

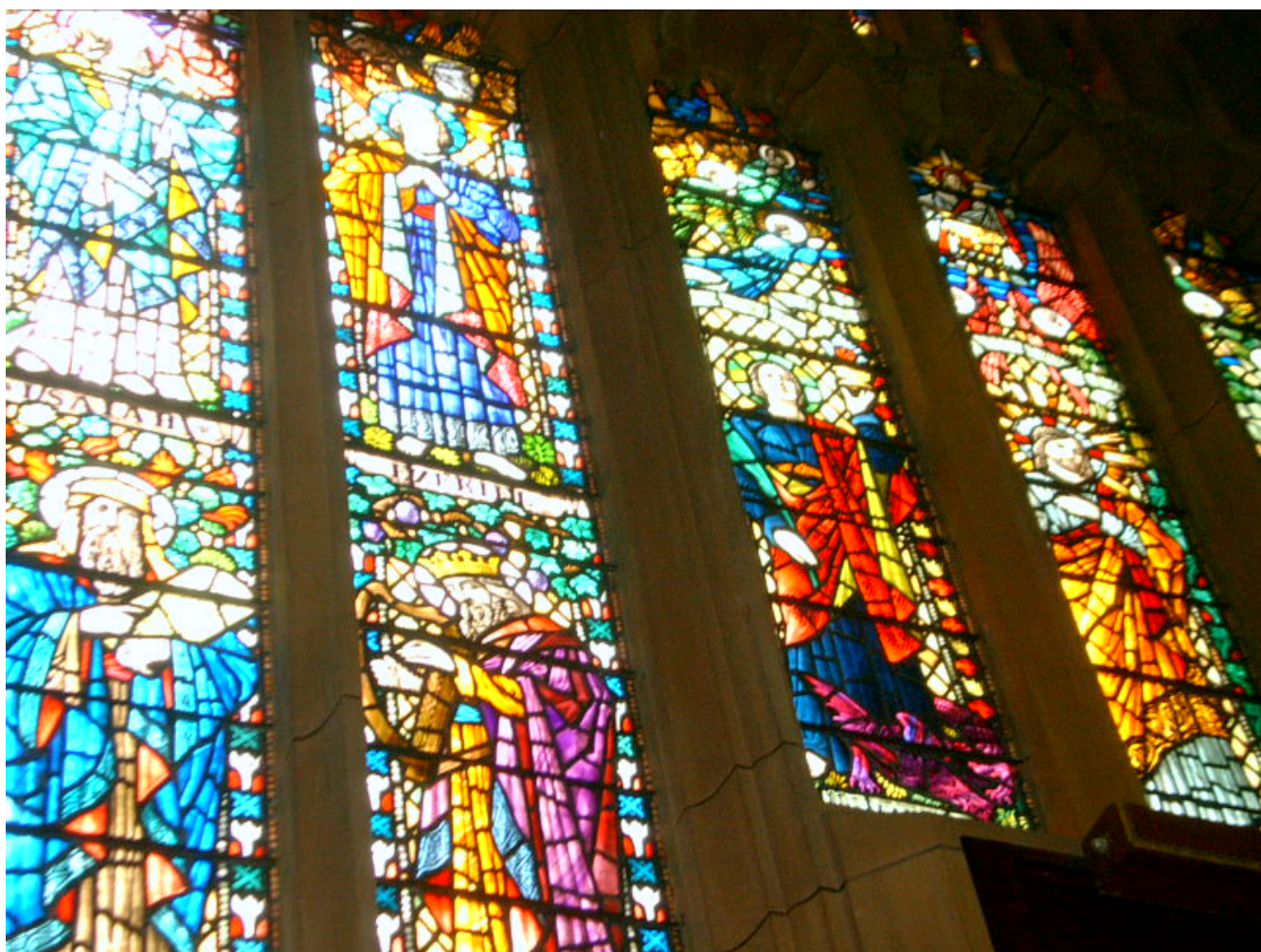


KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

2 November 2025



INHERITANCE

A COMMUNION SERVICE
FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

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 city side of the sanctuary.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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 LIFE HAS INSPIRED THE SAINTS TO FOLLOW;
JESUS, CAPTURING THE WORLD, GENERATION BY GENERATION;
JESUS, WHOSE GRACE AND LOVE WE INHERIT.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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. Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
live as the saints who nobly lived of old
and in our lives your liberty behold.
Alleluia!
4. Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia!
5. 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

