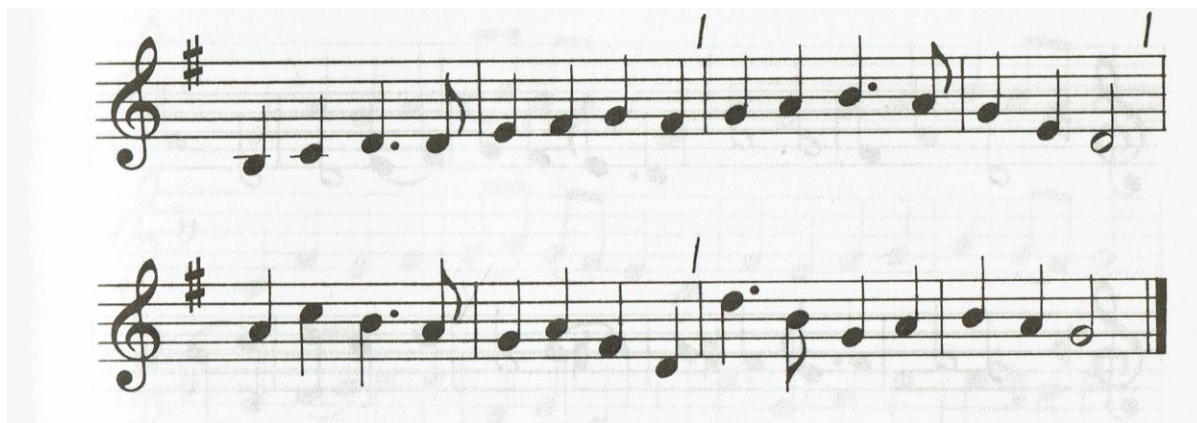
JESUS, WHO ENTERED A VERY TESTING VOCATION

JESUS, WHO ALSO TOOK TIME OUT TO REST AND RENEW

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI, GOD BLESS YOU

Hymn: WOV110 - Praise our God the Great Creator



1 Praise our God, the great creator,
world evolving through his might,
darkness shattered by explosion,
filled his world with life and light.

2 Great inventors splitting atoms,
energy and power extend,
firing rockets, space exploring,
search his light which has no end.

3 King of kings beyond our vision,
none could tell what he might be,
in the image of his Father
Jesus came, and we can see.

4 When he calls the strong will follow,
dare to travel by his side,
facing danger, find adventure,
take his light to be their guide.

5 Poet, artist and composer
capture colour all ablaze,
words of splendour tell the story,
Light of all the world we praise.

William Murray Bulman 1927—and Inga Bulman 1935

Prayer of Praise

Amazing God, creative life force within an evolving world

WE HONOUR YOUR CREATIVE POWER

And within humanity as within your whole creation

WE HONOUR YOUR CREATIVE PRESENCE

Forgive us when we misuse that creative power for destructive instead of constructive purposes

THANK YOU FOR GIVING US JESUS TO SHOW US A BETTER WAY TO LIVE

Grant us now we pray to live more fully the Jesus way and this we ask as we join in singing the prayer He taught: **Hymn: (WOV 676)**

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OUR FATHER Richard Gillard and John Smith
Adapted and arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen 1935-

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, ho-ly be your name.
Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, for -
give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a - gainst - us. Do not put us to the
test, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the
kingdom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for
e - ver A - men, a - men, a - men, a -
men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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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.

Introduction to the Readings:

Joel 2:23-32

Most Biblical scholars consider Joel a more minor prophet than Amos and the Isaiahs whom he quotes.

He writes about 400 BC/CE after the return of the Israelites from exile in Babylon and in our passage extols the role of God in sending rain to bring on the crops and sending also God's Spirit to bless all people, even the slaves amongst them. These slaves are almost certainly foreigners amongst the Israelites and it's an admirable correction to the emphasis elsewhere in Joel's writings that not unlike the books of Ezra and Nehemiah there is, within Israel, discriminations against Gentiles and other foreigners in their midst, not unlike Israel today.

In contrast to this bias, we have the wonderful inclusiveness of Jesus towards the Tax Collector in our Luke Gospel (**Luke 18:9-14**). Tax collectors were generally despised given they often took more cash off unsuspecting people than they were supposed to. Here in penitence, a Tax Collector fronts up at the Temple alongside a Pharisee who stands apart and congratulates himself that he is not of the same despised riff-raff as the Tax Collector. And guess who Jesus makes a priority?