Those saints of old, God of the transformative touch,
sweep through our song in great procession,
raising alleluias as they go.

Those of mended life,
of great example:

THESE WERE FIT TO GIVE YOU PRAISE.

Those saint of old, God of might and light,
of the heart made brave
and the hand made strong -
they inspired us to tell tales
and embroider legends.

THEY WERE FIT FOR OUR ADMIRATION.

Since now our time has come to join the procession,
to take up the song, to offer our work and faith,

**WE SEEK TO FORM OUR OWN KIND OF PRAISE
TO YOU, WHO MAKE US YOURS.**

In the quiet,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Silence

We confess, O God,
that we know ourselves too closely and well
to claim saintly status.
What we do,
what we fail to do,
what we enable,
what we neglect to nurture -
and the difficult experience
of living in a culture that requires us to earn our own salvation.

Before the mystery of your grace,
which puts shame to our pride and self-made worlds,
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:

On an All Saints' Day,
save us, O God,
from any sense that sainthood is something to be earned.

**RATHER, GIVE US A VISION
OF A BLESSING PLACED INTO OUR WORLD,
DRAWING ALL WHO COME
TO SHARE IN YOUR OVERFLOWING GOODNESS.**

Not by our work,
but by the love you have for your children,
**WILL WE INHERIT GREAT TREASURE
FROM YOUR PEACE AND GLORY,**

through Jesus Christ,
AMEN.

The Notices

The Bible Lesson: Ephesians 1: 11-23

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

Knox Singers: I give you a new commandment
Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

Text *"I give you a new commandment,
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Amen."*

Sermon: The self-made saint?

Generally, sermons are posted on our website's sermon page shortly after the service. 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/ESKhZy1j7e0>

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words, "the beautiful life of Christ comes close",
you are invited to respond "**MAY IT TURN US INTO SAINTS**".

... **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:

Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,
nothing surpasses the love you impart -
you my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me;
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Be my protection, my inspiring light,
giving me dignity, and great delight;
be my soul's shelter, my strong highest tower:
raising me heav'nward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you my inheritance, now and always:
you and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
5. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent

Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and 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!

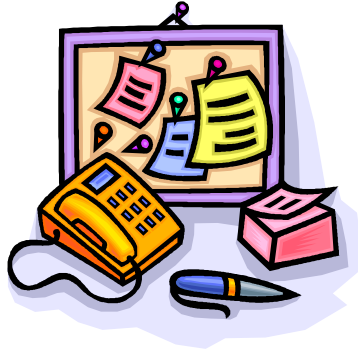
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: King George Coronation March
Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	2 November – 8 November
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	5.00pm Film Group – The King's Speech
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Next Week:	9 November – 15 November
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.30am Shalom in the Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Film Group: 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.

Sunday lunch 16 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.

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.

**And to my children I
leave my collection of
grocery bags that I
store inside of a
grocery bag.**



Next Sunday

Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Dr Tim Pratt, the National Director of **Christian World Service**. In his sermon, Tim will speak to the theme of "the water of life", reflecting on various water projects that this year's Christian World Service Christmas Appeal will support. We're very fortunate to have Tim visit us - not many churches have the opportunity to get a sneak-peek into the Christmas appeal. At morning tea, you'll have an opportunity to ask him any questions you have.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Ezekiel 47: 1-12
- Mark 4: 36-41

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