Dr Luke, the compiler of the Gospel and also the book of Acts, always stresses the compassion of Jesus for the underdog and marginalised. The Jesus Seminar of Bible Scholars who seek to establish the authenticity of material ascribed to Jesus voted this parable as authentically Jesus. Not unlike other parables of Jesus, this Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector portrays a stunning reversal of ordinary expectations.

It is not the pious Pharisee that gets Jesus' nod but the repentant Tax Collector.

We hear now our two readings from the Book of Joel and the Gospel of Luke.

The First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

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

The Second Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

This is the gospel of Christ
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn: WOV635 - First set your mind on the Kingdom of God

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SEEK YE FIRST irregular Melody by Karen Lafferty
arr. Janet Elder (1974)

1 First set your mind on the king - dom of God;
2 No one can live by — bread a - lone;
3 Ask and it will be — giv - en to you,
and on his jus - tice and truth, — then all you
sharp is our hun - ger of soul, — on - ly the
seek and — you will — find, — knock and the
need will be giv - en to you, al - le - lu, al - le -
word of the Lord will sus - tain, door will be o - pened to you,
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Colin Alexander Gibson 1933-
based on Matthew 6:33, 4:4, 7:7

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Reflection:

Three Times Eight

Reflective Music:

Voluntary in A minor – Christopher Gibbons (1615-1676)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon.

The Offering during which we sing, while seated, the hymn:

Hymn: AA127 - Take my gifts

127 Take my gifts

TALAVERA TERRACE ♩ = 120

Colin Gibson

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
all loved me, gave me light and food and shel- ter,
gave me life and set me free. Now, be- cause your

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,

I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

2. Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

3. Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be;
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Murray

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Amazingly generous God, in response to your great love towards us

WE MAKE THIS FREEWILL OFFERING

That what we bring may strengthen the witness of this Church

**AND ENHANCE THE WELLBEING OF OTHERS, THROUGH JESUS THE
CHRIST, AMEN**

Notices: All are welcome to morning tea here in the church at the conclusion
of this service.

Hymn: (HIOS19) - Deep in the Human Heart (Tune: Diademata)

**LS 13 Deep in the human heart**

1. Deep in the human heart
The fire of justice burns;
A vision of a world renewed
Through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
To set the captives free,
To overthrow the evil powers
And end hypocrisy.
2. This is our task today -
To build a world of peace;
A world of justice, freedom, truth.
Where kindness will increase;
A world from hunger freed,
A world where people share,
Where every person is of worth
And no-one lives in fear.

3. Taking the step of faith,
We leave the past behind
And move into the future's world
With open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
As one community,
To bring new hope and fuller life
To all humanity.

- Bill Wallace
(Tune Diademata WOV 163)

Benediction and Sung threefold Amen

Postlude: Finale Jubilante – Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 26 October – 1 November

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

Next Week: 2 November – 8 November

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Film Group – The King's Speech
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Shalom - Using MD Larry Dossey's book "Healing Words" Len Pierce will look at the relationship between the power of prayer and the practice of medicine. Second of four sessions held today at 11.30am in the Lounge - everyone welcome.

Meditation – Saturday 1 November at 10am in Knox Chapel. A time to share in our meditation practice. All welcome.

Film Group: Sunday 2 November, 5pm in the lounge - The King's Speech (2010). You might have seen this film years ago or even the play at the Court Theatre recently. But it is a classic! The true story of how the Australian elocutionist Lionel Logue helped King George VI overcome his debilitating stammer before he unexpectedly became King, then inspired Britain and the Commonwealth during World War II.

Pillars – For the first three Sundays of 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. They greatly appreciate our donations of Christmas gifts and food which are distributed to their families in the festive season. They currently work with children between the ages of 0-17. We hope you find the following suggestions for gift ideas helpful:

- Toiletries for teenage boys and girls
- Card games
- Board games
- Outdoor toys/games.

Please note, that with many people struggling financially, we will also continue collecting our regular food donations for Te Whare Roimata. Thank you for your support of both these organisations and the needy people they serve.

JUBILATE SINGERS PRESENTS

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Organist: Jeremy Woodside

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7.30pm

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- TBA
- TBA

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